

Parkbench Architects Brings Purpose-Driven Design and Local Expertise to New York Projects



New York City, New York Sep 23, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - [Parkbench Architects](#), a [New York-based architecture and design studio](#), is bringing a distinctly hands-on approach to projects throughout the city, combining thoughtful design with deep knowledge of the realities of getting projects built in New York.

Founded on the belief that good architecture should be both beautiful and useful, Parkbench works across retail, restaurants and bars, hospitality, wellness, workplace, and residential projects. The firm's work is grounded in a practical understanding of the city's buildings, codes, agencies, landmarks requirements, and construction landscape.

"New York is complicated, and we like complicated," says [Parkbench Architects](#) Partner and Co-Founder Winter D'Angelillo, AIA. "Our approach is to figure out what needs to happen, find the smartest way through it, and keep the project moving."

That mindset has shaped Parkbench's work on a wide range of projects, from restaurant and retail build-outs to landmarked properties and complex commercial interiors. Recent and notable projects include Caudalie Spa SoHo, Roberta's Pizza at One Penn Plaza, %Arabica locations at Rockefeller Center and MoMA, Emmett's on Grove, Aesop Park Slope, and FoolProof Whiskey Bar in Williamsburg.

More Than Architecture

Parkbench's services extend well beyond traditional architectural design. The firm provides Architect of

Record services, project management, Owner's Representation, filing and permitting support, code review, Landmarks Preservation Commission coordination, surveying and existing-condition documentation, MEP coordination, construction administration, and pre-construction support.

Through its Owner's Representation services, Parkbench works directly on behalf of owners to help manage the many moving pieces of a project. This can include coordinating architects, designers, consultants, contractors, expeditors, and other project partners; tracking budgets and schedules; reviewing project decisions; and helping owners navigate the process from early planning through construction.

The goal is to give owners an experienced partner who understands both the design side and the practical realities of getting a project built.

For clients working in New York, that local knowledge can make a significant difference.

Parkbench's approach is particularly valuable for projects where design, permitting, construction, and existing conditions intersect. The firm works closely with owners, developers, contractors, brokers, interior designers, engineers, expeditors, and other project partners to identify potential issues early and develop solutions that are realistic to build.

The result is an architecture practice that is as comfortable navigating a challenging filing as it is developing a strong design concept, and as comfortable representing an owner's interests as it is leading the design team.

Architecture of Useful Beauty

Parkbench describes its philosophy simply: **architecture of useful beauty**.

The firm believes successful projects should not only look good, but work well — for the people using them, the businesses operating within them, and the teams responsible for building them.

That philosophy informs every stage of the process, from early feasibility and test fits through design, permitting, construction, and final completion.

"We're scrappy, hands-on, and resourceful," says Partner Jennifer Ewald, AIA. "We know that the best design is only valuable if you can actually get it built."

As Parkbench continues to expand its work throughout New York and beyond, the studio remains focused on the same principle that has guided its growth: thoughtful architecture paired with practical expertise and a willingness to roll up its sleeves.

About Parkbench Architects

Parkbench Architects is a New York-based architecture and design firm specializing in retail, restaurants and hospitality, workplace, wellness, and residential projects. The firm provides architectural design, Architect of Record services, Owner's Representation, project management, filing and permitting, code and zoning support, Landmarks coordination, construction administration, and pre-construction services.

With a hands-on, collaborative approach, Parkbench helps clients navigate the realities of designing

and building in New York City and beyond.

Frequently Asked QuestionsWhat services does Parkbench Architects provide?

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What types of projects does Parkbench Architects work on?

The firm works across retail, restaurants and bars, hospitality, wellness, workplace, residential, and commercial projects, including renovations, build-outs, landmarked properties, and projects involving complex existing conditions.

Does Parkbench Architects work specifically in New York City?

Yes. Parkbench Architects is based in New York and has extensive experience navigating New York City buildings, construction requirements, permitting processes, agency coordination, codes, zoning considerations, and Landmarks requirements. The firm also works on select projects outside New York.

What is an Architect of Record?

An Architect of Record is the licensed architecture firm responsible for preparing, coordinating, and filing architectural documentation and helping a project meet applicable building codes and regulatory requirements. Parkbench can serve as Architect of Record while coordinating with owners, designers, consultants, engineers, contractors, and other project partners.

What is Owner's Representation?

Owner's Representation involves working directly on behalf of the property or business owner to help manage a project. Parkbench can coordinate architects, designers, consultants, contractors, expeditors, and other partners while helping track schedules, budgets, decisions, and project requirements from early planning through construction.

Can Parkbench Architects help with NYC permits and filings?

Yes. Parkbench provides filing and permitting support and helps clients navigate the approvals and documentation involved in getting projects built in New York City.

Does Parkbench Architects work on landmarked buildings?

Yes. Parkbench has experience with landmarked properties and can assist with Landmarks Preservation Commission coordination as part of the design, approval, and construction process.

Can Parkbench get involved before the design phase begins?

Yes. The firm provides feasibility studies, test fits, existing-condition documentation, code review, pre-construction support, and early project coordination. Getting an architect involved early can help identify potential design, permitting, construction, and existing-condition issues before they create larger

challenges later in the project.

How does Parkbench Architects approach projects?

Parkbench describes its philosophy as “**architecture of useful beauty.**” The firm focuses on creating spaces that are visually compelling, practical to use, realistic to construct, and responsive to the needs of the people and businesses occupying them.

How can someone start a project with Parkbench Architects?

Property owners, businesses, developers, designers, and other project partners can contact Parkbench Architects through the firm’s website to discuss a project, its requirements, and the appropriate architectural or project-management services.

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