



## **2021 Ones to Watch: Margaret Hopkins, AKRF, Inc.**

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Name: Margaret Hopkins

Title: Senior Technical Director

Company Name: AKRF, Inc.

Real estate associations or organizations that you are currently a member of: ACEC New York, PWC New York

What recent project, transaction or accomplishment are you most proud of?

As project manager for East Side Coastal Resiliency, a \$1.45 billion integrated coastal protection system under construction along Manhattan's East River shoreline, I take great pride in helping to bring physical, social, and economic resiliency to communities along the 2.4-mile project. The project is interwoven with parks and cityscapes in some of Manhattan's most climate-vulnerable neighborhoods – improving the physical and emotional health of waterfront residents, the safety of buildings in flood-prone waterfront communities, and equitable welfare considering the proximity of a large affordable housing project along this stretch of coastline. This precedent-setting project is an innovative example of how dense urban areas in vulnerable coastal cities throughout the country can adapt to the increasing risk of climate change.

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