

# An Urban Omnibus-Eye-View of New York City

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A series for Open House New York Weekend, guest curated by Urban Omnibus, that explores enduring social and spatial questions in NYC through places and projects we've featured over our 15-year publishing history.





In 2024, Urban Omnibus, The Architectural League's publication dedicated to observing, understanding, and shaping New York City, celebrates 15 years of raising new questions, illuminating diverse perspectives, and documenting creative projects to advance the collective work of citymaking.

Since our founding in 2009, we've explored more than 1,000 sites across NYC through articles, interviews, and visual essays. For OHNY Weekend, we're highlighting some of the places and projects we've covered over the years, from microsites to megaprojects across all five boroughs.

Tours with Urban Omnibus contributors and other guides deeply engaged in the collective work of citymaking will explore enduring social and spatial questions: How do we create inclusive public spaces? Ensure environmental justice? Build affordable housing? Address the climate crisis? Navigate gentrification?

Alongside activists, architects, planners, advocates, writers, stewards, and spiritual leaders, we invite you to look closely at the city we live in and imagine the city we want to see.



**34th Avenue Open Street  
with Jim Burke**

Jackson Heights, Queens (Ticketed)

★ How has New York City's most successful Open Street program affected residents' lives? ★



**American Indian Community  
House**

Midtown, Manhattan (Open Access)

★ How has this vital sanctuary sustained the city's Indigenous communities in its 10 homes over more than 50 years? ★



**Atlantic Yards  
with Norman Oder**

Park Slope, Brooklyn (Ticketed)

★ More than 20 years on, will Atlantic Yards ever deliver on its commitments? ★



**Bronx River Foodway**

Hunts Point, Bronx (Open Access)

★ How can we make connections with land and nature in the middle of the city? ★



**The Bushwick Starr with  
Noel Allain and Sue Kessler**

Bushwick, Brooklyn (Open Access)

★ How can a theater welcome disabled artists and audiences and a wide artistic community? ★



**Creating a Better  
Public Bathroom System  
with Julie Chou**

Upper West Side, Manhattan  
(Ticketed)

★ Why aren't there more places to pee in New York City? ★



**Freshkills Park Nature Walk**

Travis, Staten Island (Ticketed)

★ What can we see in Freshkills' slow transformation from monumental landfill to emergent landscape? ★



**Kingsland Wildflowers  
Green Roofs**

Greenpoint, Brooklyn (Open Access)

★ What does it look like for a neighborhood to be made whole after decades, if not centuries, of environmental indignities? ★



**Playground for All Children with Verona Carpenter Architects**

Flushing Meadows, Queens (Ticketed)

★ Why aren't all playgrounds for all children? ★



**Super Sidewalk at 9th Avenue with CHEKPEDS**

Hell's Kitchen, Manhattan (Ticketed)

★ How can new streetscapes promote pedestrian safety and mobility? ★



**Michael Sorkin Reading Room at the Spitzer School of Architecture CCNY with Elisabetta Terragni**

Harlem, Manhattan (Ticketed)

★ How will a beloved architect, writer, and educator's idiosyncratic library inspire new generations of designers and critics? ★



**Walking the Cross Bronx**

Mount Eden, Bronx (Ticketed)

★ What will it take to reimagine the Cross Bronx corridor and repair the damage the Expressway is done? ★



**St James Church, Fordham with Dattner Architects, Bricks and Mortals, and St James Church staff**

Kingsbridge, Bronx (Ticketed)

★ How can affordable housing and houses of worship sustain each other? ★



**Street Lab Office and Warehouse**

Columbia Waterfront District, Brooklyn (Open Access)

★ How can pop-up installations make a lasting impact on public spaces? ★



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