

Matthew Sayers

URBAN PLANNING

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Cincinnati, OH · Very open to relocation

Urban Planning student at the University of Cincinnati with a Business Administration minor, currently completing a planning co-op with the City of Kettering. Experience in zoning and land use research, code analysis, GIS mapping, and preparing memos and reports for municipal staff. Interested in site planning, permitting, and sustainable, resilient community development.

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH · May 2029
Bachelor of Arts, Urban Planning · Minor in Business Administration
Cincinnatus Scholar
Relevant coursework: Land Use Planning, Urban Planning Law, Urban Design, Intro to ArcGIS, Studio, Planning for Urban Economies, Statistics, Business Analytics, Introduction to Urban Planning

EXPERIENCE

City of Kettering · Planning & Development Department Kettering, OH · Aug 2026–Present
Planning Intern / Co-op

- Authored a national research report on drive-thru queue spillover onto public rights-of-way, analyzing stacking and right-of-way provisions across 14 jurisdictions in 8 states plus enforcement practice and case law, and presenting code amendment options for Kettering Zoning Code Sec. 1137.05.
- Produced a benchmark study of the City’s landscaping and bufferyard standards (Zoning Code Ch. 1147) against five peer Ohio suburbs using a weighted composite scorecard, and delivered a standalone executive summary to the Head of Planning and Development.
- Conduct field inspections in Kettering neighborhoods and support day-to-day permitting, zoning, and code administration tasks for planning staff.

Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Atlanta, GA · May–July 2024
Volunteer / Intern

- Collected water quality data along the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries and supported enforcement efforts against polluters.
- Participated in watershed cleanup work supporting clean water and healthy ecosystems in the Atlanta region.

PROJECTS

Hamilton County Vacant Land Finder
GIS analysis tool identifying vacant and underused parcels across Hamilton County, built to support infill and redevelopment siting. Published at mattsayers.com.

Portfolio Website
Studio, mapping, and urban design work: mattsayers.com

SKILLS

Planning & CAD	ArcGIS Pro, AutoCAD, SketchUp
Design & Graphics	Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator
Analysis & Productivity	Power BI, Excel, Python, PowerPoint, Word

EXTRACURRICULAR **Urbanism Club** · *Social Media Chair*

Lead social media for a student club focused on urban planning and urbanism. Present on new urban projects across the country, organize around local urban causes, and grow student interest in the field.