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One Architecture & Urbanism (ONE) is an award-winning design and planning firm with offices in Amsterdam and New York. Established in 1995, the firm is known for its unique approach in which financial, technical, and organizational issues are addressed and resolved through design.

ONE is a global leader in large-scale climate adaptation and waterfront infrastructure planning. Under the leadership of founding principal Matthijs Bouw, ONE has been instrumental in the development of complex, multi-actor planning processes in the US, Europe, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. In their studios, designers work with engineers, policymakers, and communities to shape joint narratives, develop strategies, and implement projects.

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ONE's body of architecture work is small but distinct. ONE's approach to architecture is akin to its urbanism: simple and open-ended designs that provide a framework for incidents of true originality. ONE's way of doing architecture has proven to be very effective in complex environments, such as areas of high density and historical significance, because of its conceptual flexibility and adaptability.



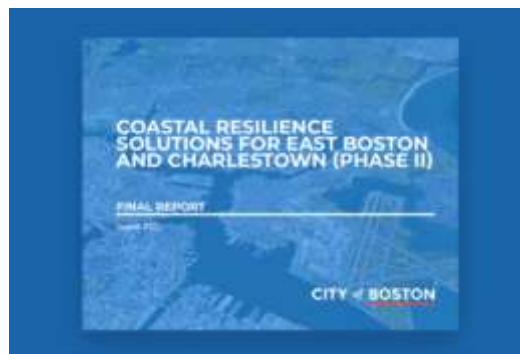
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In urbanism, ONE has learned how design can help simplify and smoothen complex puzzles, and, through that, to create space for others to engage in the city. ONE has extensive experience in designing the interrelationship between the city and its infrastructure, as well as the interrelationship between organizations, finances and territory. ONE is at the forefront of sustainable, resilient urbanism and smart city technology.



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Since 2016, ONE has assisted the City of Boston Environment Department in developing a series of district-level resilience plans & designs as part of the Climate Ready Boston program—among which is recently released Coastal Resilience Solutions for East Boston and Charlestown Phase II. [\[https://www.boston.gov/news/mayor-wu-announces-strategies-enhance-coastal-resilience-east-boston-and-charlestown\]](https://www.boston.gov/news/mayor-wu-announces-strategies-enhance-coastal-resilience-east-boston-and-charlestown)

ONE has been part of a team led by [Arcadis](https://www.arcadis.com/) and with [Sasaki](https://www.sasaki.com/) and developed the Phase II plan that proposes a comprehensive framework to understand coastal flood risk, options for coastal resilience solutions, and timelines for implementation for coastlines along the East Boston and Charlestown neighborhoods.

Prior to the just completed Phase II, ONE supported the development of [Coastal Resilience Solutions for East Boston and Charlestown Phase I](http://climate-ready-east-boston-and-charlestown), as well as [Climate Ready Downtown and North End](http://climate-ready-downtown-boston-northend), and the [Resilient Moakley Park Vision Plan](http://moakley-park-vision-plan) with our partners at [Stoss Landscape Urbanism](https://www.stoss.net/).

Learn more about the Climate Ready Boston initiative [here](https://bit.ly/3Ca7nyH).



Join ONE Associate Justine Shapiro-Kline for CALE session on Hurricane Maria recovery efforts and more

July 25, 2022

Join ONE's Justine Shapiro-Kline this Thursday in dialogue with Alejandra Castrodad-Rodríguez from [Resilient Power Puerto Rico](https://resilientpowerpr.org/) and Francisco Rodríguez-Fraticelli from [Coalición de Coaliciones Pro Personas Sin Hogar de Puerto Rico](https://coaliciondecoaliciones.org/?lang=en) on Hurricane Maria recovery efforts & future opportunities to build social equity, community livability & climate adaptation.

Find more information about the session and registration [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrcOChrTkoH9WoF55-q61gfnXYvbOcvolx).

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The first section of the East Side Coastal Resiliency project now complete

July 22, 2022

The first section of the [East Side Coastal Resiliency](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/escr/index.page) project is now complete with the reopening of the Asser Levy Playground, equipped with 320 feet of floodwall, a 79-foot-long sliding floodgate, resilient play structures, and flood protection systems integrated into the urban landscape.

The ESCR project is the first major urban resilience project of its kind in the US, providing coastal protection for 100,000+ residents of the East Village and Lower East Side via an integrated 2.4-mile system of elevated parklands, floodwalls, and movable flood gates.

In collaboration with [AKRF](https://www.akrf.com/), [MNLA](https://www.mnlandscape.com/), [Bjarke Ingels Group](https://big.dk/#projects), [Jacobs](https://www.jacobs.com/), and [Arcadis](https://www.arcadis.com/), ONE focused on the architectural design of the flood protection system and its integration with the city fabric.

Additionally, ONE has been working with Hazen and Sawyer on the installation of the two interceptor gates, leading the architectural design of the buildings which hold the equipment necessary to operate the underground gates.

Read more about the announcement [here](https://www1.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news/518-22/mayor-adams-first-section-east-side-coastal-resiliency-project-completed-asser-levy#0).



Book Release: Managing the Climate Crisis

July 13, 2022

[Island Press](https://islandpress.org/), co-authored by ONE's Matthijs Bouw and Jonathan Barnett (UPenn Weitzman School of Design), discusses a comprehensive look at actionable and practical measures to address

the seven major climate threats of our time.

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One Architecture & Urbanism's team and the tools used are specifically fit for the various disciplines that the office deals with. Our flexibility is suitable for a variation of scales, ranging from interior design to national planning, times, from the temporary to long-term visions, and expertise, from our core team to collaborations with other offices and advisors.



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Along with the articles written by others about our work, Matthijs Bouw regularly publishes articles on One Architecture's practice and ideas. In the list below you will find a number of downloadable articles by Matthijs Bouw, some of which are written together with former partners of the office or with others.

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From the late 1990's, One Architecture has consulted national governments, multinational companies, municipalities and private clients on a large variation of projects and scales around the globe.

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One Architecture and Urbanism is hiring architects and designers at all levels who are passionate about climate, sustainability, and public space.

Send a cover letter, resume, and work samples as one PDF to work@onearchitecture.nyc. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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Deventer (NAI/010 Uitgeverij) narrates the messy, compromised, human reality of architecture and planning through the checkered story of Matthijs Bouw and One Architecture's attempt to make a better future for an obsolete building that had been slated for demolition. Written by the American novelist, Matthew Stadler, it tells the true story of a cross-disciplinary team of planners, financiers, artists, and politicians —led by an architect— trying to rescue a beautiful but obsolete Catholic hospital in Deventer (St. Jozef Health Center [<https://onearchitecture.nl/one-work/one-architecture-2/#st-jozef>]), rather than sacrificing it to the calculations of the real estate market.

Buy a copy [<http://www.naibooksellers.nl/deventer-matthew-stadler.html>]



Drawing upon lessons learned from a decade of Building with Nature (BwN) across Europe and SouthEast Asia, EcoShape [<https://www.ecoshape.org/en/>] selected ONE to co-develop a research publication, *Building with Nature: Creating, implementing, and upscaling Nature-based Solutions* (NAI/010 Uitgeverij).

As a research compendium and call to action, this publication aims to capture and process knowledge of the different Building with Nature programs to communicate with a diverse audience, including decision-makers, professionals, scientists, and other interested groups.

Read more about the Building with Nature research here [https://onearchitecture.nl/one-work/one-urbanism-planning/#building-with-nature_creating-implementing-and-upscaling-nature-based-solutions].

Buy a copy [https://www.amazon.com/dp/946208582X/ref=nav_timeline_asin?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1]

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ONE and [Only If](https://www.only-if.com/) [https://www.only-if.com/] co-developed a design proposal [Triboro Corridor](https://onearchitecture.nl/one-work/one-urbanism-planning/#triboro-corridor) [https://onearchitecture.nl/one-work/one-urbanism-planning/#triboro-corridor] in 2017 as part of [Four Corridors](https://4c.rpa.org/) [https://4c.rpa.org/], a component of [Regional Plan Association](https://rpa.org/) [https://rpa.org/]'s Fourth Regional Plan (2017) and a special initiative launched by RPA to explore the future of four specific corridors in the New York metropolitan region.

The resulting publication, *Four Corridors: Design Initiative for RPA's Fourth Regional Plan* (Hatzé Cantz), examines the evolving role of design in the first three plans and presents the Fourth Regional Plan's design initiatives in depth.

[Buy a copy](https://www.hatjecantz.de/four-corridors-7509-1.html) [https://www.hatjecantz.de/four-corridors-7509-1.html]

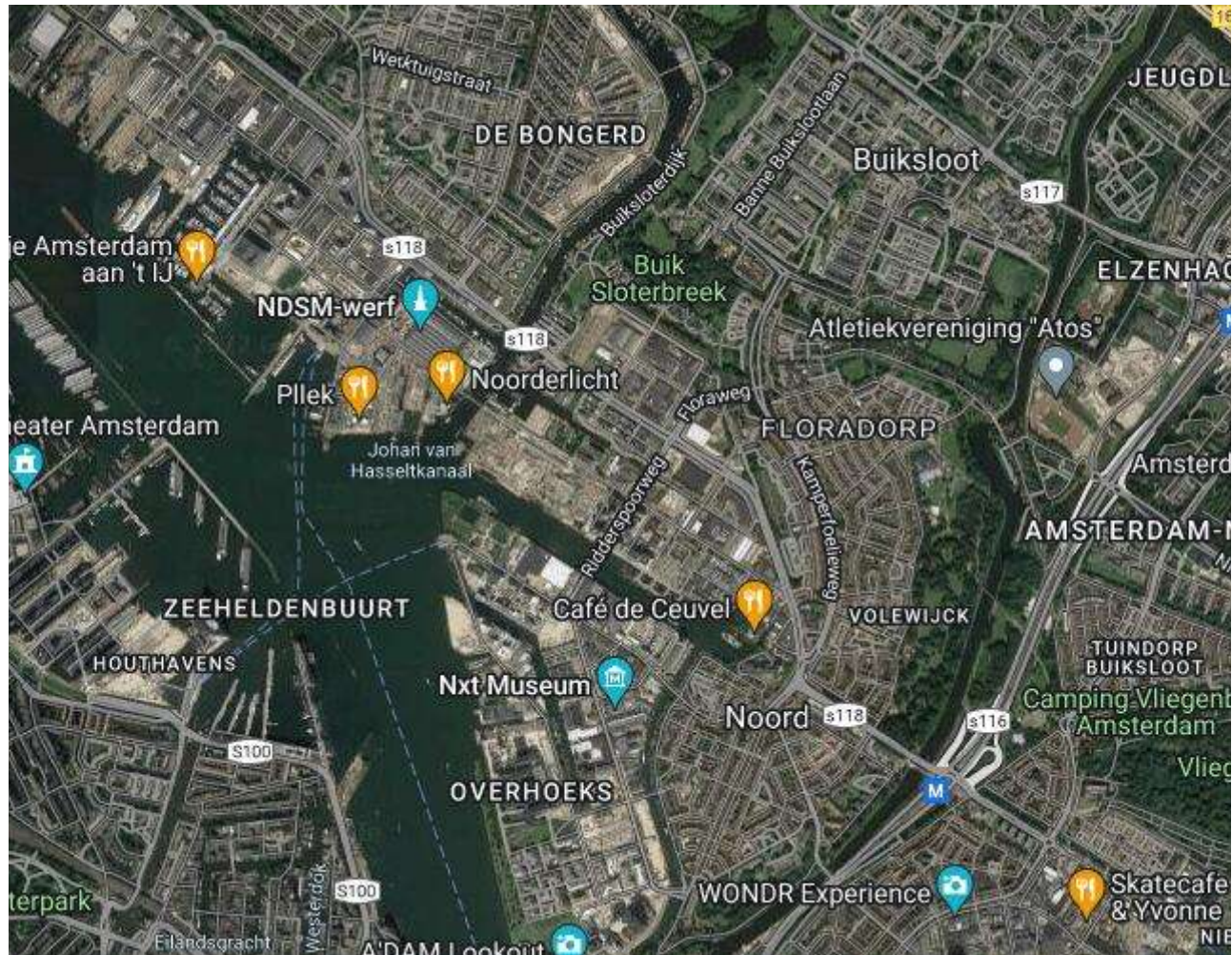


A Blueprint for Coastal Adaptation identifies a bold new research and policy agenda, providing inspirations for innovative and cross-disciplinary thinking about coastal policy as well as actionable, realistic policy and planning options for adaptation professionals and policymakers.

As one of the coastal adaptation experts contributed to this book, ONE founding principal Matthijs Bouw discusses lessons learned from ONE's practice designing for US coastal cities.

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