# **BIO BOOK**

# Building Healthy Places Interest Forum









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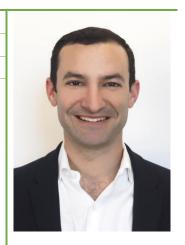
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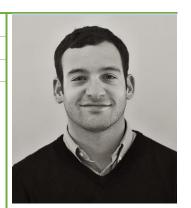
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Roni and the Onit 360 team are omni-channel marketing partners Roni Rudell either works individually with firms or through her boutique consulting firm Onit360. Roni is a 360° Marketing Alchemist creating master strategies and creative concepts across all consumer touch points. Authentically connecting target audiences to brands, Roni's approach is hardly standardized and never routine. CEOs and CMOs often contact Roni to provide solutions to difficult and far-reaching problems. Since the inception of Web 2.0, Roni has been guiding brands on direct paths through the digital marketing jungle. Her expertise covers strategic insight, community building online and offline, partnerships with BIDs, restaurateurs', retail, bike sharing, car sharing, magazines and more to create a full lifestyle around the brand. Onit360 specializes on digital plans, social plans, content strategies, offline and online integration, experiential marketing, community development and great customer



experiences. Roni is a change agent and out-of-the-box creative thinker who thrives in innovative environments. She takes on complex initiatives and pursues them from beginning to end. In addition, Roni coaches clients to become equally forward-thinking, flexible and willing to break down walls. Roni takes a holistic, 360 degree approach to connecting with consumers. She brings her passion, experience, technical expertise, global mindset and diverse industry experience to every marketing initiative. She is a passionate believer that the world can be a better place, and enjoys working with like-minded companies.

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Ken Schwartz is responsible for the strategic direction of VHB's land use planning, design and public outreach efforts. An award-winning NCI Charrette Planner with over 30 years of experience, Ken has worked with dozens of cities and towns, public agencies, institutions and private developers, leading projects through the community process while building a shared vision for large and complex redevelopment areas. Ken is a member of the ULI's National Healthy Corridors Working Group and is leading the firm's healthy community design initiative that is developing an approach for analyzing the health benefits associated with various transportation investments. He has worked on numerous projects that have addressed health as a component in the planning and development process including a Livability Study for DDOT, a feasibility study for adding a second commuter rail station in Bridgeport, CT; a first-ever transportation corridor study for Aquidneck Island in Rhode Island, and a TOD vision plan for a multi-block area adjacent to the busy Ronkonkoma Train Station on Long Island. He is currently working on a public health assessment for the Arsenal Street corridor in Watertown, Massachusetts for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Ken holds a bachelor's degree in geography from Clark University and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from Tufts University.



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In her role with the ULI Advisory Services program, Beth works with global communities to think through complex urban challenges and develop unique programs to address everything from land use issues to urban regeneration to rising sea levels to community resilience. Beth is an urban planner and economic development professional with over twelve years of experience working in the public, private and non-profit sectors of urban planning, policy, real estate and economic development. Prior to joining ULI, she was an Assistant Vice President with the NYC Economic Development Corporation where she balanced program management with an eclectic portfolio of economic development, real estate, cultural heritage, and policy projects. Beth holds a Masters degree in City and



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Reema Singh supports the Building Healthy Places Initiative's projects on corridors, parks, and creative placemaking. With a background in program evaluation, Reema is committed to ensuring that BHP's initiatives are results-oriented and impactful, and that they leverage community voices and bottom-up approaches to bring equitable change during revitalization. Prior to joining ULI, Reema provided technical assistance and research support for a range of community-based health and urban education reform studies at the RAND Corporation, collaborating with local development agencies to highlight a need for sustainable built environments. Reema holds a passion for writing and a Masters in Public Policy and Management from H. John Heinz III College at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, as well as a B.A in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Rochester.



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With 16 years of business development, management and marketing experience, Mette Søs Lassesen manages and coordinates business development and marketing activities between Ramboll Environ and its parent company Rambøll, with a particular focus on business synergies and the firm's Liveable Cities service offering. In 2015, Søs Lassesen was promoted to Group Director of Market Development at Rambøll, the new role saw her responsible for integration of a new US subsidiary, as well as wider market and business development. Prior to that, Søs Lassesen was promoted to Group Director of Rambøll Group Markets and Knowledge Management practice in 2008, a position from which she provided global markets strategy development, business planning and budgeting for the firm. Previously, she held the role of Business Manager at Rambøll, commencing in 2000, working from the firm's Copenhagen office where she managed more than fifty employees



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