

Bradford R. Hurt, President

Brad Hurt serves as president of Urban Initiatives, LLC and has been providing a broad range of consulting services to his clients since 1991. These services include identifying redevelopment opportunities, preparing and implementing redevelopment plans, preparing project Proformas, structuring transactions, and negotiating with developers. From 1992 through 1999, Mr. Hurt acted as the primary consultant to Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith on downtown development issues and projects. These projects included the Circle Centre Mall, Conseco Fieldhouse, Victory Field, Indianapolis Canal Walk, major office transactions that totaled over 1,000,000 square feet; approximately 1,400 downtown housing units; and three hotel projects that contained over 1,100 rooms. The company was also engaged by the city of Indianapolis as a primary consultant in the preparation of the reuse plans for both Fort Benjamin Harrison and the Naval Air Warfare Center.

Other municipal clients have included the cities of Carmel, Crawfordsville, French Lick, Speedway, and Columbus. Not-for-profit consulting clients have included the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment; and the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, where the firm was hired to assist with real estate and land use issues relative to the Life Sciences Initiative, and to serve as the project manager for the Distribution, Logistics, and Transportation Cluster Initiative.

Prior to forming his own company Mr. Hurt gained over 20 years of valuable experience with various real estate development and corporate organizations. He worked in the corporate real estate department of Ford Motor Company and was the Real Estate Director for a subsidiary of the ITT Corporation. His development experience includes downtown and suburban office buildings, retail projects, industrial parks, garden apartments, and large scale land development projects.

Mr. Hurt also has a personal understanding of what life is like for a small town retailer, as he and his wife Becky own and operate two successful gift stores in downtown Crawfordsville. Mr. Hurt currently owns a total of five buildings in downtown Crawfordsville, all of which have been extensively renovated including the development of second and third floor dwelling units. In 2003, the Crane Building, which houses Mr. Hurt's business on the first floor and his home on the second floor, was recognized as the Indiana Main Street Historic Rehab Project of the Year. The Galey Building, another one of Mr. Hurt's properties, received the same statewide honor in 2004.

Mr. Hurt graduated from Indiana University, with distinction, with a BS degree in Real Estate Administration. He also completed the Real Estate Certificate Program from the University of Michigan.