

Bob Berkebile, FAIA

Principal

Any list of accomplished, influential environmentalists and preservationists includes Bob Berkebile. Highly regarded by fellow professionals and recipient of numerous awards, Bob focuses on improving the quality of life in our society with the integrity and spirit of his firm's work. He is a founding Principal of BNIM Architects and brings over 37 years of experience to the architectural profession.



By combining his design and leadership skills, Bob has consistently created new approaches to holistic, integrated community building. He utilizes education, historic preservation, quality housing, mental health and public safety, and neighborhood conservation as tools to restore social, economic and environmental vitality. Bob is a board member of the U.S. Green Building Council, the Nature Conservancy and the Center for Global Community and has been a juror and/or guest lecturer at numerous universities from Harvard to Rice to Cambridge University, United Kingdom

Berkebile and his firm are setting new design standards for resource efficiency at the building and community scales including energy, materials and human resources on a broad range of projects including Greening of the White House, Greening of the Pentagon, Greening of the Grand Canyon, two facilities at the University of Texas at Houston, and a 3,000-acre redevelopment in North Charleston, South Carolina.

As one of the nation's leading authorities in the field of sustainable design, Bob was the founding chairman of the AIA's National Committee on the Environment. He has conducted numerous sustainable design charrettes and workshops for the National Park Service, the US Department of Energy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Canadian Provincial Architects. He has been particularly effective in assisting opponents with diverse attitudes to identify their common interest and collectively apply their resources for the common good. For this reason, local municipalities, national organizations, universities, governors, U.S. Senators and Representatives, and organizations such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the Urban Land Institute seek his advice and participation. He was a delegate to the Earth Summit in Rio and has presented lectures and workshops at international environmental conferences in Stockholm, Helsinki, Cambridge, Caracas, Vancouver, and Ottawa.

Berkebile assisted the National Park Service (NPS) and the International Eco-Tourism Society in assembling and organizing a diverse team of 80 consultants who traveled to Maho Bay in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands to establish these guidelines during an intensive one-week workshop co-led by Berkebile and John Reynolds, Deputy Director of NPS. The Denver Service Center of NPS published the results in the fall of 1993.

Berkebile has conducted national and regional workshops for the NPS since 1991. These workshops have focused on sustainable strategies, with scope and audiences varying from conservation and Interpretation, to design and construction, to management and operations.

EDUCATION

University of Kansas, School of Architecture and Urban Design
Distinguished Alumnus, 1988

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Registered in Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Montana and South Carolina

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Elected to the AIA College of Fellows in 1989
Finalist for Engineering News Record's 1991 Man of the Year
Former member of the Governor's Advisory Council and
Former Director of Missouri Heritage Trust
One of 100 people selected by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Rockefeller Foundation Symposium at Historic Williamsburg, Virginia.

CIVIC + COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Chairman, Kansas City's Environmental Management Commission,
Chairman, Center for Global Community
Chairman, the Future is Now
Chairman, Heart Forest Foundation
Board Member, the Metropolitan Energy Center
Board Member, City of Fountains Foundation
Development Board, Folly Theater
Development Board, Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
Development Board, YWCA
Former Director, Downtown, Inc.
Former Director, Citizens Association
Former Director, the Historic Kansas City Foundation
Former Director, the Human Relations Commission
Former President, the Performing Arts Foundation