



The Meneren Corporation

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Managing Director

Design and Construction

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- 36 years of initiating and managing large urban and infrastructure development and redevelopment projects
- Acclaimed Author, Speaker, Professor on Architecture and Urban Design
- Extensive professional experience dealing with federal, state and local government agencies, as well as government agencies in the developing world
- Extensive experience teaming with large private engineering and construction companies on projects worldwide

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MENEREN CORPORATION, Denver, Colorado

(2003-2009)

- Responsible for second stage conceptual plans for Grand Panama, a 2900-hectare environmentally friendly resort on the Panamanian Pacific coast. The plan includes hotel, marina, town center, four golf courses, horseback-riding trails and stables, beach facilities and multiple residential neighborhoods, 2009.
- Prepared schematic plans for the Quito, Ecuador Free Trade Zone at the new international airport. The plan maximized the net to gross ratio of income producing acreage while giving the project a sense of place using streets and trees, 2003.
- Currently working on a plan to preserve the rural roads of Martha's Vineyard. The plan is to reduce the carbon footprint, reduce road maintenance costs, encourage bicycling and preserve native species of flora and fauna along the island's roads, 2009.
- Developed successful public-park and development plan in collaboration with The Port Authority of New York for the City of Hoboken, 1992 to 2009.
- Developed plan to use market-rate housing profits to subsidize a 499-seat community theater in the Brooklyn Academy of Music Cultural District in New York, 2002 to 2004.
- Designed low-income housing prototypes and higher density garden-apartment neighborhoods for Columbus Urban Growth Corporation in Columbus, Ohio, 1996-2002.
- Prepared master plan for the reuse of the 400-acre Rockland Psychiatric Center in Orangetown, New York. The Town wished to understand the effects on schools, open space and the environment and quality of life of various options, 1998.
- Developed master plan for 178-acre Governors Island in the New York harbor under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The plan is for a self-sustaining community five minutes from Wall Street, 1997.
- Developed plan for the rezoning of Manhattan's Upper East Side avenues, which would encourage redevelopment while protecting smaller buildings on the adjoining side streets, 1994.

- Prepared critique of the proposed plans to partially fill the Saint Lawrence River on the waterfront of Montreal, then developed a cheaper solution, 1983.
- Authored a plan for relocating two miles of elevated urban highway on the New York City waterfront. Later served as Director of Urban Design, 1972 to 1985.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Chairman *The City Club of New York*, 2009.
- Board member of the *Historic Properties Fund* of New York City, 2009.
- Author of *Next Steps, Hard Choices*, a plan for Ground Zero, 2003.
- Author of *Architecture and the American Dream* 1996, a critically acclaimed analysis of the American pattern of building, 1996.
- Numerous lectures and articles on architecture and urban design, 1980 to 2009.
- Adjunct Professor of Planning, Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, New York University, 1988 to 2006.
- Former volunteer and staff member United States Peace Corps Philippines, 1966 to 1968.

EDUCATION

YALE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts, 1965

Master of Architecture, 1968