



## October **COTE-NY NOTES** News on the Environment

### editor's note

In an effort to streamline communication with the membership, we will be producing a monthly newsletter that will include all AIA COTE events as well as other lectures / events of interest to the committee and local environmental news. You are encouraged to contact us about items for inclusion in the newsletter. **Submission deadline will be one week before end of each month.**

### aia cote ny events

#### Harvard Green Campus

**Date:** Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Location:** Hafele, 25 East 26th Street @ Madison Ave  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members, 1.5 HSW units  
**Registration:** [rsvp@aiany.org](mailto:rsvp@aiany.org) or 212.358.6111

**Speakers:** Leith Sharp, the Director of Harvard's Green Campus Initiative;  
Abby Suckle, FAIA

**Description:** Harvard has 5 years of experience implementing LEED in 12 diverse building projects. With careful attention paid to the process of learning from each and every project, Harvard is now starting to achieve LEED Silver, Gold and even Platinum certification with minimal or no added capital cost and substantial projected life cycle cost savings. The only way that such projects have succeeded is through a combination of leadership, steadfast commitment and perhaps most importantly, a rigorously managed process of integrated design, ongoing accountability, education, in time research and strategic utilization of the lessons and resources derived from past projects. This presentation will provide a succinct overview of what the Harvard team has learned and how it has impacted the design of their current projects.

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#### Lars Danielsson - Ecological building in Sweden

**Date:** Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Location:** Lecture hall, Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members, 1.5 HSW units  
**Registration:** [rsvp@aiany.org](mailto:rsvp@aiany.org) or 212.358.6111

**Speakers:** Lars Danielsson, Architect

**Description:** The lecture will question to what extent the pioneers of "Organic Architecture" can teach us about ecological building for a sustainable future. It will give a brief account of current ecological building experiments in Sweden such as a residential settlement in Gothenburg with no conventional central heating device. Mr. Danielsson will discuss the current developments on ecological building in Sweden including, basic research and experiments on alternative technologies in heating, sewage systems, ventilation, and materials.

In closing, the Vidar Clinic, an anthropomorphic hospital in Jarna south of Stockholm will be shown as an example of "Organic Architecture", with careful consideration for the environment.

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## SAVE THE DATE: Green Holiday Party – December 12th

Join your fellow environmental colleagues for this joint 5th annual holiday party. More information to follow.

### other green events

#### 2006 Green Buildings Open House Bus Tour

**Date:** Saturday, 7 October, 2006  
**Location:** various locations around Manhattan and Brooklyn  
**Fee:** bus tour - \$35.00, includes lunch and transit; walking tour \$20  
**Registration:** <http://www.greenhomenyc.org/>

**Description:** Our annual Green Buildings Open House is scheduled for October 7, 2006. This year, we are offering four walking tours in addition to the main bus tour.

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#### Green Apple Cycling Tours

**Date:** Sunday October 8, 2006, 10:00 am for families, 2:00 pm for adults  
**Location:** meet at Temperance Monument in Tompkins Sq. Park, near Avenue A & 9th St.  
**Registration:** Please RSVP to [apple@greenmap.org](mailto:apple@greenmap.org) or call (212)674-1631.

**Description:** Green Map invites you to see sustainability and historical sites in the East Village and Lower East Side! Explore the Garden District, greenways and riversides, composting, solar power and green buildings, with special guest speakers.

Each ride is 2.5 hours long. Starts and ends at the Temperance Monument in Tompkins Square Park, near Avenue A and 9th Street. 14 and under must wear a helmet. 25 people maximum per tour. Easy riding. Event will be cancelled in case of rain.

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#### Green Drinks – October

**Date:** Tuesday, October 10, 2006, 6:00pm- 10:00pm  
**Location:** EAR to the EARTH at 3LD Gallery / Art Center, 80 Greenwich Street @ Rector, about 5 minutes walk from the World Financial Center. Look for a glass facade to the right of the entrance to the Battery Parking Garage.  
**Fee:** \$5 suggested donation  
**Registration:** for more information: <http://www.green-links.org/weblog/greendrinks.php>

**Description:** Green Drinks NYC is a lively group of people who work in the areas of: architecture, energy, film, finance, writing, publishing, fundraising, graphic design, sustainability in business, eco-materials, interior design, fashion design, law as well as folks in the non-profit and for-profit world.

If you like to be social and learn more about what other green folks are doing in the city, come on down! We are an informal, networking group with an average attendance of around 110 people. Contact Margaret Lydecker at: [nyc@green-links.org](mailto:nyc@green-links.org) to confirm your attendance and get on the reminder list for future sessions in Manhattan. This event is open to everyone.

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#### LEED CI Green Building Tour: Offices of Dagher Engineering

**Date:** Thursday, October 12, 2006  
**Location:** 29 Broadway, suite 2310  
**Fee:** Free for chapter members. \$15 for non-members  
**Registration:** <http://chapters.usgbc.org/newyork/events.html>

**Description:** Join the USGBC-NY chapter as we tour this building and hear a presentation from Elias Dagher. Seats are limited. First come, first serve.

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## **NATURE NOW: The Urban Park as Cultural Catalyst**

**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2006, 10:30am-5:00pm  
**Location:** Wood Auditorium, Avery Hall, Columbia GSAPP, New York City,  
#1 Subway to 116th St  
**Fee:** Event is free and open to the public - no registration required

**Sponsors:** The Columbia Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation, the Van Alen Institute, and the National Parks Conservation Association. Underwritten by The Tiffany & Co Foundation.

**Description:** A symposium on the role of urban parks in imagining new relationships, cultures, and habitats. Scientists, geographers, designers, historians, and park managers convene at Columbia University's GSAPP to discuss the current state of New York's urban landscape and the potentials and challenges of Gateway National Recreation Area. Speakers will address the nature of New York City, the evolution of the National Park Service, and the converging fields of design, science, technology, and art to engage new realities and to drive landscape change.

**Participants:** Daniel Botkin, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Santa Barbara, author of No Man's Garden: Thoreau and a New Vision for Civilization and Nature  
Ethan Carr, Historian, U Mass Amherst, author of Wilderness by Design  
Matthew Gandy, Geographer, University College London, author of Concrete and Clay: Reworking Nature in New York City  
Glenn Allen, Landscape Architect, Hargreaves Associates, Crissy Field  
Billy Garrett, Deputy Superintendent, Gateway National Recreation Area, NY  
Rolf Diamont, Superintendent, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, VT  
Anuradha Mathur, Landscape Architect, University of Pennsylvania, author of Mississippi Floods: Designing a Shifting Landscape  
Kate Orff, Landscape Architect, Assistant Professor of Architecture and Urban Design, Columbia GSAPP  
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## **LEED CI Green Building Tour: Offices of Cook + Fox Architects, LEED CI Platinum**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 3:00 – 4:30pm  
**Location:** 641 Avenue of the Americas (between 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Streets), 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
**Fee:** Free for chapter members. \$15 for non-members.  
**Registration:** <http://chapters.usgbc.org/newyork/events.html>

**Description:** As described by the architects: When Cook+Fox Architects outgrew its location in Cooper Square, we knew our next office space would need to define the firm and convey our vision for the future. Guided by a passion for design excellence and a serious commitment to sustainability, we wanted to create the best possible work environment? One that would inspire our people to produce their best work. Accomplishing this would mean preserving the spirit of the firm while challenging ourselves to "walk the walk" of green design that we advocate to all our clients.

Please join USGBC-NY as we tour this LEED CI building and see a presentation from Cook + Fox representatives. Seats are limited. First come, first serve.

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## GreenHomeNYC - Monthly Green Building Forum – HVAC Systems

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct 18, 2006, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** TBD  
**Fee:** free  
**Registration:** <http://www.greenhomenyc.org>

**Description:** October forum - Energy Efficient HVAC Systems: Preparing for Winter. Our monthly forums feature presentations by green building practitioners followed by discussion. The events are always free and open to the general public. Please RSVP by email to: [rsvp@GreenHomeNYC.org](mailto:rsvp@GreenHomeNYC.org).

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## USGBC-NY Presentation and Networking Event: High-Performance “Green” Buildings and the Capital Markets

**Date:** Thursday, October 19, 2006. 6 PM to 8 PM  
**Location:** Smith Barney, 345 Park Ave, 21st Floor  
**Fee:** see website  
**Registration:** <http://chapters.usgbc.org/newyork/events.html>

**Description:** Investment Impacts, Practical Applications and the Development of a Green Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)" Speakers Bruce M. Kahn of Smith Barney and Marc Brammer with Innovest.

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## Haworth Hosts - USGBC-NY "Master Class" presentations: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly - A quarter century of environmentally focused design

**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2006. Noon to 1:30 PM  
**Location:** Haworth Offices, 625 Avenue of the Americas, 4th floor, NYC, NY  
**Fee:** see website  
**Panelists:** Mahadev Raman - Arup, Leader of Arup's Building Engineering Group  
**Registration:** <http://chapters.usgbc.org/newyork/events.html>

**Description:** During the talk Mahadev Raman will chart his career experiences with sustainable design, provide some insights on what works and what doesn't and look at some future trends and potential developments.  
Registration details to come. Limited Seating.

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### Other green news

## Green Build Conference

**Date:** November 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Early Registration ends September 15th  
**Location:** Denver, Colorado

**Registration:** Web site: <http://www.greenbuildexpo.org>

**Description:** The Greenbuild International Conference & Expo brings the industry together under one roof. Three days of extensive educational programming, workshops, a vast exhibition floor and ample networking events give you unrivaled opportunities to learn about the latest innovations, exchange ideas and develop new business relationships.

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## USGBC-NY Chapter Executive Director Search

This November, at the end of her commitment to manage the NY Chapter of the USGC, our current Executive Director, Sally Siddiqi, will be moving on to new opportunities. Sally was brought on board to create the new Executive Director position and has been very instrumental in helping the NY Chapter of the USGBC get off the ground. We will miss her greatly.

The Board is now looking for an energetic, committed individual to help the New York Chapter's in its mission of promoting green and high performance building in the greater New York City area. An excellent opportunity awaits a qualified individual.

Candidates must be entrepreneurial in spirit and be interested and able to serve in both a project management and a planning/management capacity, helping to implement specific projects as well as to make recommendations for projects and policies that will help the Board accomplish the mission of the chapter.

The general areas in which the Executive Director will work to meet our needs are:

- Strategic Planning, Advocacy & Public Relations, Fundraising & Financial Controls, Assisting Volunteer Committees, General Administration

At a minimum, potential candidates must have excellent project management, communication and administrative skills and demonstrated knowledge of USGBC and the green building industry.

Preference will be given to those candidates possessing experience in the green/high performance/sustainable building industry; experience in public speaking and public relations; an engineering, architectural or related building degree; experience in the not-for-profit sector; and LEED professional accreditation.

This position represents a unique opportunity to the selected candidate to advance his/her career while promoting and instigating positive environmental benefits in the greater New York City area. We envision this role will evolve into that of a Chief Executive/President position with corresponding challenges, responsibilities and rewards.

Interested candidates should forward a detailed resume to Russell Unger of the NY Board of Directors at [ed.nyusgbc@gmail.com](mailto:ed.nyusgbc@gmail.com) by October 31, addressing each of the requirements and valued skills discussed above as well as salary expectations. USGBC NY is an equal opportunities employer.

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