

## Car History, City History

By Tom Buffkin, AICP

Planners in the New York metro area may want to check out the current exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York titled “Cars, Culture, and the City.” The endorsement of this exhibit glamorizing the automobile may sound odd coming from someone who has spent over 20 years promoting transportation alternatives to the private automobile, but the exhibit is really about more than just American car culture.

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## President's Message

By Donald Burns, AICP, Chapter President

Dear members,

The Chapter has been very busy organizing events and programs. Some of the interesting programs the Chapter have organized included LEED in Greenburgh, NY, the 2014

Olympics in Rio, Student Studio Presentations, a walking tour of Mount Vernon New York, and Transit Oriented Development. We plan to continue to provide members with enlightening programs.

Metro Chapter is in its election cycle and in this publication you will find statements from each candidate. The elections are for the voting members of the Executive Committee. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, members will be sent to their email addresses an election ballot and will have two weeks to fill it out on-line.

On Friday, May 7th five teams of graduate planning students from New York University, Pratt Institute, Hunter College, Rutgers University, and Columbia University presented their studio projects. All five teams did a great job with their presentations. For those who are not familiar with the format, the planning schools choose their topics and are usually working with a municipality or non-profit client. Kathleen d'Erizans, Chair of the Chapter's Young Planners Group, moderated the program and the judges were Bob White, Candice Damon, and David Woods who all provided excellent feedback. One theme that ran through all five presentations was incorporating sustainability and wellness into the planning process. Special thanks go to Columbia University for hosting the program and to the APA Metro Chapter's Student Relations Committee Chair Cathy Kim and the student representatives on a successful program that started on time and ended slightly early.

I want to congratulate the Hunter College's Department of Urban Affairs and Planning on being re-accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). PAB regularly reviews programs and helps maintain the standards for planning education. PAB's mission is to ensure high quality education for future urban planners. PAB conducts the accreditation process for planning programs in North America.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the passing of civil rights pioneer Dorothy Height the founder of the National Council of Negro Women. It was as a member of the Youth Committee of the Bronx Chapter where I first learned the importance of volunteering.

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The exhibit starts with the early days of the automobile as a luxury commodity, and then traces the car's influence on urban architecture and urban form. Early on the Vanderbilt built a "Motor Parkway" on Long Island for racing and pleasure. This was a precursor to the Long Island Expressway albeit for significantly different purposes. The exhibit documents early warnings about how the automobile may have negative impacts on society, including Woodrow Wilson's concern that the car might become so much a feature of privilege that it would spur resentment among the populace.

The exhibit also notes that just as New York City served as the major point of entry for immigrants hoping for a better life in America, New York also served as the point of arrival for foreign-made cars hoping to capture a share of the burgeoning American market.

But of most interest to planners is how the exhibit traces the role of automobiles in urban development. The exhibit documents measures that the city took to make room for the automobile: it shows before and after pictures of the removal of landscaped pedestrian mall in the center of Park Ave to increase the number of lanes on that boulevard, and it documents the narrowing of sidewalks along Madison Avenue for the same purpose. Clearly at the time, the automobile was being given priority over the pedestrian.

Cars transformed where New Yorkers could live. On display is a photo from Forest Hills in the 1920s which shows a new suburban street with a vacant field in the distance. But what makes this picture particularly interesting is that in front of every house, there is a car, and there are no empty parking spaces.

The exhibit contains some interesting illustrations of how in the early 1900s planners in New York were thinking about accommodating the automobile. There are displays of Grand Central Terminal (completed in 1913) that show a vast complex (not completely realized) to house the various modes of transportation including auto ramps, and an elevated roadway (realized and used today) to divert traffic around the building. There is also a discussion of the Holland Tunnel, New York's first auto tunnel, which opened in 1927, after 20 years of planning and construction.

There is a "Life" magazine from 1937 that shows a full page ad from the Shell Oil company illustrating "the City of Tomorrow." The ad quotes the urban thinker Norman Bel Geddes saying "Pedestrians, express traffic, local traffic – each will be given a clear path by 1960." Clearly, people were beginning to realize even then that there were challenges to this emerging mode of transportation. The ad goes on to say that "When traffic delays feel hopeless, men of vision are working on the problem." (Sorry, ladies, only men had vision back then.) The ad shows the early thinking of how to "harmonize" cars and cities perfectly: elevated sidewalks, no parking along local streets, high speed long-distance elevated roadways.

The museum has on display many important resources from American urban planning history, such as the 1929 book "The Metropolis of Tomorrow" by Hugh Ferriss, which he wrote based on earlier work illustrating the impact of the 1916 NYC zoning laws.

The exhibit also documents the work of the Regional Plan Association (RPA) which recognized early on that the car was having a significant impact on urban development. RPA envisioned an auto-centric New York in the 1920s and the infrastructure needed to support this burgeoning transportation mode. But the RPA also explored strategies to mitigate the impact of the car on urban life through zoning and urban design to minimize pedestrian-auto conflicts. Also on display are the Regional Plan Association's publications of "Regional Survey of New York and its Environs" (1925), and "Regional Plan of New York and its Environs" (1931).

These works and other resources document a New York metropolitan area of the future that relies on the automobile as a (the?) major mode of transportation. There are maps, diagrams, and drawings of infrastructure projects such as the Battery-Brooklyn Bridge (not tunnel), and elevated roadways in Manhattan. Other projects on display were ideas for the rehabilitation of the Harlem River Waterfront at Mott Haven in the Bronx from 1931, improvements of Eastern Boulevard in the Bronx from 1940, plans for a riverside park on Manhattan's west side from 1944, and drawings of the notorious Westway project: a buried highway under a park along the Hudson River. There is one rendering of the Manhattan Crosstown Expressway that makes this expressway look quite modern and lovely – stylish pedestrians

passing by cute boutiques with mod exteriors tucked under the elevated structure.

But all was not rosy for the car in the city. There are photographs of rough road conditions, and deteriorating infrastructure. The exhibit touches on the major transportation policy debate between Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs. It chronicles how New York City began to shift its transportation policies from primarily accommodating the automobile to a more balanced approach, accommodating all travel modes.

An early example of this shift was Mayor Lindsay's proposal to convert a section of Madison Avenue from 44<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> streets into a pedestrian mall. This proposal was actually tested in the fall of 1972, similarly to New York's recent pilot projects of closing down sections of Broadway to vehicular traffic. Unfortunately for New York pedestrians in the 1970s, the Madison Mall met with a very different fate than the Broadway project: the City's Board of Estimates canceled it in 1973.

The exhibit circles around to the current policy discussions about electric cars, car-sharing, and traffic calming. There are videos by StreetFilms that show computer-generated renderings of redesigned streets with bike and bus lanes. The film suggests how good design and planning can improve safety and experience of all street users. To support this change in emphasis, it mentions New York City's recently published Street Redesign Manual (2009).

As planners, as we imagine what our cities will look like and how they will function in the future, it is important to look back and reflect on how our predecessors addressed challenges of a new transportation technology, and remember that many ideas have been presented, but not all come to fruition. This exhibit provides an opportunity to revisit some of these ideas, and will remind us that planning is critical as our cities and society continue to absorb new technology. I believe a visit will reinvigorate your enthusiasm for planning for the future.

#### Exhibit Information:

Cars, Culture, and the City  
Museum of the City of New York  
March 25 through August 8, 2010  
1220 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY 10029  
[www.mcny.org](http://www.mcny.org)

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## Mount Vernon, NY Embarks on a Comprehensive Planning Effort

By APA Metro Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization committee

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, members of the APA NY Metro Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee (co-chaired by Carol Van Guilder, AICP, and Gary Brown) and interested citizens and professionals participated in a walking tour of the Mount Vernon West neighborhood in the City of Mount Vernon.  
Gateway

The City is in the process of preparing a new Comprehensive Plan, one that would replace its 1968 document. As a part of this preparation, the City has identified Mount Vernon West as an area worthy of further study due to the location of the train station and a Bronx River Parkway exit, which form an important gateway. Various efforts are underway for the study area: a feasibility study funded by The Land Use Law Center of Pace University School of Law; a Tri-State Transportation Campaign-funded Vision Plan; and a focus on TOD (Transit Oriented Development) supported by an



Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant from the federal government.

William Long, Planning Administrator, City of Mount Vernon Department of Planning and Community Development, hosted the tour. Lee J. Ellman, AICP, Planning Director, City of Yonkers was also in attendance.



Map of Mount Vernon

Mr. Long started with an overview of the immediate properties surrounding the train station (the station itself is one of a few on the Harlem line that was acquired privately from the New York Central RR in the 1960's). The surrounding parking lots and a gas station are also now privately owned. The station is a striking civic building, and is occupied by two commuter-oriented retail tenants. However, the original soaring ceilings of the central room are obscured, and passageways allowing access to the platforms are rudimentary, except for public art installations. An adjoining building is occupied by a retail bank and other professional uses. Opposite the station, to the east, and to the north, there are small retail stores. The group recognized the potential for mixed-use development here.

Ellman escorted the group west, beneath the RR tracks, into the City of Yonkers, where he provided a concise overview of the area. He explained that the Yonkers side of the station is mostly built out, with cooperative apartment buildings and smaller, older compact street front retail businesses. He described current projects in the area. A movie theatre and a

vacant parcel (on Bronx River Road) are sites for potential redevelopment. Lee outlined the likely density, position in the market, and timing of these sites. His remark that Yonkers has been “doing TOD for 100 years” was well-taken, as the density of persons here supports the necessary walking population for heavy rail.

Mr. Long took the group back to Mount Vernon, to the east and up the grade on Mount Vernon Avenue, and introduced us to one of the fundamental issues that the City must contend with: the diversity of land uses as well as the ripeness for redevelopment at TOD levels of density. This part of Mount Vernon contains light industrial uses that continue to find markets for their higher-value products and processes. These uses exist in close proximity to single- and multi-family housing and other commercial uses.

The Mount Vernon Avenue corridor, stretching from the train station east for several blocks, contains several vacant properties. The orderly redevelopment of vacant parcels and the renewal of existing buildings can bring additional housing units, innovative green-focused business ventures, and a more coherent linkage between the train station and downtown Mount Vernon.

Walking along Mount Vernon Avenue, we planners recognized that this corridor deserves a clear vision for quality redevelopment.

The City of Mount Vernon’s energetic Comprehensive Planning efforts are underway, and these and other long-term issues are being reviewed carefully under the leadership of the City’s Mayor Clinton I. Young, Jr. and Commissioner of Planning Jeffrey Williams, and with the participation of a steering committee. As demonstrated by the



walking tour, the City's efforts for improvement are also met with interest from the wider professional planning community.

### Chinese Engineers Tour East Side Access

By Donald Burns, AICP

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, APA Metro Chapter hosted a delegation of six engineers and their translator from the Research Institute of Standards and Norms (RISN) and Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD) in China. Metro Chapter President Donald Burns arranged a presentation and a tour of the Long Island Rail Road's East Side



Access tunnel for the delegation. The presentation included a discussion of the project a background, project elements, environmental process, alignment, construction techniques, and design standards.

The tunnel tour featured the different tunneling techniques used to create the East Side Access tunnels, caverns, and future escalator bank to Grand Central Terminal. The highlight of the tour was seeing the tunnel boring machine used to tunnel under Manhattan.

The Chinese delegation was interested in learning about the design standards for rail transit projects during their 10-day trip to America. After their visit to New York City the Chinese delegation traveled to Washington, D.C. to visit the Washington Metro Area Transportation Authority.

### APA Metro Chapter Election Statements from Candidates

**APA Metro Chapter will be holding elections for the 2010-2012 term from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>. In 2008, Metro Chapter voted to conduct electronic ballots for the 2010-2012 term. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, ballots will be sent to members via e-mail.**

**Below are the candidate's statements for each position.**

**President:**  
Donald Burns, AICP

As Chapter President I would like to continue to develop and promote programs throughout the region that reflect the local and regional interest. As President I want to continue to engage graduate planning students, the increased activities of the Young Planners Group while providing services to rank and file members. I would also like to identify opportunities to engage our FAICP members in Chapter activities to gain from their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

During this new term I would like to develop a two-year budget, draft a work plan to guide our events and activities during the year, review and update the Chapter Bylaws, and draft a new Chapter Strategic Plan. The next year will also have some major events including the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks and our biennial Chapter Conference.

In conclusion, I would like to continue developing and promoting events and programs all over the region as we have done the last two years. I believe that Metro Chapter can provide a forum to discuss the diversity of planning issues in our region.

**Vice President of Programs:**  
Kovid Saxena, AICP, LEED AP

Kovid Saxena is a planner at HDR—a planning and A/E/C consulting firm—with 10 years of experience in environmental planning, transportation planning, public policy, and development in complex urban environments. His varied expertise includes analysis related to greenhouse gas emissions, land use, open space, socioeconomic conditions, economic development, real estate market analysis, community planning, and public outreach. Kovid has a graduate degree in planning from Columbia University, and has worked on projects in New York and internationally.

As Vice President for Programs, I would promote the nexus of planning, energy efficiency and sustainability through APA NY Metro Chapter activities, in coordination with Chapter committees. The Chapter leadership has already taken great strides in this direction, and I would like to continue and add to that momentum. I believe that this nexus is critical; the planning profession is optimally poised to lead the “greening” of communities in New York City, Hudson Valley and Long Island as policy and regulation evolves at the local level (including updates to PlaNYC 2030 and CEQR), and at the State and Federal level.

**Co-Vice President for Professional Development:**  
James Rausee, AICP

I submit my name for reelection to continue my service to APA and the NY Metro Chapter. Over the last two years, I have had the pleasure to serve as Vice President for Professional Development for the Chapter. In that time, the Chapter has directly offered more than 170 CM credit opportunities, amongst the most in the nation. I have also expanded the AICP Review Course to include a review session closer to the November exam. Outside of my position at APA, I have an extensive background in professional development, which includes serving as Founding Chairperson of The Leading Institute, a leadership development organization for planners & community development professionals, and an adjunct professorship at Hunter College.

My goals are to:

- Increase the number of CM opportunities directly offered by the Chapter and through partnerships with the planning schools, other Chapters, and outside organizations.
- Broaden the spectrum of CM credits offered to better serve all members, whether they have just passed the exam or are FAICP.
- Work with the APA National and other Chapters to make the CM process more user-friendly.
- Provide more outreach and technical support to AICP candidates.

I respectfully ask for your vote and your support.

**Co-Vice President for Professional Development:**  
Tina Lund, AICP

For the past two years, I have served as Secretary for the MetroChapter. While this position has been interesting and a good introduction to the functions of the Executive Committee, I would like to be more active in my support of the Planning profession in the Metro Region. Some of the most rewarding work I have taken part in during my tenure has involved the continuing education of planners. To this end, I am providing this statement of purpose for the position of co-Professional Development Officer.

I have been a practicing planner with Urbanomics for the past 14 years specializing in the practice areas of economic development and demographic analysis. I also have a background in professional education. In the Spring 2010 semester, I co-taught a course in Applied Demography at Pratt’s Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment. I have guest lectured in Data Collection and GIS in Planning at NYU’s Wagner School and Princeton’s Wilson School. In addition, during my time with the Executive Committee I have become familiar with the CM approval process and gained experience in interacting with National while providing logistical support for the MetroChapter’s Bi-annual Fall Conference. I sincerely hope that I will be able to serve the New York Planning Community further in this capacity.

**Vice President for Intergovernmental Affairs:**  
Michael Levine, AICP

With the change of administrations in Washington, planners were optimistic that the issues of sustainability, affordability and equity would enter the national legislative conversation. While economic realities seem to be slowing progress, there are several federal initiatives in the works that seek to address climate change, mobility, and the integration of transportation, environmental and land use planning. In a difficult atmosphere where there is fierce resistance from defenders of the status quo, the planning profession has to step up and ensure that our legislators know that there is support for these new policies and new technologies.

As your Chapter's Vice President for Intergovernmental Affairs, I will continue to work with the national leadership of APA and with the Legislative Liaisons from the other chapters in advocating for bills of great importance to our profession. On the Federal level, that means the Livable Communities Act, the Senate version of the American Clean Energy & Security Act and the reauthorization of the transportation bill. Locally, we have focused our efforts on a range of issues such as zoning incentives to promote healthier food options, mandating bicycle access to buildings and how to fund public transportation, among others.

If re-elected I will again represent the Chapter at the National Delegates Assembly, the annual Legislative & Policy Conference and continue the dialog with public officials on the issues that matter to us most.

**Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs:**  
Matthew Coogan

I am the Project Manager for the Capital Department of the Bryant Park Corporation/ 34th Street Partnership. Having been with the company for two years, I am responsible for the planning and maintenance of the public spaces and streetscapes in the 34th Street and Bryant Park Business Improvement Districts, working with various city agencies, including Parks, DOT, PD, and Small Business Services.

I am also a recent graduate of the MUP program at Hunter College, and have a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Philosophy from the University of Maryland. While at Hunter I served as President

of GUAPA (Graduates in Urban Affairs and Planning Association) from 2008 to 2009, and Vice President from 2007 to 2008. During my time with GUAPA we created UMAH, a Monday night lecture series, attracting prominent planning professionals, including Amanda Burden and Adolfo Carrion. We were also able to re-establish and manage a much needed orientation program for incoming students. I grew up in Orange County, NY and currently live in Brooklyn.

The upcoming elections this fall are sure to bring changes to the political climate. As Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs I pledge to provide the support and information necessary for the Metro Chapter to remain an active and effective interlocutor in national, state, and local government policy during this time of change. To keep members informed, I plan on creating a bulletin board on the chapter's webpage to post all relevant legislation and policy. I will proudly represent the chapter at the National Conference and look forward to working with the Upstate New York and other chapters in matters of mutual interest. Locally, I plan on opening up a dialogue with the Mayor's Charter Revision Committee, tracking their actions. In particular, looking at the possible reform and overhaul of the city's ULURP process. I look forward to accepting the responsibilities as Vice President of Intergovernmental Affairs by reporting and representing the interests of New York metro planners.

**Vice President for Committees:**  
David Fields, AICP

Position Statement: As a long-time member of the NY Metro Chapter, I've watched and participated as we've grown. The chapter now offers an extensive range of programs, educational forums, and opportunities for professional networking. As the Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee for the past six years and the New York City Section Representative for the past four years, I have supported these efforts, by facilitating panel discussions, hosting planners from Australia to speak about international TOD experiences, authoring position papers on the mayor's congestion pricing proposal and the proposed Moynihan rail station, and hosting the chapter's annual Planner's Scavenger Hunt. I have also represented the chapter as a delegate at the 2006 and 2010 APA National Conferences, ensuring the planning priorities of the

New York Metro Chapter are represented nationally.

Based on my experience leading a committee and a section, I believe I am well-suited to serving the chapter as Vice President for Committees, providing guidance and support to each of the chapter's committee chairs.

#### Background and Qualifications:

- New York City Section Representative, NY Metro Chapter (2006 to 2010)
- Co-Chair, Transportation Committee, NY Metro Chapter (2004 to 2010)
- American Institute of Certified Planners, July 1999 to Present
- Master of Urban Planning, New York University, May 1996
- American Planning Association, May 1994 to Present

#### **Vice President of Committees:**

Cornelius Hoss, AICP

In 2007, I graduated from the University of Michigan with a Master of Urban Planning degree. For the last three years I have been employed as a planner with Saccardi & Schiff, Inc. in White Plains. Prior to my current employment with Saccardi & Schiff, Inc. I held the position of Housing Preservation and Community Development Coordinator with Creekside Community Development Corporation in Detroit, Michigan. This past winter I became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. I am currently chair of the Lower Hudson Valley East Committee.

As Vice President of Committees, I would work towards encouraging active participation in all Metro Chapter committees; strengthening relationships between the committees; and assisting in the development of committee program materials. In addition, I would facilitate communication channels between the committees and the Executive Committee. I believe that encouraging a diverse group of planners to participate in the Metro Chapter committees will bring new ideas and perspectives that will enhance current and future activities.

#### **Treasurer:**

Lisa M. Lau, AICP

I am running for re-election as Treasurer of the New York Metro Chapter. As current Chapter Treasurer, I have worked successfully with the Executive Committee to manage the Chapter's finances. The Chapter remains financially solvent, and has met all of its payment commitments and expenditures with consideration to the current economic climate. The Chapter is entering the next two-year term with stable finances that will bode well for APA programming and member services in 2011 and 2012.

As Treasurer for 2011 and 2012, I would offer continuity in managing the Chapter's funds, budget, and accounts in coordination with the President and the entire Executive Committee; I would continue to offer strong organizational, quantitative, and project management skills to the position. I would be honored to continue serving the chapter and assisting in promoting planning in the Metropolitan area.

#### **Chapter Secretary:**

Neal Stone, AICP

I feel that I am well-equipped to perform the duties of Chapter Secretary for the next biennial term because of my experience with, and commitment to the APA in my previous years of service.

In the late-1990s, I chaired the NY Metro Chapter's Sustainable Development Committee, as well as last autumn's Biennial Chapter/Student Conference at NYU that afforded AICP members the chance to get ALL of their annual CM credits in 3 days without having to leave the NY Metro Chapter area. I've been a NY Metro delegate at two APA National Assemblies. In my tenure as Vice-President Programs over the last two years, Ethics & Law sessions have been offered over a dozen times chapter-wide, and countless hours of events and programming have been offered in conjunction with the Chapter Committees, Section Leaders, Executive Committee Members, members-at-large, and other professional associations.

I continue to believe that volunteer service to the Chapter is what makes our organization strong; it is the exchange of ideas, discourse, and debates that keep it relevant. I will remain committed to serving

the APA & AICP membership - albeit in a different capacity as Chapter Secretary - if given the opportunity to once more serve.

**Lower Hudson Valley East Representative:**  
Lukas Herbert, AICP

Having served as LHVE Director for the past 2 years, I have listened to people's complaints about too many events being located in NYC, and I have responded by getting more APA events happening in Westchester and Dutchess Counties. You now don't need to go to the City or the National Conference if you have to get CM credits because we offer enough courses up here. Going forward, we will continue to have more, and I will try to have them in more places to make them even more convenient. We also had a party last December, and we'll have more parties if I am re-elected. I have also worked to set up a "Lower Hudson Valley East Committee" so that people can be involved with an APA committee that does not meet in NYC. This committee will focus on planning issues for our region, because those issues are often different than NYC issues. In summary, I've tried to institute a lot of new things for the LHVE over the past 2 years. The way I figure it, it will probably take at least one more term to solidify the way things are set up so that I can hand it off easily to the next person who wants to be LHVE director.

**Lower Hudson Valley West Representative:**  
David Gilmour, AICP

As principal of Gilmour Planning in New Paltz, I monitor developments in planning throughout New York and the larger region. Acting as Lower Hudson Valley West Representative, I will provide focused assistance refining the Chapter Development (strategic) Plan and publicizing its implementation. Lower Hudson members will benefit from awareness about Chapter resource allocations and the approach to state of the art planning. Consistent with this, I find the Chapter list-serve to be of great utility. By exploring use characteristics, I will endeavor to generate more event participation, ensure that programming covers topics of interest, and help members in this area interact with the broader Chapter, and vice-versa. I will also help coordinate events with the Upstate Chapter, at area colleges, with allied professions, and other interest groups, including along the lines of sustainable development. Finally, with advanced specialty

certification moving forward, I will monitor the impact of this offering on the region.

**Long Island Co-Representative:**  
Ela Dokonal, LEED AP

A year ago, the top twenty CO2-emitting counties in the United States have been identified by a research team led by Purdue University. Suffolk has been ranked the 18th in the nation.

I am passionate about sustainability issues and very much aware of the increased pressure on resources and the decreasing quality of life. Long Island has every opportunity to do better. By continuously providing education and discussion forums, APA professionals can influence the way the development is done.

As a sustainability professional, a Director of Planning at ADL II Architecture, urban planner and designer with a Form-based Code Institute certification, I worked with many municipalities, diverse communities and community leaders across Long Island. Experiences from living and working in Europe and Australia, and exposure to variety of cultures and urban environments, allow me to bring new perspectives and solutions to local issues. As an active community volunteer I am currently involved with efforts designed to revive local economy in the village of Northport, such as preparation of proposals for zoning changes for inclusion of B&Bs, designing programs for cooperation between local artists and local businesses, and organizing Farmers Market, all designed to bring economic boost to our suffering Main Street.

In March 2009 as one of the international experts on sustainability issues invited by the government of China I had an opportunity to participate in design of a blueprint for a sustainable eco-city. The aim was to create a zero-carbon, zero-sulfur plan for an eco-city that could create a solution for urbanization of the existing region and serve as a model for the development of self-sustainable cities. Sustainability can be achieved at many levels, but most importantly, different levels need to be sustainable simultaneously in order to make a difference; from individual persons' attitude change, to building systems and urban morphology, with sustainability simultaneously achieved on a building, block, neighborhood, and city level. Many of the principles could be applied to Long Island.

Long Islanders appreciate our older communities with compact, pedestrian-friendly, and mixed-use neighborhoods where concentrations of civic, institutional, and commercial activity is embedded, not isolated. I believe that working together, we can achieve more.

Having an experience in working within Metro region, I also believe that the regional debate is tremendously important. With the effects of slow economy, there is an increasing need to organize more events locally. Technology is a powerful resource, and can be better used to promote and further the chapter's goals.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve APA NY Metro Chapter as the Long Island Representative, continuing the mission of current and previous representatives.

**Long Island Co-Representative:**

Jefferson V. Murphree, AICP

As the Town Planning and Development Administrator, I am employed by the Town of Southampton, New York and am in charge of six divisions including Long Range Planning, Current Planning, Building and Zoning, Environment, Work Force Housing, Transportation and the Administration Office. I have more than 27 years of public and private sector experience in planning, land use, development and environmental protection in California, Nevada, New Jersey and New York.

I am nationally certified in planning by the American Institute of Certified Planners and have a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Miami and a Masters degree in City and Regional Planning from the Edward Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy – Rutgers. I am currently a member of the Village of North Haven Planning Board and am Assistant Little League Coach for "The Robsters."

The economy of new construction on Long Island is a driving force to the New York metropolitan area. New construction needs to be properly planned in order to insure that it does not exceed the available infrastructure, complies with both local and regional planning goals and objectives, and is balanced with the open space goals needed to sustain our fragile ecosystem while enhancing our employment base.

In order to attract new, sustainable development, new funding sources are required. The funding needed to meet these objectives has caused local government to compete against each other for limited Federal, State and County aid. These fiscal constraints mean there needs to be more emphasis on local and regional partnerships to arrive at mutually agreeable goals. The APA can offer its assistance to help foster better regional planning and facilitate communication between municipalities.

**New York Area Representative:**

Ryan Harris, AICP

Ryan Harris, is a Senior Transportation Planner with SYSTRA Consulting, a private consulting firm that specializes in solutions for rail and transit operators. Mr. Harris is a transportation planner with a ten year record completing corridor alternatives analyses for local, express and rapid bus services, and light rail, heavy rail and commuter rail systems. His project experience includes transit service plans, FTA New Starts applications, traffic calming and parking management studies. He has worked in both the public and private sectors, has experience consulting to small, medium and large transit agencies, and has managed public outreach efforts with active and engaged stakeholders.

Mr. Harris is an active member of the New York Metro APA Chapter's Transportation Committee and was responsible for organizing the "Perspectives on the Transportation Mega-Projects" session at the recent fall chapter conference. He was the Vice President for Communications for APA's National Capital Area Chapter in 2003-2005 and was deeply involved in organizing the 2005 APA Conference in DC. He also is the webmaster for the Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division, a position which he has held since 2002.

Ryan Harris received a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Affairs and Planning with a minor in Engineering Science from Boston University and a Master of City and Regional Planning from Cornell University. He has lived and worked in Boston, Washington, DC, San Francisco and New York City.

## UP COMING EVENTS

### EVENTS

For these and more events please visit our chapter calendar: [www.nyplanning.org/calendar\\_all.html](http://www.nyplanning.org/calendar_all.html).

- **EAST END APA/AIA CONFERENCE**

**When:** Wednesday June 9 - 2:30-8:30 pm

**Where:** Suffolk Community College's Culinary Arts And Hospitality Center  
20 East Main Street, Riverhead

**Online RSVP:** [LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org](mailto:LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org)

**Registration by Mail:** Check payable to APA-LI Section  
APA – LI Section, c/o Kathryn Eiseman, Treasurer  
Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC  
572 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747

This year's East End Planning Conference focuses on Comprehensive Planning, Downtown Revitalization, and Architectural Guidelines as they apply to Long Island's East End communities. Credits for AIA and AICP certification maintenance have been requested. APA and AIA members \$20; nonmembers and at the door \$25; students \$15. Registration includes dinner.

A joint presentation of the Long Island Section of the NY Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Peconic Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

- **ARTHUR KUNZ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST**

**When:** Thursday, June 24, 8:30 to 10:00 am

**Where:** Molloy College at Republic Airport, Farmingdale

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