

When people condemn me for designing iconic buildings in cities and not having an idea what a city is, they haven't done their homework. I started in urban design and city planning. It's just that when I got out of school there wasn't much of a market for that. There still isn't. **Frank Gehry**. Urban design is the design of towns and cities, streets and spaces. It is the collaborative and multi-disciplinary process of shaping the physical setting for life in cities, towns and villages; the art of making places; design in an urban context. Buildings are the most pronounced elements of urban design - they shape and articulate space by forming the street walls of the city. Well designed buildings and groups of buildings work together to create a sense of place. Public Space. The field of urban design is multi-dimensional and therefore offers many types of employment for individuals passionate about designing cities, towns, and all other public spaces. Either by big picture standards or micro-delineation, urban design offers something for every artist seeking to contribute to urban development. When a population of a city begins to grow, several problems can occur. This can lead to pedestrian and traffic congestion, for example, as well as housing shortages. Existing schools may not be enough to accommodate the number of children, and waste disposal techniques will also need to be modified. Distribution of natural resources, like water and natural gas, also usually needs to be reconsidered. The first thing that an urban designer will do is meet with city officials. During this meeting, necessary changes will be discussed. The urban designer and city officials will also usually discuss the proposed budget for the project. Most of the time, city officials and urban designers will also take the concerns of current residents into consideration.