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Building Reuse for Climate Action: A New AIA Practice Guide

Sustainable design strategies for building reuse

About half of the U.S. building stock is over 40 years old and an estimated 28% of global emissions come from the fuel and electricity consumed by existing buildings. Simply put, there is no path to zero emissions without zeroing out emissions from America's 325 billion square feet of existing buildings.

Today's Buildings for Tomorrow: Guide to Building Reuse for Climate Action is a resource for architects engaged in renovating and adapting existing buildings to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Its primary goal is to equip architects with the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions that promote sustainability and resilience while minimizing costs.

Use this guide to:

- Learn the right questions architects should consider when approaching and designing a project
- Identify valuable resources to help with site planning, building systems, sustainable materials, and more
- Understand seven real-world case studies that illustrate practical strategies for climate action



[Download the
Guide to Building
Reuse for
Climate Action](#)

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DNREC Launches Online Flood Planning Tool

I-ADAPT Helps Residents Identify Strategies to Prepare For Flooding

Delaware residents can now take advantage of a new web-based tool designed to help them identify steps they can take to protect their property from flood damage.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy and Division of Watershed Stewardship have launched I-ADAPT, the Individual Adaptation Decision and Planning Tool, to help Delawareans become more resilient to climate hazards, particularly flooding.

"Flooding is not something that impacts only our coastal communities," said DNREC Secretary Shawn M. Garvin. "Climate change is bringing more frequent and intense storms that result in flooding in our urban and inland communities. I-ADAPT can help identify ways that residents can prepare their homes and businesses before flooding occurs."

[Read full announcement >](#)



SMALL FIRM EXCHANGE

AI for Small Firms

The Small Firm Exchange State Representatives recently learned about how to leverage small firm's technology and creativity using AI (for renderings and presentations to clients).

The AI Age

William Martin, AIA and Brian Penschow, AIA both of AIA New Jersey are on a mission to get small architecture firms on board the Artificial Intelligence (AI) train. Their motivation for speaking to architects is profound: the best way to move the profession forward is to extract a seemingly complex concept in a way that small firm practitioners can immediately start to understand and apply.

When a new technology seems complicated, it's hard justifying taking time away from practical concerns to explore it. For many, AI has an added fear. Will this make designers irrelevant? What does it do to the value of creativity and design? William and Brian are dedicated to making sure that architects understand the value and limitations of AI and are not left scrambling to incorporate it after it becomes ingrained in our culture.

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- Watch the video [AI Image Generation for Architects](#)
- Download the [one-page summary and resources](#)
- Contact [Will Hurd, AIA](#), Delaware's SFx Representative

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MEMBER NEWS

Breckstone Architecture is now part of The Martin Architectural Group, PC.



Breckstone Architecture

A decades-long stalwart architectural and engineering firm in the Wilmington, Delaware architectural community – is now part of The Martin Architectural Group, expanding their ability to serve existing clients and provide additional services to the local and regional market.

Breckstone Architecture brings historic preservation, industrial, and specialty consulting experience to the team's capabilities.

"We are excited to announce that Breckstone Architecture has become a studio of The Martin Architectural Group (TMAG), a 34-person land planning and architectural firm based in Philadelphia with satellite offices in New Britain, CT, Baltimore MD, and Coconut Creek, FL.

As we integrate with TMAG, we will maintain and augment their current capabilities in Delaware. While both firms have significant overlaps with residential and commercial projects, we bring the ability to add our historic preservation, industrial, and specialty consulting experience to the team's capabilities." Todd Breck - Breckstone Architecture

The Martin Architectural Group

Established in 1967, The Martin Architectural Group's rise to success was initiated by a desire to plan, design, document and deliver the highest quality professional services to the private sector real estate and development industry. Our commitment to client service and design excellence has always remained strong. Through the years, the firm has cultivated a diverse and accomplished portfolio of single and multi-family homes, age-restricted communities, retail and office designs, mixed-use and transit-oriented developments, mall re-positioning, and sustainable projects.

"We are very excited and proud to have the local Wilmington DE team at Breckstone join our growing family of architects and land planners at Martin. We are anticipating great things to come for all as we serve existing and new clients throughout the region."

Drew Romanic - The Martin Architectural Group

Davis, Bowen & Friedel Announces New Leadership as Three Employees Rise to Associate Positions



Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. (DBF) is pleased to announce that **Chad S. Warren, PE, Christopher M. Daube, PE, and Payton L. Bridge, AIA, NCARB** have been appointed as associates of the firm. This promotion reflects the company's commitment to recognizing and nurturing talent from within its ranks.

DBF's newly appointed associates have each demonstrated

exceptional dedication, expertise, and a deep understanding of the firm's values and vision for the future. With their proven track record of excellence, they are poised to play integral roles in driving the firm's continued success.

Joining the firm in 2014, **Senior Civil Engineer Chad Warren's** work includes various commercial and residential projects across the Delmarva Peninsula, providing services ranging from project management, stormwater management, grading plans, and construction administration to preliminary engineering, project permitting, and land planning.

Senior Structural Engineer Christopher Daube, has served as the lead structural engineer for the expansion and renovation of Mardela Middle and High School in Wicomico County, as well as the Talbot County Free Library in St. Michaels.

Payton Bridge, a Senior Architect in DBF's office in Salisbury, Maryland, has also earned associate status, leading numerous high-profile projects. These projects include the Perdue Henson Junior Achievement Center in Salisbury, the Atlantic Crown Hotel and the up-and-coming Rehoboth Beach Patrol Building in Delaware. In addition, Mr. Bridge is currently working on major capital renovations to the Talbot County Public Safety Complex in Easton. Mr. Bridge has elevated the firm's reputation and solidified himself as a leader and mentor within the firm.

In their new role as associates, these three employees will leverage their extensive experience and strategic insights to drive the firm's success as they tackle new challenges and deliver unparalleled value to their clients.

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., is a full-service architectural, engineering, and surveying firm with offices in Salisbury and Easton, Maryland, and Milford, Delaware. For additional information about DBF, visit www.dbfinc.com.



Introducing Sokolow Architects

Wilmington, DE

Sokolow Architects was founded to provide the best client service while sharing our gifts of expertise in architecture and design. We welcome each client and their unique vision with an open mind and readiness to listen as we guide them through the complex process of design and construction.

Aga Sokolow, AIA, NCARB, Principal, is a registered architect, with over 15 years of experience in a variety of project types. She graduated cum laude from Drexel University, and was a recipient of the Pearson Prize for best thesis. By then she had several years of experience as an apprentice in a boutique residential architectural studio in Philadelphia, and although she

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explored other paths later in her career, the passion for residential design remained the strongest.

The thoughtful making of spaces that her clients love is Aga's greatest joy. Being trusted to guide her clients through the process and bring their vision to life is a privilege and responsibility.

[Learn more about Sokolow Architects >](#)



President Biden appoints William Lenihan, AIA to the U.S. Fine Arts Commission

The Commission of Fine Arts is an independent federal agency charged with giving expert advice to the President, the Congress and the federal and District of Columbia governments on matters of design and aesthetics, as they affect the federal interest and preserve the dignity of the nation's capital. The Commission is composed of seven presidentially appointed experts in relevant disciplines including art, architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design.

The Commission reviews designs proposed for memorials, coins, medals, and new or renovated government buildings, as well as privately owned properties in certain areas of Washington under the Shipstead-Luce and Old Georgetown Acts. In addition, the Commission supports a variety of arts institutions in Washington, DC, through the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs (NCACA) program.

Through its unique work as the only federal commission dedicated to design review and aesthetic excellence, the Commission of Fine Arts serves the American people, international visitors, and those who live and work in the nation's capital, contributing to the beauty and dignity of this international symbol of American democracy.

Bill Lenihan, AIA, NCARB holds a Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture degrees from Norwich University and professional registrations in more than ten states. He is a Principal and Partner of Tevebaugh Architecture with offices in Philadelphia, PA and Wilmington, DE. Lenihan's extensive experience in architecture, planning, and design includes prominent institutional, cultural, and historic preservation projects including Ammi B. Young-designed 1855 historic Custom House, Schwartz Center for the Arts, State of Delaware Family Courthouses and Family Justice Centers, University of Delaware College of Health Sciences, Brandywine Conservancy Museum of Art, First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, and several regional Transit Centers on the Northeast Corridor.

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Welcome New Members!

- Noah B. Blanch, Associate AIA
- Jacob A. Carisch, Associate AIA
- Corey Davis, Associate AIA
- Tyelor Farmer, Associate AIA
- Andrei Konsen, Associate AIA
- James R. Long, Associate AIA
- Garrett Marini, AIA
- Daniel Quaintance, AIA
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- Christopher Tobin, Associate AIA

Join the AIA Member Community

AIA is the largest, most influential network of architecture professionals—a community of 98,000+ members who share your passion for design and your desire to change the world.

When you join AIA, you're joining our community—and so much more. Membership connects you around key practice areas so you can share knowledge, partner on solutions, and learn from experts and creative thinkers.

It connects you to your local architecture community through your chapter, which hosts virtual events, conferences, awards programs, and volunteer opportunities.

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Three rules for empowering early-career architects and professionals

The early years of licensure present myriad opportunities to explore different career facets. Explore the ways AIA's Young Architects Forum helps early career architects progress.

By Gabriella Bermea, AIA, NCARB, NOMA

Achieving an architectural license is a significant milestone, marking the continuation of a journey filled with accomplishments and growth. As an architect stands at this pivotal point in their career, the first one to 10 years of licensure emerge as a critical period to foster growth and specialize in a chosen field. It is a phase not only for accumulating experience but also for embracing continuous learning, professional development, and the invaluable support of mentorship.

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Celebrating early-career architects: AIA Puerto Rico's 2023 Scholars of the Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program with the Executive and Advisory Committee members.

Welcome Back to NCARB!

For a limited time, NCARB is waiving reactivation fees for anyone who has let their NCARB Record and/or Certificate lapse, as well as the application fee for the NCARB Certificate. Inactive Certificate or Record holders will only need to pay the renewal fee to reestablish their account, saving up to \$1,235 in reactivation fees.

From May 1 – June 30, 2023, architects can reactivate their NCARB Record/Certificate for just \$250, and licensure candidates can reactivate their NCARB Record for just \$85.

These groups are able to take advantage of this opportunity:

- Architects who have let their NCARB Certificate lapse
- Architects with an inactive NCARB Record who have never held an NCARB Certificate
- Licensure candidates with an inactive NCARB Record

More information can be found here on the NCARB website:

<https://www.ncarb.org/welcome-back-to-ncarb>

For questions, please reach out to Council Relations at council-relations@ncarb.org.



AXP Update: Download the New AXP Guidelines

We recently made some changes to the *Architectural Experience Program (AXP) Guidelines*. **There are no programmatic or policy changes**—the requirements for completing the AXP remain the same. The updates primarily focus on clarifications and formatting enhancements to improve the document's usability.

Some changes you'll find in the updated *Guidelines* are:

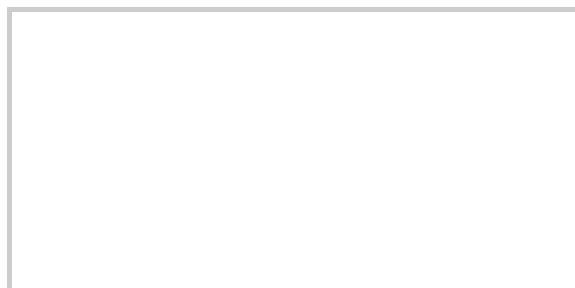
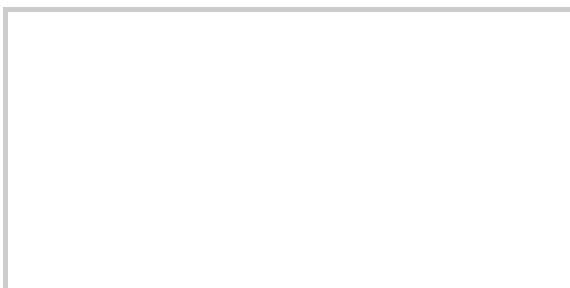
- The addition of notes throughout to clarify potential areas of confusion around current rules
- Edits to the setting O chart to clarify employment status and supervisor requirements
- Clarifying edits to the AXP Portfolio instructions
- New, more accessible layout

No updates have been made to program requirements, including AXP experience areas or tasks. These updates aim to make the *AXP Guidelines* clearer and more user-friendly without altering any policies or requirements.

[Download the latest version of the document](#) to learn more. Questions? [Contact us](#).



Our Partners





AZEK Adds New Member to Team

AZEK is happy to announce their newest addition to the team TJ Toman. TJ has moved into the Market Development Manager role covering Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC and Central Pennsylvania. He will have a focus on the exterior side of the business to include trim, decking as cladding as well as AZEK siding including the launch of the new bevel siding.

TJ relocated back to the East Coast after spending the last 8 years working in the building industry in Colorado. He has a passion for the building industry and promoting better building practices. TJ is a Certified Passive House Tradesman with a strong background with onsite installation and troubleshooting (he has a lot of EJs under his belt from the years of long lead times).

TJ is excited to get into the market and looking forward to becoming an asset to anyone from the architect level down to the DIY homeowner. He will also be more than happy to chat about passive house builds or even geek out over windows.

TJ TOMAN, CPHT
Market Development Manager
Lower Mid Atlantic



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G. Fedale Roofing and Siding

Weather Resistant Roofing and Siding

In the realm of architectural design, selecting the right materials is pivotal to crafting structures that not only stand the test of time but also endure the unpredictable forces of nature. Weather-resistant roofing and siding materials play a crucial role in fortifying buildings against the elements while maintaining an aesthetic appeal. Let's delve into a selection of resilient roofing and siding options and explore their unique advantages and considerations.



As we create buildings that seamlessly blend functionality, durability, and design, the choice of roofing and siding materials becomes a pivotal consideration. Weather-resistant options offer a spectrum of advantages, from enduring strength to eco-friendly flexibility to timeless charm. In the dynamic world of architecture, where innovation meets tradition, the quest for the perfect combination of form and function finds its foundation in the selection of resilient and weather-resistant roofing and siding materials.

To discuss our products and services, please reach out to Glenn Fedale Sr. at glenn.fedalesr@gfedale.com or 302-287-0239.

Karins and Associates is now part of the Atwell Group of Companies, expanding surveying and engineering capabilities in the Mid-Atlantic

Atwell – a national consulting, engineering, and construction services firm – has acquired Karins and Associates, an engineering, surveying, and planning firm with locations in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

Operating in the Mid-Atlantic since 1973, Karins prides itself on serving a diverse group of clients with their more than 50 employees. The addition of Karins will expand Atwell's engineering and surveying services within land development, transportation, water resources, and public works throughout the region.

"The core values of Karins and Atwell are well-aligned," said Dev Sitaram, President of Karins. "We are focused on providing clients with the highest standards of quality and service. We look forward to working closely with our new teammates at Atwell, to expanding our capabilities, and providing improved services to our clients and new opportunities to our employees."

"We both have a client-centric approach, making the addition of Karins to Atwell a great fit," said Bill Anderson, Atwell's Senior Vice President of Real Estate and Land Development in the U.S. East. "By leveraging their decades of experience within the Mid-Atlantic, we'll be able to provide our clients with even more capabilities. We look forward to working with the Karins team to help our clients reach their goals."



Welcome James Grogan, Founder PanGro Development

James Grogan is the Founder and CEO of PanGro Development. With over 30 years of experience in design, engineering, woodworking, and more, James truly does it all. James is passionate about transforming and creating spaces and pieces into custom works of art. These one of a kind spaces and pieces reflect the style of the owner and are designed for the functionality of everyday life.

PanGro's Mission

We are a leading renovation contractor based in Wilmington since 2000 specializing in old home renovation. If you're looking for a reliable, trustworthy, and efficient renovation contractor to tackle your projects, then you've come to the right place. With a diverse portfolio, we have the experience to manage a variety of projects.



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Welcome Joanne Lyons of The Sanders Company Loewen Windows of Annapolis

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