

Gary Lawrence

As Urban Strategies Leader for Arup, the global consulting and engineering firm, **Gary Lawrence** provides thought leadership for strategic urban development throughout the firm's 90 global offices. A locally-grown asset, Gary's roots are firmly planted in the Pacific Northwest. As Redmond City Manager, Gary turned the first shovel of dirt on the development of Microsoft's campus. Then, as Planning Director for the City of Seattle, he led development of "Toward a Sustainable Seattle," the first sustainability-focused municipal comprehensive plan in the world.

National and international recognition of his work followed and Gary has subsequently served as advisor to the Clinton Administration's Council on Sustainable Development, the UN's Habitat II, the US Agency for International Development, the Brazilian President's Office, the British Prime Minister's Office, the European Academy for the Urban Environment in Berlin, and the Organization for Economic and Community Development (OECD) (Paris) on matters of sustainable development and environmental policy.

Gary's speeches and publications have formed the basis for the development of much of the current thinking on sustainable development and he is acknowledged by Wally N'Dow, the then UN Secretary General of Habitat, as having authored "*the single most important contribution to the entire habitat process.*"

Despite his international recognition, no one has ever been able to lure Gary away from the Pacific Northwest. He now leads Arup's Urban Strategies consulting practice out of the Seattle office, driving Arup's vision to create communities of the present and future that address human need and environmental limitations. Gary is also actively involved in the local and national chapters of the Urban Land Institute, the American Planning Association, and the US Smart Growth Leadership Council. He serves as Adjunct Professor at Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University.

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