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META BRUNZEMA Architecture and Urban Design

Meta Brunzema is an architect and urban designer committed to collaborative projects that further sustainability, equity, and design justice.

For more than 30 years, Meta has designed carefully crafted buildings, renovations, and public spaces. She is known for regenerative, healthy, and resource-efficient environments that prioritize natural and circular low-carbon materials, natural ventilation, and passive solar strategies.

Her public work includes education and sports facilities, piers, parks, and promenades. She specializes in the design and permitting of innovative in-ground and floating swimming facilities, including the flow-through River Pool in Beacon, NY.

Meta's urban design projects include the Special Lower East Side and Chinatown Waterfront District in Manhattan, and the South End Neighborhood Plan for the City of Stamford, Connecticut. Her architectural work includes a sustainable office renovation for GOLES (Good Old Lower East Side) in Manhattan.

Currently, she is working with the Ravenswood Community Land Trust in Queens on a development that is grounded in economic democracy and shared ownership.

Meta is on the faculty at Pratt Institute where she teaches architectural design and history/theory. She leads Pratt Institute's Decarbonization Group which focuses on bio-based materials and prefabricated mass-timber construction systems.

She is a former member of Manhattan Community Board #4 and a founding director of the Friends of Hudson River Park. Meta holds a Master of Architecture from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Environmental Design Science from Dalhousie University in Canada. She is a Registered Architect with a LEED AP certification.