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## Small Firm Exchange

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### 101 Small Ways You Can Improve Your City

Community. "A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." We as architects have impact well beyond the walls of our offices and confines of our projects. Our work has the power and potential to impact communities at a greater scale. This SFX Scan edition presents a curated collection of stories from ways designs can shape our greater environment to resiliency within communities struck by disasters. We hope you enjoy the selection and welcome your the feedback.



### Case for Disaster Relief

It seems like the time is now, more than ever, to convince local and state officials how important these issues of resilience and disaster preparedness really are. Is the profession, and the rest of the country, ready to push for change?



### Community Improvement

Have you ever seen a problem in your community that could benefit from a design opportunity? Are you inspired to serve the underserved in your city and make a tangible impact through design?



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### Best Houses of 2016

A small project can make a big impact, and a single design element can set the tone for large projects. These awards highlight the value of every contribution to a project and showcase standard-setting small projects, regardless of size and budget.



### Need for Design Thinking

Before people care about how much you know, they need to see how much you care. With that in mind, architects need to demonstrate their capabilities and contribution to an organization or community before being seen as an asset and a resource.



### Expansive or Expensive?



### From AIA Kinetic



### AIA Trust Small Firm Solutions

Klaus Philipsen, FAIA explores economist, Issi Romem's, theories on and tackles the question: "Does Sprawl make Housing More Affordable?"

Volunteering has the potential to advance professional development and boost us along in our career even more than what is possible at our jobs. Make the most out of volunteering and maximize its benefits with this piece from the AIA Kinetic

Responding to and recovering from an emergency situation or disaster is a dynamic process. What could be an inconvenience to a large national firm may destroy the operations of a smaller firm.

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