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Margaret Boozer is a Ceramist and Sculptor. She lives and works in the Washington, DC metro area. She received a BFA in sculpture from Auburn University and an MFA in ceramics from New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. Boozer developed an interest in digging native clays that has led to collaborations with soil scientists and work that explores intersections of art and science. Her work is included in the collection of the Smithsonian American Art Museum and The US Department of State among others. Recent projects include a large scale mapping/ earth work for MGM National Harbor in Maryland

using local clay dug from the site. She is currently exhibiting Margaret Boozer: Harbor Studies, at Michael Warren Contemporary in Denver , CO (through Dec. 2017), and is working on a collaborative project with NYC Urban Soils Institute. Full Bio Link: <http://www.margaretboozer.com/contact.html>

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Richard K Shaw serves as State Soil Scientist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in New Jersey. His responsibilities include providing technical soils assistance to internal (NRCS) and external customers in New Jersey and New York City, serving as liaison to National Cooperative Soil Survey partners, and overseeing the management and distribution of local soils information. Full Bio link: <http://www.usi.nyc/richard-shaw.html>

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Gerd Wessolek a Professor and Chair of the Soil Protection Group at the Technische Universität in Berlin, Germany. His research focuses on urban soil physics and urban hydrology. Initiating “SoilArt” activities, he tries to give soils and soil science a broader exposure to the wider community through paintings, presentations, books, movies, exhibitions, and calendars. Full Bio link: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/gerd-wessolek-07a59272/>

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Joseph Charap is the Director of Horticulture and Curator for Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Joseph is transforming the historic landscape of the 478 acre Brooklyn cemetery into an urban arboretum/public garden and expanding the ways people utilize its many resources. It is his goal for Green-Wood to achieve Level III Arboretum Accreditation within the next 5 years, occupying 478 acres in Brooklyn.

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Sara Evans is a Project Manager at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

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