

HENRY L. SHATTUCK

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2018 Henry L. Shattuck Public Service Award Recipient



Michael Cannizzo, Senior Architect and Urban Designer, Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)

Michael Cannizzo's enthusiasm for his job as **Senior Architect** in the BPDA's **Urban Design and Planning Department**, and his devotion to his colleagues and the citizens of Boston embody the ideal of an engaged public servant.

Having completed his Masters in Architecture with a focus on land and building preservation, Michael is a staunch supporter of the value of historic preservation in neighborhoods and communities. He came to the City in 1987 to work with the Boston Landmarks Commission. While there, he collaborated with the Historic District Commission and helped establish many of the standards that contribute to maintaining the City's charm and history. In fact it might be said that in the past 30 years, Michael has had input on just about every historic preservation project throughout the City.

In 2002, Michael was recruited by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to work in urban design and planning. In this role, and as a major supporter of historic preservation, he has had an impact on the majority of large-scale reconstruction projects in Boston and continues to exert a strong and positive influence on the importance of preserving Boston's architectural history.

Today, as **Senior Architect and Urban Designer**, Michael, along with his Deputy Director, is responsible for reviewing and approving all new building projects throughout the City while also supervising three other urban designers.

Michael's commitment to maintaining and continually improving Boston's building environment is valued by all who work with him, and his enthusiasm is contagious. He is a constant source of information for those who will be affected by changes in a neighborhood and is respected for his sensitivity to the ramifications of each project. While approaching every new project with grace and humor, his thorough understanding of the details of each undertaking enables him to work with all the parties involved in the effort to create compromises that serve both individual needs and the Boston community.

Michael Cannizzo is truly an unsung hero, working behind the scenes to make Boston a better place for those who live, work in, or visit our beautiful city.

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