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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION and the Livable City



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A photograph of a city street scene with modern buildings, palm trees, and a tram stop. In the foreground, a woman in a pink shawl is talking to another woman in a dark blue dress. A tram is visible in the background.

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# Building cities worth building a future in.

Siemens answers are making cities more lasting, livable and prosperous.

## Economist 10 Top Livable Cities 2010

- Vancouver
- Vienna
- Melbourne
- Toronto
- Calgary
- Helsinki
- Sydney
- Perth
- Adelaide
- Auckland

- 1: Huntsville, Alabama
- 2: Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 3: Washington D.C.
- 4: Charlottesville, Virginia
- 5: Athens, Georgia
- 6: Olympia, Washington
- 7: Madison, Wisconsin
- 8: Austin, Texas
- 9: Flagstaff, Arizona
- 10: Raleigh, North Carolina



















<b>Livable City Measure</b>	<b>Definition from Partners for Livable Communities</b>	<b>Historic Preservation Tools</b>	<b>Examples</b>
▪ City Center	▪ Downtowns that have developed into a second living room and gathering place for all people from the region.	▪ Anchor landmarks ▪ Revitalizing downtowns	▪ Main Street, Corning, New York
▪ Neighborhoods  ▪ Housing	▪ Neighborhoods with strong residential, retail and cultural components that appeal to every person young and old. ▪ An array of affordable housing options, valuable live/work opportunities, and successful community programs that encourage investment in certain areas of the city.	▪ Historic districts ▪ Adaptive reuse	▪ Pioneer Square, Seattle, WA ▪ Dawson Street Residential Historic District, Thomasville, Georgia ▪ Manchester, Pittsburgh, PA
▪ Tourism	▪ Successful tourist destinations with amenities and attractions that appeal to visitors but also benefit the community's residents, businesses, and infrastructure.	▪ Anchor landmarks ▪ Historic Districts	▪ Downtown, Frederick, MD ▪ 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX





























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Regional/Urban Design Assistance  
Team (R/UDAT) Program

*From the Economic Development Plan:*

- The music and entertainment scene in Downtown is a rich source of revenue.
- Heritage tourism and marketing is another essential tool for developing Downtown and East Austin.
- Programs should make historic sites more interesting, accessible and attractive.
- Signage and walking tours should be improved. Continued funding for preservation of historic sites is critical.









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**TAKING DAY FOR 1 MILLION IN N.Y.**  
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**Times Square (Johnson & Burgee, 1983)**



**Times Square (Johnson & Burgee, 1983)**



Times Square, New  
York City



42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York City



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Tools:

Zoning

Comprehensive Plans

Form-Based Codes/Conservation  
Districts/Historic Districts

Affordable Housing

Planning for integrated and People-oriented  
Spaces











Downtown Eastside  
"Canada's poorest postal code"







Vancouver:  
the Downtown/Eastside Plan



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