

2023 Women in Construction: Tara Dollinger, Emtec Consulting Engineers

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In the past year, what project or accomplishment are you most proud of? Being an integral part of the design team for the new affordable senior citizen residence located in Wyandanch Village. The project provided a great experience collaborating with other design professionals to meet project requirements, and I gained a better understanding of how many parties are involved in the building process. It was inspiring to hear about the years of planning and determination it took to put this project in motion. And it was rewarding to hear community members speak highly about Wyandanch transitioning from an underserved community to a safe and vibrant place.

How can AEC companies recruit more women? I believe that creating a fair, honest, and cooperative work culture is the best way to recruit more women. Being a minority within the field, women will unfortunately experience a few associated hardships throughout their career. One of the most vital roles for combating this is to create an environment that does not tolerate discrimination, and to adequately support women if these experiences do arise. I have been blessed to have such a supportive team, and I am hopeful that I can become an advocate for the next generation of female engineers.

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