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LESSONS LEARNED: HOW PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES HEALED A CITY, AND CAN CHANGE YOURS TOO

New York City was for decades a “tale of two cities.”

Mitchell Silver helped bridge that gap through public space. The Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation – and previously the Chief Planning Officer and Planning Director in Raleigh for nine years – Silver shifted the department’s values and commitment to care, and leveraged the parks and public spaces to advance equity, inclusion, and access. In doing so, he helped heal a community from decades of neglect, a global pandemic and generational trauma.

Join us for this webinar as **Mitchell Silver** shares valuable lessons and tips to the communities of North Carolina—a setting he is intimately familiar with.

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Mitchell Silver, the former Commissioner of the New York City Department of Parks, is now Principal, Vice President of Urban Planning at McAdams. Mitchell is also the immediate past president of the American Planning Association (APA). Mitchell is an award-winning planner with over 30 years of experience. He is internationally recognized for his leadership in the planning profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. As Parks Commissioner, Mitchell oversees management, planning and operations of 30,000 acres of parkland. As Parks Commissioner, Silver developed the Community Parks Initiative to build a more equitable parks system, Parks Without Borders to create a more seamless public realm and Anchor Parks program to make old parks new again.

Prior to returning to his native New York City, he served as the Chief Planning & Development Officer and Planning Director for Raleigh, NC. In Raleigh, he led the comprehensive plan update process and a rewriting of the development code to create a vibrant 21st century city. In 2014 he was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Planning Association and in 2017 he was made an honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). In 2017, Commissioner Silver was elected to Planetizen’s list of the 100 Most Influential Urbanists.

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