

resume  
**John Kinsella**  
principal



**Education/professional experience**

University of Michigan  
College of Architecture and Design  
Apprenticeship in the office of  
Eero Saarinen & Associates

1963- 64: Office of Paul Rudolph,  
Architect, New Haven, Connecticut

1964-67: Study of British Comprehensive  
Town Planning, London, England and  
Independent Study Abroad of post-war  
and historic European Town Planning

1967-69: Tarapata MacMahon Paulsen  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

1969-81: Environmental Arts Combine/  
Planning and Urban Design: principal

1981-86: Roche-Dinkeloo Architects  
Cummins Corporate Headquarters  
Columbus, Indiana

**Awards**

HUD Design Award/Highland Park Town  
Center, Highland Park, Michigan

AIA Detroit Chapter Design Award: Bay  
City, Michigan, Riverfront North Plan

First Place Award: Troy, Michigan  
Freedom Memorial Design Competition

**Professional Activities**

Lecturer/presenter on environmental  
design issues and ideas at regional and  
national professional society conferences

Community service on boards concerned  
about the built environment

Member: Urban Land Institute &  
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle  
Professionals

**Current Practice**

John is principal and co-founder of Storror Kinsella Associates Inc (SKA), Indianapolis, Indiana. As principal urban designer/planner for the firm, he is involved in all areas of design, with focus on planning, urban design, and construction technology. John and co-founder/spouse Meg Storror are 24/7 partners leading a talented team engaged in an array of challenging problem-solving assignments regarding the public realm. Their commitment and mission is to achieve a charged and vital balance between the built and natural environments in the creation of livable communities.

**Early and Recent Representative Projects**

*Bay City Riverfront North Environmental Design Plan/Wenonah Park Plaza/Downtown Streetscape* are a series of related major planning and implementation projects authored by John Kinsella that established an approach to integrated planning and design process that continues to guide the work of the Storror Kinsella Studio..

*Indianapolis Downtown Cultural Trail Planning*, is a work in progress. The Cultural Trail is proposed as the first phase of the Indianapolis Regional Pedestrian System, and a major step towards Indianapolis becoming a more walkable and bicycle-friendly city.

*Evansville, Indiana, Downtown Riverfront Renovation*, completed in 2001, is the built centerpiece of the SKA planned, designed, and incrementally developing Pigeon Creek Greenway system. This \$11 million public space and viewport to the river has transformed the city's image through its enhancement of this major civic open space resource and through interpretation of the city's Ohio River heritage.

*Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization Projects*: SKA been assisting the MPO since 2000 with a series of planning projects that integrate pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit within the overall transportation system. A regional Pedestrian Master Plan, a Downtown Cultural Trail, and a mile-square Special Neighborhood Study are SKA-led overlapping and related walkability initiatives.

**Experience (an abridged version)**

John began his career in the office of architect Eero Saarinen, remaining with the successor firm of Kevin Roche/John Dinkeloo after Eero's untimely death in 1961. He contributed to the development of those firms' landmark projects including the IBM Thomas Watson Laboratories, Vivian Beaumont Theater and Plaza in Manhattan's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Dulles International Airport, the St. Louis "Arch" site, and North Christian Church, in Columbus, Indiana.

In 1964, Mr. Kinsella joined the studio of architect Paul Rudolph, then head of the Yale School of Architecture and acclaimed designer of iconic structures such as the Yale University Arts and Architecture building. That experience inspired a three-year period of travel-study investigating English and European architecture and town planning.

After his return to the United States, Mr. Kinsella formed an environmental design studio in Michigan, authoring HUD and AIA award-winning downtown development and urban design plans, parks and recreation facilities, and resort hotel projects. He was co-winner of one of the nation's first Vietnam War Memorial design competitions (unbuilt). From 1981 through 1985 he again represented the Roche Dinkeloo architectural office, for the construction of the \$50 million Cummins Corporate Headquarters in Columbus, Indiana.

At the conclusion of that project in 1986, John Kinsella and Meg Storror formed Storror Kinsella Partnership in Columbus, and are producing nationally published and award-winning work ranging from meditative courtyards to interstate entryways. They relocated the studio to Indianapolis in 1996 having expanded their practice to a statewide scope.