

Biography – Jack Wilbern



Jack Wilbern, RA brings design, facilitation, development and community life skills to the Cohousing Collaborative as one of its founding members. Jack lives in and was the architect/planner for the Blueberry Hill Cohousing community of Vienna, Virginia, which was completed in 2000.

Jack is a 1982 graduate of the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. As a designer, he brings a sound understanding that listening well and providing good direction are the first roles of any good architect. This same attention to detail and the requirements of individual clients and their projects allows Jack to provide appropriate and unique solutions to each and every project the Collaborative undertakes.

He is a design principal in the McLean based firm of Butz•Wilbern, a member of the Urban Land Institute, holds an NCARB national certification and is currently licensed as an architect in twelve states. His experience includes a diverse range of commercial, residential, industrial and institutional projects.

He is past President of the McLean Planning Committee, a Board member of both the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce and the McLean Landowner's Association and served as the Dranesville Representative to the Fairfax County Revitalization Policy Committee.

The small world story of the day is that Jack went to architecture school with Chuck Durrett (author of the two seminal books on Cohousing) and remembers vividly the strange evenings spent in studio hot gluing chairs to the wall while comparing notes on professors, politics and general piffle.