

Lower Hill Block 2 Urban Open Space Project Team Information

Redevelopment Project Team

Christopher F. Buccini

Mr. Buccini is co-President of Buccini/Pollin Group, Inc. ("BPG") a privately-held, real estate investment, development and management company. Mr. Buccini lead's the firm's investment management platform, Corten Capital, and is a director of PM Hotel Group, Inc, a hotel management company with over 3,500 rooms under management. In addition, Chris co-founded and is co-owner of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union.

Bomani M. Howze

Bomani M. Howze is Vice President of Development at The Buccini/Pollin Group and the developer's executive in charge of the Pittsburgh Office. Since 2005, Mr. Howze has consistently played a leadership role for the development of the 28-acre Lower Hill District. In 2015, Mr. Howze, in a previous partnership, helped secure an award of 500 residential, mixed income units in Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District.

Dr. Kimberly C. Ellis

Dr. Ellis is the Director of Community, Arts and Culture for BPG's Pittsburgh office. Dr. Ellis is a scholar of American and Africana Studies, an artist, activist and entrepreneur, as well as a playwright, world traveler and international thought leader on culture, gender and social technology. In this role, Dr. Ellis focuses on engaging the community and empowering Hill District residents, homeowners, artists and entrepreneurs, especially as BPG moves into future phases of the Lower Hill redevelopment made possible by the advancing FNB Financial Center project.

H. Wesley Schwandt

Mr. Schwandt is President of BPGS Construction, a full-service Construction & Development Management company with offices in Wilmington, Delaware and Washington, D.C. The primary function of BPGS is to oversee all construction and development related activities for Buccini/Pollin, Buccini/Pollin Real Estate Services, and select third party clients. Mr. Schwandt brings his individual focus to each project undertaken, bringing a leadership role throughout the process with ownership, designers, and the end user.

Boris Kaplan

Mr. Kaplan is Senior Vice President for Development Management, focusing on acquisitions, pre-development services, approvals and asset management. Mr. Kaplan has development management responsibilities for BPG's mixed-use projects in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He has overseen BPG's for-sale residential communities as well as mixed-use projects along the Market Street commercial corridor in Wilmington, Delaware and the sports-anchored redevelopment of the riverfront in Chester, Pennsylvania.

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Sarah Lamb

Sarah Lamb is the Vice President of Design and Marketing at Buccini/Pollin Group. Her responsibilities cover a wide range of tasks, including designing and overseeing building upgrades across BPG's portfolio of properties, conceptualizing floor plans for potential tenants, tenant fit-out design, working with architects and construction teams on various construction projects, as well as the design and implementation of marketing materials for BPG and its subsidiaries.

Design Team- LBA

Fred Bonci, RLA, CLARB, ASLA

Founding Partner

Frederick Bonci is a founding principal of LBA. He has been the leader of many of the firm's community planning, urban design, public open space, and sustainable design projects. His knowledge and extensive experience with urban projects have led to an ever-increasing number of commissions, locally in the Pittsburgh region nationally and internationally. The majority of these projects focus on the creation of socially engaging public open spaces that create viable, healthy, livable, and sustainable places.

Dan McDowell, RLA, CLARB, ASLA

Senior Associate

Dan has been with LBA since 2006. Dan's duties have ranged from graphic and technical support to design. As a senior associate and project manager, he works on and manages projects from initial design through construction completion. Over the years, Dan has been involved in projects across the United States and internationally. The projects have a wide range of sizes and detail and include parks, public open space master planning, community development, university design, and sustainable design projects.

Consulting Civil Engineer – Cosmos Technologies

Frederick and Holly Douglass, owners of Historic Hill District-based Cosmos Technologies have worked on critical projects that build opportunity and hope. Across 20 years of experience, Cosmos has developed a portfolio of projects in the civil / site design and storm water engineering space. Cosmos and its principals have worked on advancing the Lower Hill Redevelopment for over a decade and with the Block F urban open space team since Spring 2023.