



## LivingOnTop!

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Design and Construction of a Campsite /  
Trailer Park on top of the roof of the Metro-  
politan Exchange (MEx) Building in Brooklyn,  
New York City.



### **LivingOnTop!**

SummerLab in NYC 2009

Einwöchiger osa/sitios/terreform-Workshop im Rahmen von TerreFarm:

Entwurf und Realisierung einer Campingsite/Trailerpark auf dem Dach des Metropolitan Exchange (MEx) Building in Brooklyn, New York City.

Vor dem Hintergrund der US-Hypotheken-Krise entsteht eine parasitäre Wohnform in bester Lage - mit Blick auf Manhattan - dem Ursprung der Krise.

Exkursion und WF 2CP FG EST

### **Kosten & Termine:**

osa kann 3-6 Stipendien in Form von ermäßigten Teilnahmegebühren und der Möglichkeit im Gebäude zu „campen“ geben. Flüge oder andere Unterkünfte müssen selbst bezahlt werden.

Volles Programm:

4 Wochen TerreFarm

**03.-28.08.09** - 1.250\$

(**950\$** via osa-stipendium)

1 Woche nur „LivingOnTop!“

**17.-22.08.09** - 395\$

(**310\$** via osa-stipendium)

Teilnahme nur durch Auswahl. Bei Interesse fragt mich einfach - direkt oder per mail.

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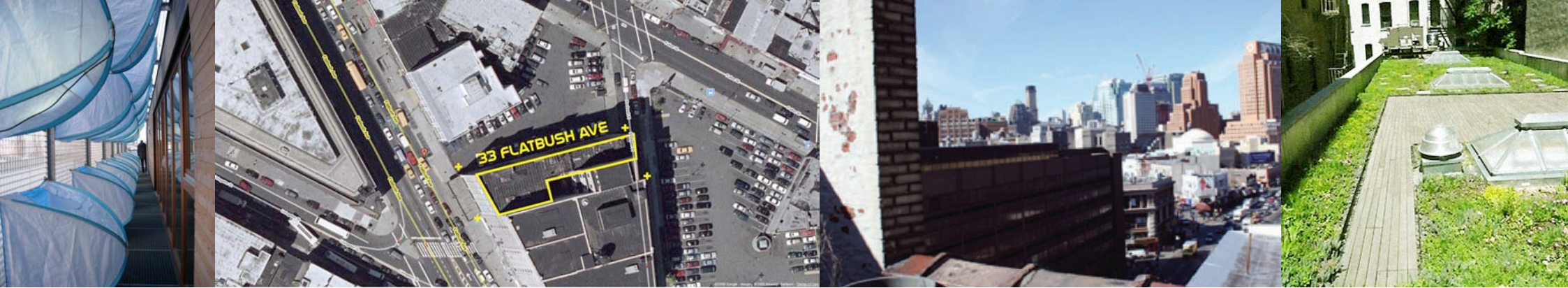
SummerLab in NYC 2009

osa/sitios/terreform-one-week-workshop in the framework of TerreFarm:

Design and Construction of a Campsite / Trailer Park on top of the roof of the Metropolitan Exchange (MEx) Building in Brooklyn, New York City.

Within the context of the mortgage crisis we will rise (up) / build a kind of parasitic accommodation in prime location - overlooking manhattan - the starting point of the crisis.

Excursion and 2 Credit Points (ECTS) urban design.



**Program Dates:**

TerreFarm Lab runs from:  
August 3 - 28, 2009

LivingOnTop!-osa-workshop  
runs from:  
August 17 - 22, 2009

**Tuition:**

osa donates 3-6 Stipends with reduced-tuition and the possibility to „camp“ at the MEx-Building to reduce costs. Flights / any transport or other accomodation must is not included.

**Complete:**

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Admission to the program is  
by selection only. mail to  
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[www . terreform . org / farm.html](http://www.terreform.org/farm.html)

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## DESIGN+GROW SUMMER 2009 August 3 - 28, 2009

Set in New York City, TerreFarm Lab seeks to rethink what is salubrious about the city, in both its forms and its life, by reflecting on the consequences of a fundamentally new level of sustainability. The Lab provides a unique opportunity for students to learn from established professionals in an experimental design/grow urban farm. [terreform.org/farm.html](http://terreform.org/farm.html)

### The Lab consists of:

**Seminar Week** (daily workshops lead by Terreform 1 and collaborators)

**Field Trip Week** (guided architectural and exploratory tour of New York City)

**Two Weeks of Intensive Design Charettes**

### TerreFarm Team:

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 **TerreFarm** (excerpt)  
Summer Lab for students, architects, scientists, artists, and individuals of all backgrounds to explore the larger framework of urban agriculture and its effects on the architecture and urban design of NYC.

Set in New York City, TerreFarm Lab seeks to rethink what is salubrious about the city, in both its forms and its life, by reflecting on the consequences of a fundamentally new level of sustainability. We will base our investigations on one illuminating hypothesis: in the future New York will

grow to be self-sufficient in its critical necessities. In particular, we will observe a series of specific technical, urbanistic, and architectural strategies not simply for the food production required to feed the city, but the possibilities of diet, agriculture, and retrofitted facilities that could achieve that level within the constraints of the local climate.

This summer approximately 35 researchers will gather in New York City for 4 weeks of intense creative exploration. The TerreFarm Lab provides a unique opportunity for students

to learn from established professionals in an experimental design/grow urban farm. The Interaction of students, builders, and architects is encouraged by the intense environment of The Metropolitan Exchange (MEx), located in downtown Brooklyn.

The Lab consists of a Seminar Week (daily workshops lead by Terreform 1 and their collaborators), Field Trip Week (guided architectural and exploratory tour of New York City), and Two Weeks of Intensive Design Charettes.

The TerreFarm Lab will take place inside the Metropolitan Exchange Building. All participants will have individual studio spaces and access to the MEx building. Each person will be responsible for their own housing, food and local transportation. We will provide assistance with finding affordable accommodations in the area. In addition, we will sponsor an opening and closing reception/exhibition and weekly gatherings.

### **Program Tuition**

The total cost of the four-week lab is \$1,250. The fees cover tuition, studio space, materials, a number of meals and the operating cost of the facility. The top three applicants, selected by the admission committee, will receive full scholarships. Limited grants and work-study opportunities are also available.

For those who are interested in the Summer Lab but do not have the time to take the full five-week workshop, we offer a one-week seminar. The total cost of the one-week seminar is \$395.

### **The Metropolitan Exchange (MEx) Building**

33 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, an incubator for socially responsible and environmentally minded entrepreneurs

The Metropolitan Exchange (MEx) is an architecture, urban planning, and research cooperative located in downtown Brooklyn. MEx is made up of design professionals, developers, and scholars who come together to collaborate on architecture and planning projects, pursue development opportunities, and sponsor lectures, film screenings and exhibitions.