In spring of 2017, I was honored with a recognition from the College of Health and Human Sciences Legacies Project. This was due in part to the mentorship program established at IBE, where we've mentored more than 100 students. As a part of this award, the college created the Brian Dunbar Future Leaders for Built Environment Fund; donations will provide the opportunity to give more and more students experience with real-world projects.

Our work in 2017 included several notable accomplishments. We provided guidance for construction of the 4th LEED v4 Platinum building in the world – the City of Fort Collins’ new Utilities Administration Building. We helped Denver International Airport achieve their sustainability goals with an online education program. We began facilitating development of regenerative goals for Denver’s Sun Valley EcoDistrict project team and stakeholders. We contracted with Bike Fort Collins on a Kaiser Permanente grant to create a resident-led active living coalition in Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park. And, we launched our graduate fellowship program, through which four students are now conducting research and working on projects to continue IBE’s goal of co-creating meaningful long-term impacts.

Looking to the coming years, we will continue to align our efforts to the needs of our community, partners, and advisors. As a member of our community, we want to hear from you. Please reach out to our team and let us know how we can support you in making small and large impacts that benefit our students, our communities, and our planet!

Brian H Dunbar, Executive Director
Research to Practice

In 2017 we launched an enhanced blog platform featuring stories from our staff, students, and board members. Stories share insights, research, best practices, and news.

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Incentivizing the Development of Lifelong Housing
Our senior population in Colorado is estimated to double by 2030. We need to talk about housing.

by Stephanie Barr

Meet the Intern
Natural resources student discovers the built environment.

by Amelia Howe

IBE Lanches Graduate Fellowship Program
This exciting new program will prepare students for professional careers after graduation and further IBE’s research initiatives.

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Story of Place Event
Discovering the essence of Fort Collins.

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High Plains School Receives LEED Gold
The new Pre-K - 8 complex is the first LEED certified building in Thompson Valley School District.

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What we do

We advance the development of healthy, thriving built environments.

We provide services in five key areas that align teams, simplify sustainability, and create meaningful outcomes.

We guide teams to move beyond minimizing harm and toward creating ongoing benefit.

Teams often feel like they spend a lot of time on sustainability projects only to make small reductions. What if we shifted our approach and focused more on creating benefit? Through regenerative development practices, we cultivate capacity in people, communities, and natural systems to renew, adapt, and thrive.

In 2017, IBE conducted an assessment of the No Barriers Field Campus to support the design of their new field campus. We conducted background research on historical documents, interviews, a site visit. This process provided understanding of the vision, motivations, risks, and helped to identify stakeholders.
We facilitate teams to make better decisions, faster.

Stakeholder engagement is essential to innovative projects, but it’s hard to achieve alignment with so many people the room. Teams can often benefit from an external facilitator to ensure they are efficient and meet their goals. We facilitate design charrettes, community workshops, and strategic planning that push teams toward higher levels of innovation and success.

BIKE FORT COLLINS FACILITATION
In 2017, we helped Bike Fort Collins build a resident-led active living coalition in Poudre Valley Mobile Home Park.
IBE helped facilitate community events with residents, met with local professionals, surveyed residents about bike habits, and analyzed the conditions of the neighborhood.

SUN VALLEY ECODISTRICT
IBE is helping facilitate the Sun Valley EcoDistrict team and community members reach regenerative goals.
In addition, we are partnering with CityCraft Ventures and other local academic institutions to research food systems, educational and economic capacity building, and housing impacts with the Sun Valley EcoDistrict.

We guide the design and enhancement of urban environments to improve the health of communities.
Many of our greatest problems and opportunities are at the urban scale, not the building scale. We use our skills in community facilitation and program development to support municipalities and community coalitions in making a meaningful impact on the health of urban environments.
We assist organizations in developing programs to enhance their sustainability performance. There is a great opportunity for real estate to lower operating costs and improve the quality of buildings through sustainability strategies; but it can be difficult to know where to start. We provide a proven process for defining the program design, tackling low hanging fruit, and documenting returns to the bottom line.

We simplify the certification of high-performance buildings.

Third-party certification is essential for team accountability and for public trust of high-performance projects; but often it can be a cumbersome process. Our 20 years of experience managing certifications like LEED gives us the skills to simplify the process and achieve the highest level possible for a project, while making it fun and inspiring for the team.

FORT COLLINS HOUSING CATALYST

In 2017, IBE helped Housing Catalyst to evolve and integrate sustainability practices across all phases of asset development and asset management.

We helped their team define a clear and enhanced vision, guiding principles, and processes for implementing sustainability at assets.

FORT COLLINS UTILITY SERVICES

In 2017, we lead the LEED Certification of the City of Fort Collins' new Utilities Administration Building. Though guiding the building's design and facilitating the integrative design process the achieved LEED v4 Platinum.

It is the first in the state of Colorado under this stringent version and the third in the United States.
IBE gave me hands-on experience in conducting pre- and post-assessments and the subsequent data analyses that are invaluable aspects of working in the public health and planning realm. The internship allowed me to use previous work experience to build and enhance new work related skills.

— LIZ YOUNG

2018 graduate of the Masters in Public Health program and is now working for the Larimer County Public Health Department.

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2017 Student Interns

Amelia Howe
Andy Madrick
Brigid McCready
Classie White
Eric Meahl
Estefania Phien
Hannah Lee
India Luxton
Joy Wagner
Kristen Walls
Liz Young
Mark Norris
Melody Redburn
Sarah Legge

2017 Graduate Fellows

In 2016, IBE was honored as a Program of Research and Scholarly Excellence (PRSE) by CSU’s Office of the Vice President for Research. This appointment came with seed funding, which IBE will use to launch our graduate student fellowship program. Future funding will be raised from donors, partners, and industry groups.

Emily Amedee
Communication Studies
Raina Benford
Public Health
Rod Lammers
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Hazelle Tomlin
Greenhouse Gas Management and Accounting

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Donor Impact

Private support is vital to the success of IBE’s mission.

As an enterprise center at CSU, all of our funding comes from off-campus projects, special grants, and private donations. Private donations support graduate students in advancing IBE’s strategic initiatives in ways that our project work cannot: by translating research to practice to guide the entire green building movement forward. Your gift will support students through scholarships, stipends, and student workspace improvements, making it possible for IBE to create whitepapers, trainings, and other tools free to the public.

Thank you

To those who supported our work in 2017, thank you. We wouldn’t exist without our project partners and donors.

Thank you donors; your gifts supported our students and staff to advance strategic initiatives which will advance industry practices. And thank you project partners; your engagement with IBE provided a meaningful and transformative learning experience for our students.

“I give to IBE because they are a wonderful collaboration between CSU and the construction industry. By working with them, I get the benefit of the latest research in sustainability and construction management and students get experience in the real world. I really appreciate this collaboration and am happy to support it.”

- Sue McFaddin, RE/MAX Alliance

Ways to Support IBE

Brian Dunbar Future Leaders Fund

You can honor Brian Dunbar, founder and executive director of IBE, by donating to the Brian Dunbar Future Leaders for Built Environments fund. This fund honors Brian’s outstanding mentorship of CSU students – as a professor and through IBE. Your gift will help ensure that students receive mentorship for years to come.

IBE Strategic Initiatives Fund

Join us in advancing the development of healthy, thriving built environments by supporting IBE today with a personal or corporate investment. Gifts of all sizes make an impact, allowing us to expand our internship program and advance our strategic initiatives.

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