

## **Introductory Biography for Christopher B. Leinberger**

Chris Leinberger, a land use strategist, teacher, developer, researcher and author, balances business realities with social and environmental issues. Mr. Leinberger is a:

- Professor and founding Director of the Graduate Real Estate Development Program at the **University of Michigan**,
- Visiting Fellow at the **Brookings Institution** in Washington, DC.,
- Founding Partner of **Arcadia Land Company**, a New Urbanism/transit-oriented development and consulting firm, and
- President of **Locus; Responsible Real Estate Developers and Investors**

His most recent book is **The Option of Urbanism, Investing in a New American Dream**, published in 2008 by Island Press. He is also the author of **Strategic Planning for Real Estate Companies**. He has written for numerous publications, such as **The Atlantic Monthly** and **Urban Land** magazine. He has been profiled by **CNN**, **National Public Radio**, **Infrastructurist**, and **Washington Post** among other broadcast, web and print media.

Leinberger was voted one of the “Top 100 Urban Thinkers” in a poll conducted by **Planetizen**, the international urban planning and architecture website, in 2009. He was the William H. Whyte Award winner by Partners for Livable Communities in 2010.

Leinberger is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the Harvard Business School.