

TIMOTHY G. BOYLAND, A.I.A.  
**BIOGRAPHICAL NARRATIVE**



**Timothy Boyland, R.A., AIA**, is a licensed architect with more than thirty-eight (38) years of experience, spanning four decades of professional practice. His expertise includes resilient building design, historic preservation, adaptive reuse, community revitalization and private land development, facilities planning, regulatory codes analysis, and post-disaster response and recovery.

Mr. Boyland is a fifth-generation Staten Islander and partner of the firm, Vengoechea + Boyland Architecture/Urban Planning, LLP (V+B), located near the iconic Staten Island Ferry in St George. The partnership is a city-certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), founded on a commitment to community and environment-conscious design. V+B is recognized for the ability to deliver complex projects, navigating layers of regulatory hurdles, in particular in New York City. Mr. Boyland and the firm have secured approvals for projects encompassing more than a million square feet of housing in the five boroughs of New York. V+B's portfolio includes architectural designs for commercial, cultural and educational facilities, as well as neighborhood reconstruction, community master plans, urban design, and historic preservation.

Mr. Boyland has a longstanding history of active professional affiliations, advocacy, and service to the community having served on numerous non-profits, advisory panels, and task forces. In 2004, he was appointed to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Lower Density Growth Management Task Force tasked with re-evaluating the City's antiquated zoning regulations for Staten Island. Mr. Boyland served for several years as an elected officer, including the 2015 President, of the New York State Component of The American Institute of Architects (AIA), an organization of nearly 9,000 licensed professional and associate members around the State.

Moved by the impacts of recent natural disasters, including events such as Super Storm Sandy, he has endeavored to contribute, both professionally and personally, to his community's post-disaster recovery planning, future preparedness, and resiliency. He has volunteered many hours to community rebuilding and resilience, and his firm has worked with families in rebuilding their storm-ravaged homes. Post-Sandy, Mr. Boyland co-founded Simagines: Planning for Recovery Program to help empower impacted neighborhood residents by providing a forum for individual voices in community planning. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed to Governor Cuomo's NY Rising Community Reconstruction and Implementation Committee for Staten Island. He has also served on the City's East Shore (Staten Island) Resilient Neighborhood Community Advisory Committee and The Post-Sandy Regional Working Coalition, which includes AIA Chapters from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Mr. Boyland is certified by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) as both an evaluator and candidate trainer in post-disaster building safety assessment. Tim has been actively training other design professionals and municipal code officials in New York State and elsewhere in the U.S. to perform such assessments (on behalf of their local municipalities) as an extension of his commitment to greater disaster preparedness.

He is currently an officer and member of the Board of Directors of Historic Richmond Town, NYC's only living history village and museum, dedicated to preserving centuries of Staten Island, and American, life. His efforts at Richmond Town are dedicated primarily to the Development and Buildings & Grounds Committees. He works closely with the Board and staff on finding new ways to adaptively reuse historic buildings and he chairs the organization's Site Plan Steering Committee and the Strategic Planning Task Force. In 2019, he served as Co-Chair of the Borough's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Richmond County Fair at Historic Richmond Town.

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Since 2008 Tim has collaborated with The Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council, the College of Staten Island, the Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities, and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, in a community partnership to memorialize the site of the former Willowbrook State School in Staten Island. Willowbrook was expose under a national spotlight in the 1970's thanks to the expose of local photojournalists and the reports of television journalist, Geraldo Rivera. Named "The Willowbrook Mile", the committee's vision is an interactive walking tour of the campus aimed to educate and inform visitors and students. The Mile acknowledges the stories of former residents, the deinstitutionalization movement, and the progress of all people's right to live and thrive in their communities.

An advocate for the design professional community, Mr. Boyland believes that Architecture should be accessible to all regardless of economic standing. His work experience has been broad, including projects of all types and budgets, and a diverse client base, including developers, homeowners, museums, schools, and city government. His work has been recognized in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Architects' Newspaper, Crain's, Urban Omnibus, and other publications and has received awards and citations from The American Institute of Architects, The American Planning Association, and other organizations.

In other pursuits, Mr. Boyland is a musician and published songwriter with a long history of live performance and recorded works, both professional and recreational. He and his work have appeared on vinyl and digital media releases, radio, cable, and network television. In 2018, Tim joined the all-volunteer team at Staten Island's first community-streaming radio station, Makerpark Radio, where he co-hosts a bi-monthly broadcast showcasing decades of his favorite music, highlighting new artists, and promoting local community events.

Above all, Timothy Boyland is a proud New Yorker. He has been engaged to speak on the topic of the Architecture profession's role as caretaker of the city's built environment. His speaking engagements focus on his personal experiences as both Architect and Advocate in post-disaster response, community planning, resilient building design, and building safety assessment.

Tim and his family currently live in Staten Island's Clove Lake neighborhood, a short distance from his business office in St George. Mr. Boyland may be reached via email at [tb@vb-architects.com](mailto:tb@vb-architects.com).