

# 2022 Conference Program and Speakers

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## Thursday, October 20

### Lower Manhattan Climate Resilience 10 Years After Sandy

Hurricane Sandy was a wake-up call that necessitated a massive recovery effort and triggered a new focus in Lower Manhattan and elsewhere in the region to invest in a more resilient city. Ten years after the storm, much has been implemented and much more is planned to protect the neighborhood from increasing flood risk and other climate threats. Participants will hear from City officials, planners, engineers, and designers working on resilience projects in the neighborhood.

- Blake Monteith, Assistant VP, NYCEDC
- Rachel Aaronson, Senior Project Manager, NYCEDC
- Jordan Salinger, Senior Policy Advisor, Mayors Office of Climate and Environmental Justice
- Roni Deitz, Global Innovation Director, Arcadis
- Edgar Westerhof, North America Adaptation Solution Lead, Arcadis
- Julia Rinaldi, Senior Resilience Specialist, Arcadis
- Travis Bunt, Principal, ONE Architecture
- Mat Staudt, Studio Director, ONE Architecture

### Brooklyn Waterfront Resiliency

Attendees will tour the following projects by ferry: Domino Park, River Ring, Greenpoint Landing, and 1 Java Street. These projects demonstrate innovative resiliency planning and design due to their use of nature-based solutions and community involvement. Speakers will present their perspective as landscape architects, engineers, and planners on the projects.

- Lisa Switkin, RLA, ASLA, FAAR, Senior Principal, James Corner Field Operations
- Annie Boggs, AICP, WEDG, Senior Planner, TMS Waterfront/Indigo River
- Domenica Stasiak, P.E., WEDG, Principal, Indigo River

## Friday, October 21

### Planning with Foresight Keynote Panel

How have we arrived at this moment as a planning profession and where we go from here? After an introduction covering the history of community-based planning, panelists will discuss how to use foresight and future-proof our communities and the profession itself. The panelists will pose questions about the role planners in addressing the complexity of what's ahead.

- Juan Camilo Osorio Botero, Pratt Institute
- Petra Hurtado, Research Director, American Planning Association
- Ronald Shiffman, Pratt Institute
- Sreoshi Banerjea, Executive Director, NYC Public Design Commission

### Inclusive Climate Action Planning

New York State and City have passed nationally acclaimed legislation to address climate change. NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) commits to reducing carbon emissions by 85% below 1990-levels by 2050. Similarly, the NYC Climate Mobilization Act is the greatest climate solution put forth by any city in the world, with great focus on reducing carbon in NYC's built environment. Speakers will discuss processes, strategies, challenges, and barriers to reaching carbon reduction, environmental justice, and economic development goals.

- Betta Broad, Association for Energy Affordability; New Yorkers for Clean Power
  - Sameer Ranade, Climate Justice Advisor for the New York State Climate Action Council
  - Sonal Jessel, Director of Policy at WEACT
  - Martha Sickles, Certified Urban Planner, AICP and Energy Advisor, Urbecon LLC
  - Claudia Villar-Leeman, Energy Policy Advisor, NYC Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice
  - Lincoln Restler, NYC Councilmember, 33rd Council District
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## **Equitable Recovery Strategies for the City's Secondary and Outer Borough CBDs**

The changing nature of work has upended the usual value proposition of the city's traditional Central Business Districts, which in turn has impacted the amount of ground floor retail and services that our CBDs can support. What are the prospects for the City's outer borough CBDs? How do they differ from the experiences of our more established CBDs like Midtown and the Financial District? What do planners need to know about the changing nature of work that will help these diverse outer borough CBDs remain resilient despite the changes wrought by the pandemic?

- Larisa Ortiz, Managing Director, Streetsense Public Non-Profit Solutions
- Kenneth Mbonu, EDFP, President/ Executive Director, Flatbush Nostrand Junction BID
- Michael Blaise Backer, Former Deputy Commissioner, Neighborhood Development Division at the NYC Department of Small Business Services
- Jennifer Furioli, Executive Director, Jamaica Center Business Improvement District

## **Neighborhood Fare: Tools for Connecting Local Food Systems**

How can planners integrate food equity into neighborhood planning? About 19 billion pounds of food flow through New York City annually. The food system has not historically been centrally designed or planned; frameworks to integrate the goals of food equity into neighborhood and infrastructure planning are not widely available. This session will present Urban Design Forum's Neighborhood Fare toolkit, introducing participants to new tools that support leaders in strengthening community-led food efforts.

- Ellen Abraham, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill
- Nausher Khan, Red Rabbit
- Kelvin Taitt, East Brooklyn Mutual Aid
- Joy Resor, Associate Borough Planner, Queens Office, NYC Department of Planning

## **NYC's New Equitable Development Data Explorer**

The Explorer, launched in April 2022, provides data by racial and ethnic group that was previously not easily accessible. The Explorer was developed in response to community requests and City Council legislation aimed at centering major planning decisions in racial equity. It builds on lessons learned from a growing body of equity-related data tools nationwide. We will introduce the Explorer and the Racial Impact Study Coalition will demonstrate how they use it for their community advocacy work.

- Rawnak Zaman, Planning Associate, Municipal Art Society of NY; Racial Impact Study Coalition
- Lara Mérida, Senior Director for Community Planning and Civic Engagement, NYC DCP
- Winnie Shen, Housing Planner NYC DCP

## **The Right to the Right-of-Way and the Future of Post-Pandemic Streetscapes**

Today's post-pandemic multifunctional streetscapes are a place where numerous mobility, community amenities, and commercial functions now all coexist together, but that is becoming increasingly debated at both the community and government levels. This session will provide a forum between key agencies and stakeholders focused on the question: what is the future for NYC's streetscape and how can they become an integral part of solving issues of mobility, equity, and climate resilience?

- Evan Sweet, AICP, Meatpacking District Management Association
  - Christopher Hrones, Director of Transit Planning and Policy, NYCDOT
  - Alan Cohn, Managing Director of Integrated Water Management, NYCDEP
  - Philip Miatkowski, Transportation Alternatives
  - Shachi Pandey, AICP, LEED AP, Founding Principal, MUD Workshop
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## **Resilient Edgemere: Rebuilding Sustainably and Equitably through Community Land Trusts**

Edgemere, a diverse coastal community in eastern Queens, has been in the process of recovering from Hurricane Sandy for the past decade. As part of the recovery effort, HPD led a multi-agency and community planning process to create a plan to pair the City's Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts with a long-term vision for a more resilient Edgemere. Key to the development strategy is the formation of a Community Land Trust that will work with local organizations to develop a model for future community ownership and facilitate long-term affordability and resilient land management.

- Kevin Parris, Director, Queens & Staten Island Planning, NYC HPD
- Stephen Erdman, Executive Director of Homeownership and Shared Equity Opportunities, NYC HPC
- Allison Ruddock, AICP, Director of Environmental Services – NYC, VHB
- Representative from the Edgemere Community Land Trust

## **Connecting the East Bronx: Planning for Equitable Transit-Oriented Development**

Since the launch of the Bronx Metro-North Station Area Study in 2018, city agencies, residents, workers, institutions, elected officials, and other stakeholders have been engaged in station-area planning to help ensure this new public transit service supports Bronx residents with access to jobs, housing amenities, and more. This session will highlight the multi-year community process that continued during COVID-19 to ensure that the unique needs of communities around each station area are met and can fully benefit from the new regional rail service.

- Shawn Brede, AICP, NYC DCP, Bronx Borough Deputy Director
- Jeffrey Otto, NYC DCP, Regional Planner

- Teun Deuling, AICP, NYC DCP, Bronx Borough Senior Planner

## **Redefining Community for Each Planning Exercise**

This session will take a step back from the traditional planning process and urge planners to address who defines and who makes up a community. This is important since we are a profession that designs for people. The presenters will bring diverse perspectives to the discussion, with experience in urban design, urban planning and landscape architecture, and share a toolkit on how to include diverse voices into community engagement.

- Ishita Gaur, AICP, Associate, Urban Designer and Planner, Marvel
- Yadiel Rivera-Diaz, ASLA, PLA, Partner, Landscape, Marvel

## **Offshore Wind and the Opportunities Coming On-Shore**

Offshore wind is coming to the New York Metro area's shoreline and will ripple upstate towards Albany, where it is contributing to New York State's ambitious climate legislation put forward by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which aims to get the state to 100% zero-emissions electricity by 2040. While offshore wind is well known to industry professionals, there is still limited awareness among planners of what implications and opportunities this industry brings to the region.

- Juli Schroeger, Environmental Scientist, Offshore Wind – VHB
- Collyn Chan, Senior Project Manager, Offshore Wind and Transportation at NYCEDC
- Jessica Dealy, Senior Policy Advisor for Offshore Wind, NYSERDA
- Ana Fisyak, AICP, Community Engagement Manager, Equinor
- Marjaneh Issapour, Associate Dean of Innovation and Economic Development in Sustainable Energy

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## **Using Shared Mobility to Address Transportation Gaps in Nassau County**

With the launch of its Shared Mobility Management Plan and the NICE Mini pilot, Nassau County is developing new and innovative solutions for improved mobility. This session will explain how the County undertook a comprehensive study of mobility needs by conducting public and employer surveys, extensive data analysis, scenario planning, and thoughtful community outreach to create mobility service zones, pilot project implementation plans, and targeted recommendations.

- David Viana, Nassau County Department of Public Works
- Matt Cunningham, AICP, WSP USA Inc.
- Heidi Guenin, AICP, MPH, IBI Group
- Jack Khzouz, NICE

## **Elevating Youth Voices in Planning with DivComm's Youth Urban Leadership Program and the Mission Society of NY**

Reaching youth from underrepresented backgrounds in planning has always been a mission of DivComm. The Youth Urban Leadership Program (YULP) developed out of a happenstance connection with the Mission Society, and since 2019 young urban planners from the ELLIS Academy have not just been learning about the planning profession, but are bringing innovative ideas to current, pressing topics. They show that it's not just worthwhile to spread awareness of our profession to young people, but their voices are critical and often left out of the process. This year's cohort will present on improving sanitary conditions in NYC, specifically 125th Street in Manhattan.

- Nate Heffron, Senior Bronx Borough Planner, NYC DCP; Founder, Youth Urban Leadership Program
- Jonathan Pinque, Program Director, ELLIS-Level Up
- Claudio Barboza, NYC City Tech; ELLIS alum

- Current student interns: Yamin Titikpina, Yohansel Garcia, Naimatou Moussa, James Santos, and Ndeye Diedhou

## **Planning for the Public Good: The Highest Imperative in the AICP Code of Ethics**

This session will explore ethical scenarios in the planning profession. It will highlight Section A.1) f. of the AICP Code of Ethics, which calls on certified planners to seek social justice and promote racial and economic integration. It will include an overview of the Code and apply it to ethical scenarios relevant to 2022.

- David Woods, PhD, FAICP, Principal/Executive Vice President, GreenWoods Associates
  - Judith M. Green, Principal/President, GreenWoods Associates; Professor, Fordham
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## KEYNOTES



**Juan Camilo Osorio Botero** is an Assistant Professor at Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment. He was appointed to the City Planning Commission by the Brooklyn Borough President, Antonio Reynoso, to leverage 16 years of professional experience working as an architect and urban planner in collaboration with grassroots leaders across New York City. His work explores the tension between cities and the political economy of climate action and disaster recovery, where socio-economic and environmental inequality exacerbate each other at all stages of the planning process. This includes research, policy design, technical assistance and advocacy campaigns on community-based planning, environmental and climate justice.



**Petra (Stieninger) Hurtado** is the Research Director at the American Planning Association, heading APA's research programs and foresight practice. In this role, she is responsible for expanding a future-focused research agenda, advancing planning practices that assist communities in navigating change, and developing APA's foresight practice to inform APA's strategic governance. Her areas of expertise and research include urban futures and foresight, urban sustainability, smart cities, emerging technologies, nature-based solutions, and environmental psychology. In addition, Petra teaches a course on "community visioning with foresight" at the University of Maryland. Prior to joining APA, she worked as an advisor, planner, researcher, and educator in the global urban sustainability arena. She has a Ph.D. in urban planning from the Vienna University of Technology, where she teaches on urban sustainability and environmental psychology.

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## KEYNOTES



**Ron Shiffman** is a city planner with over 60 years of experience providing assistance to community-based groups in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. In 1964 he co-founded the Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development. He is recognized as one of the founders of the community-based development and community design movements in America. Shiffman was appointed to the NYC Planning Commission by Mayor David Dinkins and served on the Planning Commission from 1990-1996. In 1998, Shiffman received the Architects, Designers, Planners for Social Responsibility's Lewis Mumford Award for Peace, Development and Environment. In 2012, Shiffman was awarded the Jane Jacobs medal for Lifetime Achievement from the Rockefeller Foundation, and the following year he won the Planning Pioneer Award from APA. Shiffman is now Professor Emeritus at Pratt Institute's School of Architecture where he has taught since the late 60's and where he chaired the Department of City and Regional Planning from 1991 to 1999. He has helped to weave racial, economic and environmental justice issues and participatory planning processes into the courses, making Pratt's program an early proponent of what many today refer to as the decolonization of planning pedagogy.



**Sreoshy Banerjea** was appointed as the Executive Director of the Public Design Commission in June 2022 by Mayor Eric Adams. She is a former VP of Urban Design for NYCEDC, where she helped shape consultants' visions for renovation of EDC assets and large-scale master plans and vision plans, including Sunnyside Yard, Broadway Junction, Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, and others. At the height of the pandemic, Sreoshy founded Design Corps and formulated partnerships with AIA and NYCxDesign to create a network of 100 volunteer architects that assisted over 70 restaurants. Sreoshy is a former Forefront fellow of the Urban Design Forum, as well as the 2021 winner of the AIANY chapter's "Service to the City" award. Prior to the public sector, Sreoshy worked as an architectural associate with Rafael Vinoly and Dattner Architects. She received a Bachelor of Architecture from RPI and a Master of Urban Design from MIT. She is the founder of ATLAS Creative RFP Toolkit and serves as a board member for Architexx. Sreoshy loves being a mom to her two toddlers, and exploring NYC's rich food scene with her partner.

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## SPEAKERS



**Alan Cohn** is Managing Director of Integrated Water Management at the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, where he leads initiatives to prepare water systems for climate change and population growth. His team develops programs, partnerships, and financial incentives to conserve and recycle drinking water and protect communities and infrastructure from flooding. These initiatives include a Water Demand Management Program, Water Conservation and Reuse Grant Program, and a Cloudburst Program and partnership with the City of Copenhagen focused on flood mitigation for extreme rain events. He served as a senior policy advisor for water, wastewater, and solid waste on the Mayor's Special Initiative for Rebuilding following Superstorm Sandy, managed development of the NYC Wastewater Resiliency Plan, and is currently working to implement the NYC Stormwater Resiliency Plan and initiatives to mitigate future flooding following Tropical Storm Ida. Alan represents New York City as the Staff Vice Chair of the Water Utility Climate Alliance, a group of 12 large utilities which provide leadership and collaboration on climate change issues affecting the country's water agencies.



**Allison Ruddock** is the Director of Environmental Services-NYC at VHB. Allison directs planning and environmental reviews for public- and private-sector clients pursuant to City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR), State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. As a long-time planner in NYC, Allison has led the VHB team in numerous projects including delivering the EIS, neighborhood conditions study, and ULURP mapping for NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Resilient Edgemere project. Working with the Gotham Organization on the GO Broome project, a Lower East Side development of nearly 500 market-rate, affordable, and affordable senior housing units, a new headquarters for the Chinese American Planning Council, and space for the Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Jewish Heritage and Cultural Center. She was also a leader in the Starrett-Lehigh/Terminal Warehouse Rezoning, which allowed building owners RXR, L&L, and Columbia Property Trust greater flexibility in tenancing both historic buildings, which hail from a time when the area was a port gateway.



**Ana Fisyak, AICP**, is responsible for external relations and engaging stakeholders and communities in New York across Long Island and Queens for the Beacon Wind project. Equinor's Beacon Wind and Empire Wind will collectively deliver 3.3 GW of homegrown, renewable energy to 2 million homes in the region, helping NY State reach its goal of 9 GW of offshore wind by 2035. She is a trained urban planner with over a decade of experience collaborating with environmental justice and front-line communities. Ana helped launch The RISE Center, a Rockaway-based community hub for climate change education. Her work has focused on planning and designing community engagement processes to prioritize biodiversity, community-led conservation, jobs, and youth leadership. Ana has previously taught at Parsons/New School and Harry Van Arsdale Jr. School of Labor Studies/SUNY. She holds a BA in Comparative Literature from NYU and MS in City & Regional Planning from Pratt.



**Annie Boggs, AICP, WEDG** is an environmental and waterfront planner with seven years of experience in the public and private sectors. Her experience in New York City includes managing the preparation of CEQR and NEPA environmental review documents; preparing waterfront permitting applications for complex waterfront developments; coordinating with private developers, government representatives, and community organizations; and designing proposal and presentation documents. Annie's projects include the NYCEDC Harlem RiverGreenway, theSpecialFlushingWaterfrontDistrict, and theBatteryMaritimeBuildingFerryTerminalImprovements.



**Betta Broad** has been an advocate for social justice, peace,, and sustainability for over two decades. With Catskill Mountainkeeper she created the RenewableNY program that subsequently received a \$1.8M award from NYSERDA to expand Solarize campaigns across 15 counties. In 2016, she helped launch the New Yorkers for Clean Power campaign and continues to serve as NYCP's director. She recently joined the Association for Energy Affordability as the Director of Advocacy and Organizing, working on advancing energy efficiency, equitable electrification, and clean energy policy, programs and legislation that benefit low-income communities. She was appointed to the City of Kingston's Climate Smart Commission, the Ulster County Climate Smart Committee and the Power Generation Advisory Panel for the NYS Climate Action Council, making her the only person in New York to serve on a climate action advisory board at the city, county, and state level.

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**Blake Montieth** is an Assistant Vice President at NYCEDC where he works to advance the equity and resilience of NYC's neighborhoods through strategic planning initiatives. Most notably, he is the City's Project Manager for the Financial District and Seaport Climate Resilience Master Plan. Blake was previously an urban planner and designer at the NYC Department of City Planning and he has a Master's in City and Regional Planning from UNC Chapel Hill. In his spare time, you will find Blake cooking delicious vegan treats at his home in Brooklyn.



**Christopher Hrones** is Director of Transit Planning and Policy for the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT). He has worked as a transportation planner for over 25 years in the public and private sectors, including 13 years at NYCDOT. In his first role at NYCDOT, he developed plans and engaged community stakeholders in Downtown Brooklyn. In his current role he leads studies, programs and policy development that contribute to improved transit throughout the city. Examples include transit operations improvements, large scale projects and ongoing programs such as Transit Signal Priority coordination and Real Time Passenger Information signs at bus stops. Christopher also served as co-leader for the recently released NYC Streets Plan.



**Claudia Villar-Leeman** joined the NYC Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice in 2019, where she has worked to advance the City's transition to an equitable, clean and resilient energy system. Claudia currently leads PowerUp NYC, a solutions-oriented energy planning study that will identify specific actions City government should take in the next four years to put NYC on track to achieving long-term energy goals. She also leads the Office's energy storage portfolio, working to streamline permitting and jumpstart energy storage development citywide. Claudia is passionate about fostering an inclusive clean energy community. As a board member of Young Professionals in Energy (YPE NYC), she created and leads a mentorship and education program for undergraduates interested in clean energy. Prior to joining the Mayor's Office, she worked in the climate education and advocacy space: she taught biology and climate policy at a high school in the Dominican Republic and served on the team of the first Climate Museum in the U.S. Claudia holds an M.A. in Climate & Society from Columbia University and a B.A. in Biology from Bowdoin College.

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**Claudio Barboza.** As an ELLIS alum and former YULP intern, Claudio Barboza is currently attending City Tech in Brooklyn where he's pursuing a degree in Architecture. During the summer of 2019 and 2020, he participated in two consecutive years with APA at ELLIS. Claudio has been the most outspoken and staunch supporter of the impact Urban Planning had on his future ambitions. Prior to the internship, he knew nothing about the industry, but since taking part of the internship for two consecutive years while at ELLIS Prep... he now wants to be an urban planning professional.



**Collyn Chan** is an urban planner focused on waterfront and infrastructure planning, bringing a justice-driven approach to create more connected, community-rooted, and sustainable cities. She currently works with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), leading on site and infrastructure development for the burgeoning offshore wind industry in New York City. Collyn's portfolio includes planning and permitting for offshore wind related assets and developing an outcomes-based approach to securing equitable community investments throughout EDC's offshore wind initiative.



**David Viana** is a planner at the Nassau County Department of Public Works with over ten years of experience in community planning and civic engagement in the NY metro area. David's planning experience began in 2011 with his co-founding of the Baldwin Civic Association, a non-profit organization leading the grassroots effort to revitalize the hamlet of Baldwin's downtown area. Under his leadership, the organization worked with the community to develop a shared vision that would lay the groundwork for various initiatives in the years ahead, including the \$10 million Baldwin Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Since 2015, David has worked for Nassau County, expanding his passion for planning to communities across the county. During his time in government, he has managed projects and initiatives covering economic development, transportation, infrastructure planning, sustainability, and disaster recovery. Some highlights include managing various aspects of the Nassau Hub redevelopment, the County's Shared Mobility Management Plan, and numerous recovery programs funded by the American Rescue Plan. David has a Master of Urban Planning from Hunter College and a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design, Policy, and Planning from Stony Brook University.



**David W. Woods, PhD, FAICP** is Principal and Executive Vice President of GreenWoods Associates. Throughout his career, Dr. Woods has focused on providing intelligent and responsive leadership that affects inclusive sustainable changes that promote livability, equitable community investment, and environmental sustainability for the long-term. He has served as the New York Metro Chapter's VP for Professional Development, on the APA Board of Directors, and on the CM Targeted Task Force for the AICP. Dr. Woods teaches Planning and Sustainable Development at NYU's Tandon School of Engineering in Brooklyn, and he has offered planning courses at CUNY/Hunter College, The New School University, and Rutgers University. Dr. Woods is the author of *Democracy Deferred: Civic Leadership after 9/11*. With Judith M. Green, PhD, AICP, Dr. Woods is currently working on a collection of their essays on planning ethics, *Planning for the Common Good: A Pragmatist Theory and Practice of Holistic Planning for a Livable, Equitable, and Sustainable Future*.



**Domenica Stasiak** is a professional engineer with 20 years of experience working on some of New York's key waterfront initiatives. Domenica has successfully delivered the Rockaway Boardwalk redevelopment and storm resiliency project in Queens; the Manhattan Cruise Terminal Pier 88 west apron replacement; reconstruction of the waterfront and tidal pools at Roberto Clemente State Park; cyclical inspection of piers, wharves, bulkheads and pile fields within Hudson River Park; and comprehensive "on-call" marine engineering services for waterfront sites in all five boroughs of New York City. In addition to managing waterfront projects, Domenica has performed structural analysis, resident engineering services, permit applications, construction inspections and support of local and international container ports, piers, bulkheads, and engineered shorelines. Domenica was issued her Envision Sustainability Professional certification (ENV SP) in 2015 and WEDG professional in 2020.



**Edgar Westerhof** is Vice President with Arcadis and serves as North America Adaptation Solution Lead. Edgar is a water engineer and planner with 22 years of experience in urban water management. Following his move to the US from the Netherlands in 2012, Edgar led the Arcadis participation in the international HUD Rebuild by Design competition post Sandy, including the winning BIG U plan for the protection of Lower Manhattan. Edgar was the Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities participation and contributed to numerous city resilience strategies. He recently joined ASCE Foundation to lead

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the international Climate Adaptation Working Group. Edgar is a faculty member with Pratt Institute and is a contributing author of the book *Blue Dunes* (Columbia) and *Adapting Cities to Sea Level Rise* (Island Press).

**Ellen Abraham** is a design project manager and entrepreneur. She nurtures her passions through leading community-building activism, design-based philanthropy and high impact social justice and design advocacy projects. Ellen is a project manager at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and serves on various not-for-profit boards and runs a startup called ArchitectPins®. Ellen was a 2021 Forefront Fellow with the Urban Design Forum.



**Evan Sweet, AICP** is a native New Yorker who has been interested in New York City's geography, economy, and development since he first saw a subway map. Evan's work is at the intersection of strategic planning and program implementation; where he both directs the Meatpacking District's strategic planning efforts and neighborhood operations ranging from sanitation services to public space improvements. Evan led the development of the BID's pedestrian-oriented district (POD) plan, as well as the recently announced Western Gateway Area Needs Report and Public Realm Vision; and directs the BID's public placemaking efforts, including managing four DOT Open Streets, organizing major events such as the L.E.A.F. Festival of Flowers, and working with the NYCDOT on public art campaigns across the District.



**Heidi Guenin, AICP**, has been working at the intersection of urban planning, public health, and social and environmental justice for over a decade, striving to reduce health disparities by improving access to transportation options. As a Mobility Strategist Heidi manages projects related to emerging mobility with a focus on how technology can improve traveler experiences. Her multi-modal expertise includes walking, biking, shared mobility, public transit, human services transportation and non-emergency medical transportation. Heidi holds a master's degree in Public Health (Oregon Health and Science University), as well as Urban and Regional Planning (Portland State University) and a bachelor's degree in Economics and English Language and Literature (University of Virginia).

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**Ishita Gaur, AICP** is an Urban Designer and Planner at Marvel, working on developing visions, master plans, concept development and schematic design, urban redevelopment and planning, as well as performing site analysis and research. She is interested in the social, economic and cultural conditions of cities and places, and their influence on urban interventions and concept development during the early stages of design. Ishita aims to incorporate community and stakeholder engagement process in all her projects and to build consensus among the different groups that lead to a transparent and inclusive outcome. She is the co-chair of the Junior Board for the non-profit Asia Initiatives, which participates in women empowerment through urban design. Ishita is also the recipient of the Urban Design Forum's Forefront Fellowship for the year 2018, with a focus on homelessness and the shelter system in New York, to leverage them as community assets, as well as the Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation's Emerging Leaders Class of 2019.



**Jack Khzouz** was named Nassau Inter-County Express/ NICE Bus CEO in September 2018. Formerly the Chief Administration Officer, Jack joined the organization in 2011, spearheading many of its strategic growth initiatives. These include the addition of mobile ticketing and the NICE GoMobile app, bringing articulated vehicles back to Long Island, and promoting access to real-time bus arrival information for riders. He has enabled advancement in digital technologies improving operations and cost efficiencies across Nassau's public transit system, keeping customer safety and satisfaction at the heart of the NICE Bus mission.



**Jeffrey Otto** is a Regional Planner with the New York City Department of City Planning. In this role, he connects New York City with governments and planners across the tri-state region, helps analyze regional trends, and works to instill regionalism across New York City planning activities. Previously, Jeffrey served as a United States Foreign Service Officer, working at U.S. missions across Asia and in Washington, DC. He holds a Masters of Urban Planning from Columbia University.

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**Jennifer Furioli** is Executive Director of the Jamaica Center Business Improvement District in southeastern Queens. While at the Jamaica Center BID she has spearheaded the revitalization of the landmarked Jamaica Center street clock (a project featured in the NY Times), attracted half a million dollars in City Council investment for the Avenue's tree pits, launched JBID-Alerts!, a business emergency notification program using cell phones, and advocated for improved merchant internet access and improved pedestrian infrastructure improvements in downtown Jamaica. She is an Executive board member of the NYC BID Association, an active member of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, and serves on several committees in downtown Jamaica, including the Jamaica Downtown Task Force, the 103rd Precinct Advisory Council, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation's Presidents Advisory Council, and the Friends of Rufus King Park. Immediately prior to her role in Jamaica, Jennifer was the key leader in the City of New Rochelle's Mayors Challenge team: an interdisciplinary group of New Rochelle City executives, New Rochelle BID employees, and technologists from IDEA New Rochelle competing against other cities nationwide to develop innovative solutions to city problems.



**Jessica Dealy.** As a Senior Policy Advisor for Offshore Wind at NYSERDA, Jessica primarily leads Workforce Development liaison and coordination efforts for New York State's Offshore Wind Program. Jessica entered the offshore wind space in 2018 when she joined Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind as their External Affairs Lead and was a part of their successful 1.5 gigawatt New Jersey contract award. Prior to working for the state and within the offshore industry, she conducted wind resource assessments for onshore wind farms at EDF Renewables. Her main professional passions are studying climate policies, environmental justice, and diversifying the renewable energy workforce.



**Jonathan Pinque.** As the Program Director at ELLIS-Level Up program, Jonathan oversees the day-to-day of all programmatic operations that aim to augment the support and services that will lead to increased career exploration and readiness, graduation rates, and future leaders from underserved and underrepresented communities.



**Jordan Salinger.** Originally from Southern California, Jordan earned his undergraduate degree from Colorado College and Master's in Urban Planning from Columbia University. Before moving to New York, he worked at SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Urban Research), an urban policy think-tank. He then served as Chief of Staff to Assemblymember Robert Rodriguez where he focused on affordable housing and infrastructure. He currently leads the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency project as a Senior POLICY Advisor at the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice. This project will protect four neighborhoods through a variety of coastal protection strategies while simultaneously increasing access to and enhancing the waterfront experience.



**Joy Resor** is an urban planner who approaches planning with a person-focused perspective and currently manages a variety of projects across Queens as an Associate Borough Planner at the NYC Department of City Planning. She received her Master of Urban Planning degree from the University at Buffalo and Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from American University. Joy was a 2021 Forefront Fellow with the Urban Design Forum.



**Dr. Judith Green, Ph.D., AICP,** is Principal and President of GreenWoods Associates. Her professional specialties include strategic and comprehensive planning, collaborative public participation, neighborhood and community development, event planning, professional writing, public speaking, and meeting facilitation. In addition, Dr. Green is Professor of Philosophy and Urban Studies at Fordham University in Manhattan and the Bronx. Her teaching and writing specialties include ethics, democratic political economy, American pragmatism, philosophy of the city, and multicultural contemporary philosophy. She is the author of two books, *Deep Democracy: Community, Diversity, and Transformation*, and *Pragmatism and Social Hope: Deepening Democracy in Global Contexts*, as well as editor of two interdisciplinary collections of essays on related topics. Her latest "big book," *Pragmatist Political Economy: Deep Democracy, Economic Justice, Positive Peace*, is forthcoming in 2023. With David Woods, Ph.D., FAICP, Dr. Green is currently working on a collection of their essays on planning ethics, *Planning for the Common Good: A Pragmatist Theory and Practice of Holistic Planning for a Livable, Equitable, and Sustainable Future*.



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**Lincoln Restler** was born in the 33rd Council District he serves, raised in Brooklyn Heights attending neighborhood schools. He attended Brown University. He now resides in Greenpoint with his partner. Lincoln has dedicated his life to public service and New Yorkers often overlooked by elected officials. He designed and implemented programs such as IDNYC-providing the first U.S. government issued photo identification for many of NYC's undocumented residents. He negotiated the creation of safe, affordable bank accounts to benefit thousands of "unbanked" New Yorkers. He served as Executive Director of the NYC Employment and Training Coalition comprised of community-based organizations, union training funds and community colleges that provided job training and placement services to hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers annually.



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**Matt Cunningham, AICP**, is a Lead Transportation Planner with WSP, with prior experience as a transportation planner in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. He is primarily focused on transit and multi-modal planning, ranging in scale from corridors and neighborhoods to cities and metropolitan regions. Matt has worked on projects addressing topics such as bus/BRT planning in urban and suburban contexts, neighborhood mobility needs, and transit-oriented development. Through these projects and others, he has developed a deep appreciation of how sustainable and equitable transportation plays a key role in the vibrancy and resiliency of our communities.



**Michael Blaise Backer** recently completed his over 8-year tenure as Deputy Commissioner of Neighborhood Development at the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and is now an independent consultant. At SBS, Blaise oversaw citywide nonprofit capacity building, neighborhood planning, grant investments in low- and moderate-income communities, and the formation, support, and oversight of NYC's Business Improvement Districts. Blaise and his team partnered with over 100 community organizations to foster and maintain vibrant neighborhood commercial districts and public spaces, and expanded nonprofit grantmaking to support these community-led efforts. Before joining SBS, Blaise was the Executive Director of the Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn Partnership for 10 years. The Partnership, comprised of the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project LDC and the Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn BID, oversees the economic revitalization of the 20+ mixed-use blocks in Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, and Wallabout. Prior to working in the nonprofit field, Blaise was an information technology consultant. Blaise holds a Masters in Urban Planning from NYU Wagner and a B.S. in Commerce from the University of Virginia.



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**Yadiel J Rivera-Diaz, ASLA, PLA**, joined Marvel in 2017 to lead its landscape architecture studio, where he has been managing various landscape and open space master plans projects. Through his experience as a multidisciplinary designer, he has developed an interest for negotiating the intersection between interior and exterior, the natural and urban. He recently was the project manager in charge of the design and construction oversight of the first ever open streetscape and park along the Las Vegas Strip, bringing back native desert vegetation and local nobles materials. He currently manages several waterfront, playground, cultural, and streetscapes project. He has also led teams of designers and consultants through the design of public parks in San Jose; for the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento; and for Pier 57 Sky-Park and Waterfront Promenade along the Hudson River.