

Mapos on Green Depot, With IIDA New York

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Colin Brice and **Caleb Mulvena** of [Mapos LLC \(http://studiomapos.com/\)](http://studiomapos.com/) are the architects behind the newest retail incarnation of [Green Depot \(http://www.greendepot.com/greendepot/\)](http://www.greendepot.com/greendepot/), the Brooklyn-based green building supplies store with 15 nationwide wholesale locations that opened its 222 Bowery, NYC, doors in early February. In an IIDA New York talk earlier this week at the store, Brice and Mulvena spoke on the space — and strategies they incorporated into the design that is aiming for [LEED Platinum \(http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19\)](http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19) certification. The talk revolved around the rich history of the building — originally a YMCA built in 1885 and landmarked in 1998 with former occupants such as artists **Fernand Leger** and **Mark Rothko** (along with his famed "bunker") and the beat writer **William S. Burroughs** — and how that history informed design decisions. Preserving the embodied energy and appreciating the history of the building while stripping back years of junk to rethink and refinish, seemed to be Brice and Mulvena's overriding theme with the 3,000 square foot space that, if succeeds in achieving LEED Platinum, will be the first retail space to do so in New York City.



222 Bowery Before Green Depot and Mapos

Green Depot Exterior

Caleb Mulvena, Colin Brice and Green Depot Founder Sarah Beatty



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