

## The Young Planners Group is Now Official

By William L. Budd, AICP, PP

The APA NY Metro Chapter proudly announces the formal creation of the NY Metro Young Planners Group (YPG). The YPG was designed with the intention to address the needs of young planners who have graduated and entered the profession, up to the age of 35. Through the leadership of Reyna Alorro, acting Chair of the NY Metro YPG, the group has received considerable interest. As of July 2009, the YPG has over 30 acting members participating in various subcommittees created to address the needs of young planners. *[Continued on p.2]*

## President's Message

By Donald Burns, AICP, Chapter President



Dear members,

We are now in the middle of fall and I would like to emphasize that the Chapter is here to serve you. This fall we convened a Chapter conference and sponsored various other activities to involve members and help AICP members acquire certification maintenance credits. If you feel that your career is stagnating or you want to push yourself to the next level, please consider volunteering with one of our sections or committees to develop programs or tours, writing an article for Metro Planner, or volunteering to help us develop future Chapter programming. These are all ways for you to develop your leadership skills and promote yourself within the profession. You can find the contact information for our section directors and committee chairs on our Chapter website, [www.nyplanning.org](http://www.nyplanning.org).

I want to remind those AICP members that are or have completed the two-year requirement for certification maintenance (CM) credits that you can also self-report eight credits from non-CM planning related courses/activities. If you have any questions concerning CM credits or logging credits, please contact James Rausse our Chapter's Vice President of Professional Development at [jrausseaicp@gmail.com](mailto:jrausseaicp@gmail.com).

## Chapter Event Calendar Now Online

The NY Metro Chapter now has an event/meeting calendar online, powered by Google Apps. Here is a direct link to the calendar: [www.nyplanning.org/calendar\\_all.html](http://www.nyplanning.org/calendar_all.html). It can also be accessed from the homepage of the Chapter website ([www.nyplanning.org](http://www.nyplanning.org)) -- there is a link to the calendar in the yellow box at the top of the first column. Check the calendar for committee events such as meetings, tours and programs. At this point, the calendar covers only APA local events, meetings and deadlines, some APA regional and national events, meetings and deadlines of interest to our members and events that the Chapter is co-sponsoring or in which we are taking an active role. Non-APA events or those the Chapter is not co-sponsoring are not included at this point.

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## History

The National APA created a Young Planners Task Force in 2007 to research and evaluate the needs of young planners (those being 35 years of age or younger) in the APA community. In 2008, the Young Planners Task Force presented their findings to the APA Board of Directors and to the entire APA Membership at the 2008 APA National Conference, which resulted in an overwhelming response from young planners all over the nation to become more involved. Since then, a number of APA Chapters have started to form Young Planner Groups, including the NY Metro Chapter.

## The APA NY Metro Chapter – Young Planners Group

The APA NY Metro Chapter Young Planners Group has organized three core subcommittees: Events, Mentorship, and Outreach. In addition there are two support committees: Publicity and Online Networking. These subcommittees are described below.

### Events

The purpose of the Events Subcommittee is to organize professional development workshops, networking events, neighborhood walking tours, and other events that will benefit the professional development of young planners. To date there have been three networking mixers, the most recent being a direct event organized by the newly formed Events Subcommittee, all of which were very successful with turnouts ranging from 50 to over 100 young planners. Please contact Events Subcommittee Co-Chairs Ben Snipes ([bensnipes@gmail.com](mailto:bensnipes@gmail.com)) or Adam Davidson ([AdamLDavidson@gmail.com](mailto:AdamLDavidson@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved with the Events Subcommittee.

### Mentorship

The purpose of the Mentorship Subcommittee is to

develop, implement, and support a mentoring program that offers career advancement, skill development, and networking opportunities through partnerships that are professionally and personally rewarding for both mentors and mentees. The Mentorship Subcommittee has just ended its response period from prospective mentors and mentees and is currently in the process of matching. More specific information was sent out to mentors and mentees in early September, prior to the Mentor / Mentee Meet & Greet in September 25th at the AIA Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place, New York, NY. The Meet & Greet event took place after the closing reception for the APA NY Metro Chapter Biennial Conference.

Information regarding a second round of requests for potential mentors and mentees will be released at a later date. Please contact Mentorship Subcommittee Co-Chairs Adam Murray ([adm216@nyu.edu](mailto:adm216@nyu.edu)) or Dominique McAfee ([dominique.mcafee@gmail.com](mailto:dominique.mcafee@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved with the Mentorship Subcommittee.


### Outreach

The purpose of the Outreach Subcommittee is to broaden the exposure of the planning profession by reaching out to and educating the people of the New York metropolitan region about planning and concerning themselves with the development of their neighborhoods. To carry out this mission the Outreach Subcommittee will seek to develop partnerships with other entities interested in reaching out and educating people about planning and the planning process. Please contact William Budd ([wlbudd@gmail.com](mailto:wlbudd@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved with the Outreach Subcommittee.

### Publicity

The purpose of the Publicity Committee is to brand the YPG and to publicize the events, projects, and accomplishments of young planners to the greater

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APA NY Metro Chapter members. The Publicity Committee will contribute to the NY MetroPlanner newsletter by advertising upcoming YPG events and programs, highlighting the academic or professional work of young planners, and recognizing any honors or accomplishments of YPG members. Please contact Lisa Santoro ([lsantoro2@gmail.com](mailto:lsantoro2@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved with the Publicity Subcommittee.

#### Online Networking

The purpose of Online Networking Subcommittee is to create an online presence that will allow for networking and information-sharing amongst young planners. The subcommittee will develop a group website to post events and programs organized by the YPG and other events of interest to young planners sponsored by affiliated organizations. The subcommittee plans to create a discussion board on the website that will serve as a platform for sharing resources. Please contact Online Networking Subcommittee Co-Chairs Joseph Moreno ([jdmoreno5@gmail.com](mailto:jdmoreno5@gmail.com)) or Adam Davidson ([AdamLDavidson@gmail.com](mailto:AdamLDavidson@gmail.com)) if you are interested in becoming involved with the Online Networking Subcommittee.

The YPG looks forward to obtaining new members to its subcommittees and further involvement from the large number of young planners within the greater New York metropolitan region.

### Dutch and American Planners Work Together at Hudson Quadricentennial

By Bonnie A. Harken, President  
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The Hudson Quadricentennial provided Dutch and American planners an excellent opportunity to step back and explore the importance of waterways in our coastal cities and the challenges ahead on emerging issues ranging from sea level rise to innovations in modern shipping. One of the events at the H<sub>2</sub>09 Forum: Water Challenges for Coastal Cities—From the Dutch Delta to New York Harbor, on September 9 and 10, 2009 at the Liberty Science Center, was a cross-Atlantic design workshop that took as its theme the “blue heart” referring to the essential role played by water in Amsterdam and New York City and many other urban areas. Paul Farmer, FAICP, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of

the American Planning Association, attended the presentation of workshop results and moderated a panel to reflect on the issues that emerged from the collaboration.



Living with Water in Greenpoint

“Spatial Planning and Water Management for New Waterfronts” brought together multi-disciplinary teams of about 30 Dutch and American planners, architects, urban designers, engineers, and landscape architects, who attended briefing sessions and brainstorming charettes to explore the physical and programmatic connectivity of water from the periphery to the center at both a metropolitan and more local scale. In particular, the Upper Bay was the focus of the workshop with three areas selected for case studies: Greenpoint, SW Brooklyn, and northern Staten Island. The workshop was organized by The Netherlands Water Partnership, Regional Plan Association, and the Harvard-Netherlands Project on Climate Change, Water, Land Development, and Adaptation. Other collaborators included the Dutch Ministry of Environment & Spatial Planning and the Technical University in Delft. Questions like how to be proactive about climate change and sea level rise were overlaid onto the study areas and produced interesting new planning and design concepts, for example incorporating flood-protection measures into the renovation of the Gowanus Expressway in Sunset Park and combining public access with enhanced ecology of the water’s edge in Staten Island. Most intriguing was to rethink relationships between land and water in terms of the Dutch concept of “living with the water,” a new planning and public policy that allows for more natural flows of water in coastal areas and integrates water access and storm water management into development practices. Hopefully this design workshop has set the stage for continuing the cross-cultural dialogue about questions central to

both our region and the Netherlands' waterfronts in this time of global economic and environmental challenges.

## Westchester County Planning Operates Farm and Environmental Center

By Tracey Corbitt, AICP

Westchester County purchased Hilltop Hanover Farm in 2003 to preserve open space, protect the New York City drinking water supply watershed and provide opportunities for the people of Westchester to become educated in sustainable agricultural and environmentally sensitive practices. Currently, 180 acres is preserved, covering 50 acres of agricultural land and 130 acres of forest along Hanover Street in Yorktown Heights, Town of Yorktown.



The acquisition of the Hilltop Hanover Farm enabled Westchester County to establish its first "Conservation and Natural Resource Center" devoted entirely to the protection of the natural environment through the practice and promotion of best management practices for sustainable development in a watershed. The establishment of this Center also brought together a consortium of public and not for profit entities committed to principles and practices of environmental and natural resource protection including Cornell Cooperative Extension Service Headquarters and the Watershed Agricultural Council Offices.

The acquisition was part of the County's implementation of the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan, which provides the County with a blueprint for action to improve awareness of the needs of agriculture as an industry and of farmland itself as a valuable component of the County's quality of life. The Plan examines both the land use policies associated with agriculture in Westchester as well as the state of the industry. It analyzes the appropriateness of existing techniques to protect land and support commercial activity. Finally it makes recommendations for action by the local municipalities, the County, and various local agencies.

Westchester County's Goals for Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center are:

- Provide an educational farm model focused on sustainability.
- Serve as an information clearing house on environmental and conservation practices for local residents, farmers, and schools.
- Increase public awareness of environmental impacts through demonstrations and educational events.
- Provide information and establish demonstration projects related to alternative energy solutions, such as solar, wind and geo-thermal applications as well as rainwater collection systems and composting.
- Offer educational opportunities to the public about how food is grown, with a focus on the appreciation for seasonality and the rhythms of nature.

Westchester County's Hilltop Hanover Farm provides a regional education center that offers programs on healthy and sustainable food production, researches and teaches skills for small-scale suburban and urban farming techniques, and illustrates sustainable living practices such as

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### Tours Provide Diverse Experiences Chapter Committee Members

By Carol Van Guilder, AICP  
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The Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee has held several informative events and lively discussions over recent months.

In September 2008, we led a tour of Roosevelt Island that was attended by over 40 people. We visited some of the new housing that has been built and held discussions on the history, planning, population growth, open space needs and transportation challenges of the Island. The tour was approved for continuing education credit for AICP members.

In January 2009, we studied supportive housing and toured two buildings of this type, the Christopher in Manhattan run by Common Ground and Intervale Green in the Bronx developed by WHEDco.

In March 2009, we learned about Habitat for Humanity's efforts in New York City to provide affordable ownership units to those willing to contribute sweat equity. We toured their first large-scale condo project in Brooklyn, a 41-unit development nearing completion, located on Atlantic Avenue and Eastern Parkway.

In June 2009, we conducted a tour of Arverne, a redeveloped area of the Rockaways.

Other topics that we studied and discussed this year include the 2008 Housing & Vacancy Survey, inclusionary housing, and the impacts of the present economic downturn on the housing market. These discussions led us to develop a session on neighborhood stabilization for the Chapter Conference.

### Transportation Secretary LaHood Speaks to NYMTC

By Michael A. Levine, AICP  
VP for Intergovernmental Affairs

A special meeting of the principals of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council was held on September 24 at the NYU Kimmel Center. The primary purpose of the meeting was to take action on the 2010-2035 Regional Transportation Plan that had been unveiled at the NYMTC Annual Meeting six months earlier. After brief introductions, NYMTC Executive Director Joel Ettinger, Acting State Transportation Commissioner and NYMTC Co-chair Stan Gee and New York City Planning Commission c and NYMTC Co-chair Amanda Burden each took their turns at the podium, endorsing the Plan and discussing its focus on multi-modal solutions and long-term sustainability.

Titled, "A Shared Vision for a Shared Future," the Plan identifies up to \$50 billion of major transportation projects believed necessary not only to maintain a state of good repair for existing systems but to accommodate a regional population expected to grow by another 2 million over the 25-year life of the Plan. Ten specific areas throughout the region are identified as potential growth centers with the fairly obvious recommendation that projects to expand system capacity be targeted to these centers. Also highlighted is the fact that barely a quarter of the necessary funding has been allocated to date. Although conceived separately, the



Regional Transportation Plan echoes many of the same themes and statistical projections of PLANYC 2030, albeit extrapolated over a much larger geographic area.

Prior to the Board’s vote to adopt the Plan, a keynote address was given by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Raymond LaHood. Before his appointment to President Obama’s cabinet this past January, LaHood served for 14 years as Congressman for the 18th District in Illinois which includes Peoria and Springfield. Secretary LaHood congratulated New Yorkers on their willingness to think big and to accept the challenges of responding to climate change. He outlined a joint Sustainability Initiative along with the Secretaries of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development that would recognize the interdependence of their respective agencies’ missions. He discussed ambitious plans to create high speed rail connections throughout the country with special emphasis on the Northeast Corridor. He also vowed that the next version of the federal transportation bill would be more favorable to urban centers such as New York and would re-adjust the balance between highway and transit funding, but stressed that reauthorization of the bill would not come quickly.

For the full text of the Secretary’s statement, go to the NYMTC website – [www.nymtc.org](http://www.nymtc.org).

**COMMENTARY: The Missing Chapter With the Interplay of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs**

By Dr. Floyd Lapp, FAICP

Anthony Flint’s, “Wrestling with Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took on New York’s Master Builder and Transformed the American City,” revisits the interplay of master builder Robert Moses and community organizer Jane Jacobs. The story brings

together the two most powerful urban planning books of the last half century related to New York City and environs-- Jacobs’, “Death and Life of Great American Cities”(1961) and Robert Caro’s, “Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York”(1974).

Using the public authority mechanism, the Moses reign ran from the mid-1920’s to the late 1960s.As Jameson W. Doig observed in his tome on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the public authority and its strategy for financial independence –issuing revenue bonds rather than relying on legislative funding or voter approved bonds and boards of directors, usually small in number and isolated from the people, became the conventional approach to building public works. Democracy was put “on hold” as the passion for greater efficiency, combined with some antipathy toward local political leaders led state officials and civic leaders to drop their democratic guard and yield responsibility for an important part of their destiny to an agency insulated from direct popular control.

By the late 50s and through the 1960s, the demolition and redevelopment cycle created by the urban renewal and interstate highway programs that were led by Moses, triggered increased attention and sensitivity for neighborhood planning ,historic preservation, the civil rights and environmental movements but overall the birth of the public participation. The autocratic approach inherent in Moses’ authorities was out of style. He had built Le Corbusier’s City of Tomorrow, a city of highways and towers in superblocks with open space but reduced street life. Enter Jane Jacobs who had a much briefer reign, roughly a decade in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She pioneered the community organizing movement that has its disciples in New York City and across the country. Anyone walking through Washington Square Park and the SoHo



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district knows now that a highway through the park to link with a Lower Manhattan Expressway, as advanced by Moses and rejected by Jacobs and her group can hardly be debated. That was not the case in the halcyon years of Moses.

While Jacobs left a legacy in her path of community organizers to refine her pioneering ventures, nothing has come along to refine or improve on the Moses record of building big and implementing large projects. Take all the hats Moses wore, put them on the many people who have worn them since his demise, factor in an elaborate land use and environmental review process, neighborhood groups, union mentalities and compare the record. In the words of Paul Goldberger, "If power was too centralized under Robert Moses, it is hard not to wonder if we have not paid the price for letting the pendulum swing so far the other way." Creative and bold leadership has been lost along the way. While the visionary or villain debates involving Moses persist more than 40 years after he left the public stage, it is very clear that few major public infrastructure projects have been built. Evidence exists in at least three obvious examples, the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, the rethinking of the Tappan Zee Bridge and the lack of timely implementation of mega rail projects by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority such as: the Second Avenue Subway, the East Side terminal at Grand Central and the extension of the #7 subway line. As these projects languish it is hard to know who is in charge. This is the missing chapter that needs to be written half a century after the interplay of Moses and Jacobs. How do we build much needed major infrastructure once again with a balance of autocracy and democracy. Unlike Jacobs, Moses, as well as his critics, did not leave any constructive legacy to build upon.

### Tour of the High Line

By Kathleen d'Erizans, Young Planners Group

On August 26, the events committee of the Young Planners Group organized a tour of the new High Line Park followed by a Fall Kick-off Mixer at the nearby Frying Pan on Pier 66. About 25 young planners attended the tour, given by Friends of the High Line Outreach Assistant Salmaan Khan. Salmaan's tour explained the innovative green design features of the new park, as well as the

process to transform the old tracks into a unique public space. He also gave the unique history of the High Line, from a publicly-demanded elevated rail line designed to improve safety along the 10th



Avenue corridor in the Meatpacking District and Chelsea, to abandonment and threats of demolition, culminating into a park due to the visionary leadership of the Friends of the High Line founders.

After the tour, about 40 more additional young planners met up at the Frying Pan bar on Pier 66 for socializing, networking and reflections of the tour. The Young Planners Group conducted a tour on Long Island City and Hunters Point on October 18 and will hold a Planning Trivia night, tentatively scheduled for mid-November.



### Report from the Federal Policy & Program Briefing

By Michael A. Levine, AICP  
VP for Intergovernmental Affairs

This year's Federal Policy & Program Briefing was held from October 4 to October 6 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. At this annual event, the Legislative Liaisons (and others) from all APA chapters meet to discuss the organization's policy agenda for the upcoming year. This was the fourth consecutive year the event has been held at

the Omni Shoreham and the third time in the fall, having previously been somewhat of a roaming event both in terms of the time of year and the venue.

The opening day was billed as the National Design Professional's Summit on Sustainable Communities with sessions devoted to transportation, energy and climate change. The principle theme was the breaking down of "silos" within the federal government, meaning agencies and programs that are entirely self-contained and narrowly focused. A common issue among federal grant recipients is that funds often come with such a narrowly defined scope of permitted expenditures that complimentary activities are often rejected as out-of-scope. An

example might be a DOT grant that cannot be used to fund intrinsically related land use or environmental actions because the agency is only authorized to fund transportation activities. To combat this, a working partnership has been formed between the secretaries of housing, environment and transportation that will facilitate holistic approaches to federal programs and, we were informed, should be reflected in the next round of appropriations bills and subsequent grant programs. Already, a \$150 million authorization has been requested for the FY 2010 transportation and housing appropriations bills.

Tuesday's program was a bit of a departure from previous years as the conference happened to coincide with UN World Habitat Day. Established in 1986, the event returned to the United States for the first time since 1993 with the theme "Planning our Urban Future." The morning events were held in the Great Hall of the National Building Museum. Speakers ranging from HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan to Dr. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, discussed the topic of rapid urbanization worldwide and the vital role of planners in ensuring adequate infrastructure and living conditions now that, for the first time in history, the

majority of the world's population lives in urban centers. Musician Jon Bon Jovi discussed the efforts of his JBJ Soul Foundation in developing affordable housing and revitalizing whole city blocks in Philadelphia and Camden.

Back at the Omni, the afternoon sessions continued the theme of new directions in Federal policy, with discussions on the topics of housing, water and health care. Capping off the second day was a Congressional reception hosted by the National Complete Streets Coalition in celebration of the 100th community (Rockville, MD) to adopt a Complete Streets policy. The event, held at the new Visitor's Center at the U.S. Capitol, was co-hosted by APA and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) representing Sacramento, which adopted its Policy in 2004.

Tuesday's events began with the release of the 2009 UN Report on Global Settlements entitled, Planning Sustainable Cities. Dr. Tibaijuka was again on hand, joined by her Chief Policy Analyst Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza (who is also the report's Chief Editor). Dr. Tibaijuka praised the American tradition of strong government-led land use planning and regulation with an emphasis on public participation. One could not help but notice a certain irony that nations around the world may be seeking to emulate the American model while factions within the United States have spent much of the past 25 years trying to weaken the system.

A keynote address was provided by White House Director of Urban Affairs (and former Bronx Borough President) Adolfo Carrion, who echoed what by now had turned into the overarching theme of the conference: the integration of housing, environmental and transportation policy and the elimination of "silos" within the federal government. APA Executive Director Paul Farmer then presented the Legislator of the Year award to Congresswoman

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Matsui. Previous winners have included Olympia Snowe of Maine in 2000 and New York's own Jerrold Nadler in 2007.

The balance of the third day was devoted to the annual "Planners' Day on Capitol Hill," in which the Legislative Liaisons meet with our congressional delegations to discuss the legislative goals of the organization. Specific bills that APA is tracking this year include the Livable Communities Act (S.1619) and the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S.1733).

The Livable Communities Act, introduced by Senator Christopher Dodd (D-Conn) on August 6th, would provide up to \$400 million over four years for regional plans that link housing, transportation and environmental needs; 3.75 billion to then implement those plans and would create a new Office of Sustainable Housing & Communities. As of the time of this writing there is no companion bill in the House.

The Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S.1733), introduced by Senators John Kerry (D-Ma) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on September 30th, just days before the conference, is the companion bill to the American Climate & Energy Security Act (H.R. 2454) passed by the House on June 26th. The bill creates a cap-and-trade system for achieving carbon reduction goals of 20% (from 2005 levels) by 2020, 42% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 and also allocates certain percentages from carbon allowances to fund energy block grants and alternative modes of transportation.

A listing of the full program may be found at [www.planning.org/policy/briefing/agenda.htm](http://www.planning.org/policy/briefing/agenda.htm). The date of next year's conference has been set for September 26-28, 2010.

## **New Rochelle Adopts Bicycle Parking**

By Edward Lynch, AICP  
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The New Rochelle City Council adopted an innovative bicycle parking requirement in June 2009 that is one of several initiatives taken to make this 72,000-resident Westchester city more bicycle friendly and environmentally sustainable. The seemingly simple but innovative law immediately

attracted Associated Press coverage, was featured on three New York news broadcasts and picked up by local newspapers as far away as Vermont.

The new bicycle parking law requires developers everywhere in New Rochelle to install one bicycle parking space for every 10 vehicle parking spaces that are required by zoning with new commercial or residential buildings (with 10 or more units). If it is impractical to provide the spaces on site, the developer is required to pay \$300 into the City's Bicycle Fund for each required bike parking space. The City will use those dedicated funds to provide facilities in the downtown and other built up commercial areas, where racks are sorely needed but the City does not have funds to purchase and install them. Since two bikes effectively can be locked to the standard, inverted "U" bicycle rack, the City is actually receiving a bit more money than its real cost to buy and install standard racks downtown.

At the public hearing on the proposed law, more than a dozen cyclists who live or work in New Rochelle showed up to urge the Council to adopt the law. One by one they eloquently argued why racks are necessary close to destinations, why bringing their bicycles in stores or carrying them up stairs is impractical, why hitching bikes to sign posts and street lights is not a good idea, why bicycling promotes public health, enhances recreation, and

reduces energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. City Council members were surprised at the professional diversity and magnitude of this special interest group, which had never appeared at any previous Council meeting. No one spoke in opposition to the measure. The political process worked.

The law is specific in terms of design standards, some of which are:

- Required bicycle parking spaces shall be at least two feet by six feet per bicycle.
- An aisle a minimum of five feet wide shall be provided to enable bicycles to enter and leave the facility.
- Sufficient space, to be a minimum of 30 inches, shall be provided beside each parked bicycle to allow access. This access area may be shared by adjacent bicycles. Racks shall be installed a minimum of 24 inches from a parallel wall or

other obstruction and 30 inches from a perpendicular wall.

- Bicycle parking shall be located in well-lighted areas and in close proximity to the building's entrance, within 50 feet whenever possible.
- Inverted U frame racks that support the bicycle at two or more points above and on either side of the bicycle's center of gravity are required, except that the Planning Board, as part of site plan approval, approves an alternate style of rack that provides a comparable level of security and convenience.

The inverted "U" type of rack, which is a standard required in Portland, Oregon and other cities with a long history of bicycle use, is readily available through numerous vendors. However the City of

New Rochelle also conducted a regional design competition for a functional bicycle rack that would also be an attractive art piece in public spaces. More than 20 submittals were received. A rack was selected, which fully satisfies the design standards required by the Zoning Code. However the cost for fabrication and installation of this design-winning bicycle rack are higher than the inverted "U"

standard. Therefore the City encourages property owners to consider this rack to satisfy the zoning requirement, but the design-winning rack is not mandatory. With previously available capital funds, the City installed 24 of these racks near City Hall, in a waterfront park and near its children's library. In addition to this new zoning law, other initiatives that support making New Rochelle more bicycle friendly include the official signing of about 20 miles of "share the road" bicycle routes. As other streets are repaired and/or shoulders widened, other routes are added to the system and signs erected by City traffic officials.

For further information on New Rochelle's zoning requirements or its bicycle friendly program, contact Edward Lynch, AICP, Planning Director.



## UP COMING EVENTS

Check out NY Chapter's online calendar [www.nyplanning.org/calendar\\_all.html](http://www.nyplanning.org/calendar_all.html) for full details on APA sponsored events

## APA EVENTS

- **ARE YOU IN A CREDIT SQUEEZE?**

Join the Lower Hudson Valley East Section for some "high-yield" CM credit opportunities.

Planning for Climate Change DVD - 4 CM credits!

**Tuesday November 17 at 3:30 p.m.**

Scenic Hudson, One Civic Center Plaza, Suite 200, in Poughkeepsie

RSVP to Mark Wildonger at [mwildonger@scenichudson.org](mailto:mwildonger@scenichudson.org) or 845.473.4440 Ext 276

Law and Ethics Double-Header – 4 CM credits!

2.5 CM credit CD-ROM course "Eminent Domain: A New Era" (includes 1.5 Law credits)

1.5 CM credit CD-ROM course "Ethics in Planning" (includes 1.5 Ethics credits)

**Wednesday, December 9 at 4 p.m.**

Westchester County Department of Planning, 148 Martine Avenue, Room 420 in White Plains.

RSVP to Lukas Herbert at [lah5@westchestergov.com](mailto:lah5@westchestergov.com) or 914-995-2085



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- **PLANNERS FOR ETHNIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

Workshop on “Sustainable Planning in a Diverse Community: Sustainable South Bronx”

**November 17, 2009 , 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Location: 11 Park Place, NYC (between Broadway & Church Street) Suite 701 Main Conf rm

Presenter: Miquela Craytor, Executive Director of Sustainable South Bronx.

Please register at this link:

<https://catalog.cerkit.rutgers.edu/course/display/10070>

The workshop will be submitted for 2 CM credits.

- **JOINT ITE SECTION / NY METRO APA MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**

Location: Riccardo’s, 21-01 24th Avenue, Queens, (718) 721 – 7777

For details & on-line registration, <http://www.ite-metsection.org/>

FEE: \$45.00 for members, \$50.00 for non-members, \$15.00 for full

time students and \$25.00 for government subsidies, retirees and

unemployed members only if a reservation is made, walk-ins \$55. NO

EXCEPTIONS. Free for Student Members who are attending their first meeting. Checks Payable to ITE Met Section.

### NON - APA EVENTS

- **PARIS/NEW YORK: 2 METROPOLES Planning for Sustainability, Density, and Inclusion**

A day of lectures and panel discussions will present strategies of French and American urbanists in addressing challenges in transportation, densification, social housing and open space.

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 9:00am – 6:00pm**

Location: The Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place, between Bleecker and West 3rd Streets

Organized by: French Cultural Services and AIA New York

For more details, check out: <http://main.aiany.org/index.php>

- **THE BROADWAY STREET CLOSURES AND THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY'S STREETS**

A discussion of the closure of certain segments of Broadway to vehicular traffic and what this portends for the future of New York City's streets.

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 6:30-8:30p.m.**

On-line registration: [\[Register here\]](#). This program is **FREE**

Sponsored by: Committee on Housing and Urban Development, Adam P. Hellegers, Chair

- **VISION LONG ISLAND’S 2009 SMART GROWTH SUMMIT**

This year’s theme, “Regional Challenges—Local Solutions.” The program includes a breakfast, luncheon, and over a dozen workshops throughout the day.

**Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 8am-4pm**

Location: Melville Marriott.

For more information or to register, call 631-261-2042 or visit [www.visionlongisland.org](http://www.visionlongisland.org)

- **CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF NEW YORK CITY**

**Monday, November 23, 2009, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

Location: Proshansky Auditorium CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave New York, NY. 10016

Panels on:

The financial crisis and the City's economy      The future of the labor market      Greening the City

The future of residential neighborhoods      The future of public education

On-Line Registration: <http://www.rsvpmenow.com/rsvpbeta/?id=20558>

- **SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR STORMWATER PLANNING AND DESIGN**

One Day workshop sponsored by District/Department of Planning and New York City Soil and Water Conservation District

**December 2, 2009 from 8 am to 4 pm**

Location: Westchester County Center in White Plains.

This day-long workshop focuses on the development of sustainable stormwater management practices, with an emphasis on both water quantity and water quality in regional urban and suburban environments. The conference program consists of a keynote speaker and panel presentations centered on two themes: Policy/Planning and Design. Larry Coffman, President of LNSB, LLLP Stormwater Services, will be the keynote speaker for this workshop. We have submitted an application to Practicing Institute of Engineering (PIE) to seek 5.25 PDH's for professional engineers, architects and landscape architects.

- **SUSTAINABLE LONG ISLAND FALL BREAKFAST SERIES, BREAKFAST III**

Revitalizing and Utilizing Train Stations in our Downtowns

**Friday, December 11, 2009 \* 8-10am \*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Location: Ellsworth W. Allen Town Park \* Motor Avenue \* Farmingdale, NY

For more details and to register, check out: [www.sustainableli.org](http://www.sustainableli.org)

- **INTERNATIONAL COURSES FOR 2010/2011**

Pratt Institute's Graduate Center for Planning & the Environment is offering several new international courses for 2010/2011 and we are encouraging non-matriculated students to participate.

Sao Paulo, Brazil (Spring Break 2010) contact Perry Winston at [cel.win@ix.netcom.com](mailto:cel.win@ix.netcom.com) , Istanbul, Turkey (Summer 2010) contact Ayse Yonder at [ayonder@pratt.edu](mailto:ayonder@pratt.edu) , Berlin, Germany (Summer 2010) contact Ron Shiffman at [rshiffma@pratt.edu](mailto:rshiffma@pratt.edu) , Tokyo, Japan (Summer 2011) contact Jonathan Martin at [jmarti18@pratt.edu](mailto:jmarti18@pratt.edu)

## ...NOW AVAILABLE

- **"DIGITAL CAPTURE" FOR 2009 PLANNING CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

Digital Capture is a new way to experience sessions from the APA's 2009 National Planning Conference, held in Minneapolis, April 25-29. In Digital Capture, PowerPoint presentations from individual speakers are synced with audio from their 2009 conference sessions for viewing online.

Users can even earn CM credit by viewing approved sessions and completing an acquisition of content survey at the conclusion. Digital capture is affordable and easy to use. At only \$40 for each session, or the complete library for \$995, a user can round out all necessary CM credits from the comfort of his/her own home or office! Visit <http://planning.org/conference/previous/2009/digitalcapture.htm> for complete information

- **APA NATIONAL'S ONLINE ETHICS AND LAW COURSES**

For APA members looking to fulfill CM Ethics and Law requirements, you can do this through APA's two new online courses: Ethical Practice for Practicing Planners (CM 2.0, \$49.95) and Hot Topics in Planning Law (CM 3.0, \$99.95) are available for purchase via <http://professional.captus.com/Planning/Default.aspx>.

**NOTE:** Transportation/Land Use Connection, a new online course, will be available Fall 2009, and Planning for Healthy Communities with Health Impact Assessments (CM 6.0) is still available for free through June 2010.

- **LOCATE FREE CM EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR APA MEMBERS**

To locate free distance education CM credits offered by APA and its Chapters, go to APA National's new webpage at [www.planning.org/cm/free/](http://www.planning.org/cm/free/). Currently, there are more than 20 CM credits available to members, and more free distance education opportunities will be added as they become available.

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