

RESUMÉ



PROFESSION

Gretchen Till

Designer

LEED Green Associate



EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley; Master of Architecture (2006)
- Columbia University - Columbia College, NYC; B.A. Urban Studies (1995)

FIRM RESPONSIBILITIES

As a designer with experience in architectural building design including remodel, and rehab, and experience in urban design focusing on park planning, Gretchen works to collaboratively produce architecture projects that improve the urban fabric. At VMWP, she supports all facets of the architectural design and construction process, seeing that client and community responsive design is carried throughout the project life. She is currently focusing on the construction documents for multi-family housing at Metro Crossing in Fremont, and at Potrero Hill in SF.

PERSONAL PROFILE

Gretchen began her career in the built environment bicycling through the forests and wetlands of New York City as a planner for the NYC Parks Department. By supporting the creation of greenways and bike paths throughout the many neighborhoods and ecologies of the five boroughs of New York City, she developed a strong sense of critical advocacy. This work also opened up her awareness of ecology in relationship to architecture, which led her to study architecture in California. In the Bay Area, since completing her master's, she has worked on adaptive re-use and rehab projects that support vibrant neighborhoods and facilitate improved connections for people with their physical environment. Crafting the simplicity and beauty of these connections is where Gretchen finds inspiration in her architectural design.

As an Oaklander, she enjoys creek walking to Lake Merritt, and bird-watching along the Lake Merritt estuary as well as along the whole East Bay shoreline. And, now that she has discovered that a wet-suit really makes getting in the North Coast ocean possible, she is enjoying learning to surf.

PUBLICATIONS

- New York City Bicycle Master Plan, contributor (1997)
- Greenway Master Plan: Soundview Park to Ferry Point Park (2000)

AWARDS

ILAUD Fellowship (International Laboratory for Architecture and Urban Design)
Venice, Italy (2003)