

Bazzani Building Company



Guy L. Bazzani, GRI, LEED-AP

President / CEO

Guy leads West Michigan with his expertise in sustainable business practices through his firm's architectural design, construction, and real estate services. With more than 30 years of experience in commercial and residential development, Guy manages a team of experienced professionals committed to innovative solutions in green building technologies, historic preservation and urban revitalization.

It is Guy's philosophy to lead in his community as well as in his profession. As founder and chair of Local First and a member of the Social Venture Network, Guy has helped set the direction for positive social and economic growth while respecting the environment in West Michigan. An example of this leadership is The East Hills Center of the Universe project featuring a blend of advanced green building technology, including passive solar design, zero-stormwater discharge, and appropriate neighborhood use. The project earned the Cool Cities Award from the state of Michigan for its innovative green technologies, LEED Double Gold Certification, neighborhood support, and sensitivity to the historic fabric of the area.

Guy has helped shape Michigan's environmental policy as a voting member of the Michigan Climate Action Council. He holds other leadership positions in the West Michigan community including: the Founder of Local First, membership on Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell's Transformation Advisors, New Economy Task Force and Environmental Advisory Council; the Wege Foundation Economicology Partners; and vice chair and founding organizer of the West Michigan Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

As a Triple Bottom Line organization, Bazzani Building balances economic viability with social responsibility and environmental integrity. Bazzani has measured its sustainability through the metrics established by B-Lab, achieving "Best for the World" for two years in a row.

Awards & Recognition:

- 2016** Bazzani achieves "Best for the World" for the second year.
- 2015** Bazzani is named "Best for the World" by B Lab
- 2014** Bazzani Building Company achieves B Corporation Designation at 147 points
- 2011** Establishment of the Guy Bazzani Local Legacy Award by Local First
- 2009** Clean Corporate Citizen Award - Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- 2008** Business Review Regional Thought Leader
- 2008** LEED for Homes, Innovative Project Recognition, USGBC National Award
- 2008** AIA Grand Valley Honor Award Sustainable Design, Hispanic Center of West Michigan
- 2007** State of Michigan Historic Preservation Award, Hispanic Center of West Michigan
- 2006** State of Michigan, Department of Energy, Home Energy Star Grant Award
- 2005** State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Michigan Initiative
- 2004** State of Michigan, Cool City Catalyst Project Designation
- 2003** Grand Valley Metro Council, Blueprint Award for Neighborhood Revitalization
- 2003** West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Sustainable Business Award
- 2003** Grand Rapids Historic Preservation, Outstanding Historic Preservation Award
- 2002** Grand Rapids Neighborhood Business Award, Best Reuse of a Building



Certifications

- LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Accredited Professional
- Real Estate Broker - GRI
- Michigan General Contractor
- California General Contractor

Education

Aquinas College - B.S.
Sustainable Business

Leadership Positions

- Local First Founder Emeritus
- U.S. Green Building Council Local Founding Member
- Sustainable Business Forum Member
- Social Venture Network
- Michigan Climate Action Council - Voting Member
- Uptown CID Board
- Grand Rapids Transformation Advisors
- Conservation Design Forum



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