Jeff Speck

Planning and Technology

The Seaside Institute is pleased to honor Jeff Speck, FAICP, FCNU, LEED-AP, Honorary ASLA as the 2022 Seaside Prize winner for his significant contributions to enhancing the architectural community and advancing the fields of New Urbanism. The Institute will host the 29th Annual Seaside Prize March 4-6, 2022.

The Seaside Institute awards the Seaside Prize to individuals or teams, each year. Institutions, organizations, or places that have made major contributions to the progress of built environments.

Recipients of the Prize have a major influence on how towns and cities can be built and rebuilt to reflect and promote New Urbanism principles including walkability, diversity, beauty and sustainability. Seaside Prize winners are leaders in urban design, planning, development and education.

Jeff Speck is a city planer and urban designer who, through his work, lectures, public service, and built work, advocates for New Urbanism at a scale he is best known for his book "Walkable City," one of the most influential and widely read city planning texts of the current era. While working as a teaching assistant in his history and design in the U.S. and Italy, Speck became enamored with the work of Duany, Plater-Zyberk, and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk. After two summer internships, he joined the firm full-time upon graduating in 1993, and quickly became director of town planning.

Over the next 10 years, Speck managed more than 40 of the firm's projects including Middleton, Hills, Rosemary Beach, Heuohburg (Belgium), and downtown plans for Baton Rouge and Fort Worth. Meanwhile, he also convinced Duany and Plat-er-Zyberk to turn their lectures into a book "Suburban Nation" became the best-sell

Please refer to the Seaside Prize winner Jeff Speck's contribution to the Better Community Seaide Institute to Honor 2022 Seaside Prize Winner Jeff Speck.