

CityForge — Concept Poster

Print this and pin it up — an at-a-glance map of the CityForge cast and the ideas each one carries. Come back to it whenever you want to remember who teaches what.

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Meet the cast — and what each one teaches

Character	What they carry
Block	Zoning + density — the badger-tween with clay-block models who teaches zoning as 'plan for the neighbors first, not the buildings'
Stoop	Public space + community — the capybara-elder on a wooden stoop who treats public space as the city's living room, foregrounding existing stoop-cultures (Brooklyn / Latin American plazas / Italian piazzas / West African gathering trees)
Lane	Walkability + mobility — the rabbit-tween in safety-vest with a chalk-spool who teaches streets-as-spaces ('streets are rooms; cars are guests, not owners')
Hub	Transit nodes — the pangolin-tween in conductor-vest who teaches that transit is about ACCESS, not about cars-vs-trains ('many ways, equal ways; the bus matters as much as the train')
Dwell	Housing equity + repair — the owl-elder in a mended quilted-coat who teaches anti-displacement, repair-not-replace urbanism ('repair before replace; listen before plan; the people who live here ARE the design')
Canopy	Green infrastructure — trees and parks cool the city and soak up rain; shade placed where it is needed most
Mix	Mixed-use land use — weave homes, shops, and work close so daily life is a short walk
Seam	Edges and connection — a highway can rip two neighborhoods apart; design can stitch them back
Berm	Climate resilience — the beaver who builds soft green earthworks that bend and soak up floods instead of walling them out
Conduit	Infrastructure — the badger who tends the hidden pipes, wires, and drains beneath every street

Key ideas at a glance

The big concepts this cast helps you master:

- What Makes a City?
 - Buildings and Structures
 - Roads, Bridges, and Transportation
 - Water and Waste Systems
 - Zoning and Land Use
 - Sustainable City Design
 - City Economics and Budgets
 - Urban Resilience and Future Cities
 - Urban Planning & Civics
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