RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

The Research Advisory Group was a team of experts in knowledge areas directly relevant to the Sandy-affected region. Members were identified by the Institute for Public Knowledge, in consultation with the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force and Rebuild by Design partners based on their experience and qualifications. These individuals did not participate as part of a Design Team, but instead used their perspective to inform the planning and activities of the Rebuild by Design Research Phase, connecting teams with resources, community groups, and other opportunities to further their research efforts.

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Harvey Molotch is Professor of Sociology and Metropolitan Studies at New York University, where he conducts research on issues of city growth and urban security as well as on product design and development. He was a pioneer in the field of environmental sociology, particularly in regard to the ecological implications of urban form and city development. His books include Where Stuff Comes From, a study of product development and innovation processes, and Against Security, an analysis of design errors at airport checkpoints, subway systems, and flood protection in the New Orleans area. Prior to NYU, Molotch was Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics, Chair of Sociology and Professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and visiting professor at Northwestern University, University of Essex, Lund University, and SUNY Stony Brook.
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Eric Klinenberg is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Public Knowledge at New York University. He is also editor of the journal Public Culture, and an affiliated faculty member of the Wagner School of Public Service and the Department of Media, Culture, and Communications. Klinenberg has been studying cities and climate change since the 1990s, when he conducted research for his first book, Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago. In 2013, he authored the influential article “Adaptation: Can Cities Be Climate-Proofed” in The New Yorker, and since Sandy he has organized a series of public events around Sandy, Climate Change, and the Future of New York City.
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Professor Birch has been active in the urban planning field's professional organizations and in academia in the United States and abroad. Most recently, she served as Chair, American Planning Association’s Emerging Issues Task Force, and she is currently President, International Planning History Society and Associate Editor, Journal of the American Planning Association. Her most recent books are Cities and Women’s Health: Global Issues (with Afaf Meleis and Susan Wachter), and Global Urbanization (with Susan Wachter). Professor Birch’s civic commitments encompass leadership positions locally and globally. Currently, she is chair, Board of Trustees, Municipal Art Society of New York and co-chair, UN-HABITAT’s World Urban Campaign. She is a former member of the New York City Planning Commission, and in 2002, she served on the jury to select the designers for the World Trade Center site.