

# ECONSULT CORPORATION

## Sam Sherman

**Sam Sherman** is Senior Advisor of Econsult Corporation. Sam built more than 1,100 houses in suburban Delaware, New Jersey and Pennsylvania before 2000, when he heard a radio interview with Andres Duany and embraced New Urbanism. Since then, he began Sam Sherman Associates LLC, and New Urban Ventures, to pursue New Urbanist developments in Philadelphia. Their Spring Arts Point development is rising on blocks that had languished for decades under Philadelphia's "urban renewal" plan. The brownfields development won the Bronze Award from 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania for excellence in design and sustainability.

Sherman is a board member of CNU's Pennsylvania chapter as well as a board member of CNU's national board. He is past president of the Building Industry Association of Philadelphia (and is its national legislative representative to the National Association of Home Builders) and was a member the board of Neighborhoods Now! Sherman served on Philadelphia Mayor-elect Michael Nutter's sustainable development committee, and as part of his transition team, worked on ideas related to restructuring the city's Department of Licenses and Inspections. In January 2008, Mayor Nutter appointed Sherman to the chairmanship of the Philadelphia Historical Commission.

A dedicated urbanist, Sherman believes that urban centers such as Philadelphia stand to gain from the fundamental changes taking place in the national economy. Places that are less energy dependent, offer choices in transportation and reduce the reliance on automobiles are now recognized as having a higher value. The challenge for policy makers in Philadelphia is to position the city to take advantage of these assets and improve the lives of all of its citizens.