FBC 101: The ABCs of Form-Based Codes

Learning Obj. 1: Learn the definition and components of form-based codes, as important tools of urban design and placemaking, that are used to create and/or preserve communities that are livable, healthy, and prosperous.

Learning Obj. 2: Understand the types, scales, and diverse applications of form-based codes, including greenfield, infill, downtown, corridor, greyfield, historic neighborhood, zoning code update, and regional applications.

Learning Obj. 3: Understand the principles of urban form, which guide the development of form-based codes, including building site placement, height, use, and elements to frame the public realm and define "place."

Learning Obj. 4: Learn the organizing principles of form-based codes, and the various frameworks for form-based codes other than land use, including frontage, building, street types, transects, as examples.

Learning Obj. 5: Learn essential regulatory and legal aspects of form-based codes, as well as the genesis, rationale, and negative implications of by-right zoning under a “Euclidean” model, including the overuse of and need for special use permits and planned unit developments.

Learning Obj. 6: Successfully complete an interactive exercise of analysis of the local built environment to acquire an understanding of how the details of an existing place relates to code content.