



MARGARET E. SEIP

Community Planning and Development Consultant

Margaret (Peg) Seip is an urban planner specializing in community-based development through participatory strategies. She has worked to build parks and playgrounds, affordable housing, and comprehensive neighborhood service networks, providing technical support as well as direct project management. From community involvement and fundraising through design and construction, she has helped to build the capacity of young people and community residents, grassroots and non-profit organizations to identify, articulate, and implement their plans

EXPERIENCE

Habitat for Humanity, NYC

Stakeholder outreach and community engagement for development of affordable senior housing with services and open space.

Affordable Housing Alliance Eatontown, NJ

Strategic and program planning; community surveying and design workshops for infill housing construction; focus group and task force development; policy analysis to support preservation of mobile home parks as affordable housing.

Trust for Public Land Newark, NJ

Project management for renovation and construction of public parks and school playgrounds including community engagement, participatory design, grants administration & construction management.

NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)

University Avenue Housing Comprehensive Planning Study: Community workshops; needs analysis; neighborhood services plan

We Stay/Nos Quedamos Inc.

Strategic planning, program development and fundraising

Highbridge Community HDFC

Planning and development of comprehensive services network to support neighborhood revitalization and renovation of 23 vacant buildings to create 700 units of affordable housing.

EXPERIENCE

Design Trust for Public Space

Housing & Open Space for Bronx Community District #3
Research, needs analysis, planning and community design charettes

Bronx Health Plan

Parkchester Family Health Center
Project management

Central Park Conservancy

“Designing a Greener City”
Curriculum development for design education program

Regional Plan Association

Research and focus group on affordable housing for Third Regional Plan.

EDUCATION

M.S. Urban Planning, Columbia University
B.A., Rutgers University

CERTIFICATION & LICENSING

American Institute of Certified Planners
NJ Board of Professional Planners
HURRIPLAN Resilient Building Design for Coastal Communities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association

PUBLICATIONS

Achieving A Balance: Housing and Open Space in Bronx Community District 3 with Jocelyne Chait and Petr Stand
Design Trust for Public Space, 2000

“Are We Prepared to Participate?” with Jocelyne Chait
Places, A Forum of Environmental Design, Vol. 12, No. 2, Winter 1999

Coordination & Engagement: Community Based Planning in the Resettlement of Homeless Families
Edna McConell Clark Foundation, 1991

Women’s Perspectives on Community Development: Housing to Meet Community Need (contributor)
New York Women’s Housing Coalition, 1990

The Activities & Accomplishments of New York City’s Community Development Corporations, Principal Analyst
New Ventures, Inc., 1988

**Projects based in NYC unless otherwise noted*