



EBC Climate Change Leadership Webinar Series – Part Seven Refurbishment of Langone Park & Puopolo Playground

Friday, August 7, 2020

AGENDA

- 12:00 p.m. **Welcome**
- Daniel K. Moon, Executive Director, Environmental Business Council
- Program Introduction and What You Will Learn**
- Eugene (Gene) Bolinger, RLA, Program Chair & Moderator
Principal-in-Charge, Weston & Sampson
- 12:15 p.m. **Refurbishment of Langone Park & Puopolo Playground**
- Cathy Baker-Eclipse, RLA, Project Manager
City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department
 - Brandon Kunkel, RLA, Team Leader, Weston & Sampson
 - Julie Eaton Ernst, P.E., Lead Resiliency Engineer, Weston & Sampson
- 12:50 p.m. **Questions from the Audience**
- Moderator:** Gene Bolinger, Weston & Sampson
- 1:30 p.m. **Adjourn – Closing Remarks – Daniel Moon**

PROGRAM CHAIR & MODERATOR

Eugene (Gene) Bolinger, Principal-in-Charge / Vice President
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Gene Bolinger joined Weston & Sampson in 1999 and he leads the Design Discipline, which includes 34 landscape architects and engineers charged with planning, designing, permitting, and overseeing the construction of park, open space, and water-based recreation improvements throughout the northeast. In addition to the subject project for today, Gene is co-leading the ongoing Boston Common Master Plan initiative, and Commonwealth Avenue Mall Restoration (Kenmore Square block), Malcolm X Park, and Cypress Street Playground projects in Boston and Brookline, respectively. Gene earned a BS in Environmental Design from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

SPEAKERS

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Cathy Baker-Eclipse is a registered landscape architect and project manager for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. She graduated with Honors from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture. Since joining the department in 2008 after 10 years in private practice, she has worked on a broad range of park types, from pocket playgrounds in Chinatown to master plans of 45 acre recreation facilities in Dorchester. She is currently managing projects to protect the waterfront from the effects of sea level rise, neighborhood playground replacements, and multiphase park renovations. She finds purpose in the work to improve the quality and access to open space for all residents.

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Julie Eaton Ernst is a licensed professional engineer and is the lead resiliency engineer at Weston & Sampson. For over a decade, her professional and academic ventures have focused on looking at climate change resiliency and adaptation from policy and design perspectives. She specializes in applying climate projections in civil design practices and translating conceptual adaptation strategies into feasible engineered solutions. Julie received a 2018 Ascending Leader Award from EBC for her work in climate resilience. She has Bachelor's degrees in Political Science (University of Rochester) and Civil Engineering (UMass Lowell), and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering (UMass Lowell).

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Brandon Kunkel is a registered landscape architect and Team Leader at Weston & Sampson. For nearly two decades, his professional endeavors have provided him the opportunity to work on complex, multi-disciplinary park, open space and urban design projects from coast to coast. Brandon has led all design, permitting and construction phase efforts for the Langone Park and Puopolo Playground project and he previously led similar efforts for the restoration of LoPresti Park, located on East Boston's waterfront. He has also led projects for K-12 and higher education campus and athletic facilities, mixed-use commercial developments, and urban realm streetscape enhancements. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island.

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AUGUST 2020

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