



Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Proctors Theatre
432 State Street
Schenectady, New York

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PROGRAM

- 8:45-10:45 am** **REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING, REFRESHMENTS**
- 9:15-10:15 am** **OPTIONAL DOWNTOWN SCHENECTADY WALKING TOUR**
(Meet at State St. entrance to Proctors; please complete event registration before the tour.)
- 10:45-11:00 am** **OPENING/WELCOMING REMARKS**
- Brian U. Stratton. Mayor, City of Schenectady
Peter B. Fleischer. Executive Director, Empire State Future
Philip Morris. CEO, Proctors Theatre
- 11:00 -11:45 am** **KEYNOTES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SMART GROWTH IN THE NEW NEW YORK STATE ECONOMY**
- Lorraine A. Cortés-Vázquez. New York Secretary of State
Pete Grannis. Commissioner, New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Geoff Anderson. Executive Director, Smart Growth America
- 11:50 am-1:00 pm** **CONCURRENT PANELS I:
COMMUNITY-TYPE FOCUS: UPDATES AND INNOVATIONS**
1. URBAN COMMUNITIES. Panelists:
- Brian Stratton. Mayor, City of Schenectady
William A. Johnson, Jr. Former Mayor of Rochester and Prof. of Public Policy, RIT
Norman Mintz. Co-author, Cities Back from the Edge: New Life for Downtown
Matthew Lister. Project Manager, Jonathan Rose Companies
Jennifer Rimmer. Deputy Director, Sustainable Long Island (Moderator)

2. SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES. Panelists:

Eric Alexander. Executive Director, Vision Long Island
David Church. Director of Planning, Orange County
Steve Bellone. Supervisor, Town of Babylon
Giovanni Palladino. Vice President, The Leyland Alliance
Evan Lowenstein. Green Village Consulting (Moderator)

3. RURAL COMMUNITIES. Panelists:

John Steinmetz. Principal, Steinmetz Planning Group
David Kay. Senior Extension Associate, Cornell University
William Farber. Chairman, Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
Mary Vanouse. Director of Community Development, City of Oswego
Mark Lyons. Architect, SWBR Architects and Village of Livonia (Moderator)

1:00-2:10 pm

LUNCHEON, NETWORKING, AND PRESENTATION: LIVING ON MAIN STREET

Norman Mintz. Director of Design, 34th Street Partnership; Co-author,
Cities Back from the Edge: New Life for Downtown

2:15-3:25 pm

CONCURRENT PANELS II: KEY ISSUE FOCUS (Choose One)

1. POLICY, LEGISLATION, REFORM: UPDATES AND INNOVATIONS.

Panelists:

Judith Enck. Deputy Secretary for the Environment, New York State
Geoff Anderson. Director, Smart Growth America
Joe Rabito. Deputy Commissioner, NY Dept. of Housing & Community Renewal
Clinton Brown. Principal, Clinton Brown Company
Paul Beyer. Director of Smart Growth, New York Dept. of State (Moderator)

2. THE NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION REVOLUTION. Panelists:

Sam Hoyt. New York State Assemblyman, 144th District
Richard Perrin. Director, Genesee Transportation Council
Robert Paley. Director, Transit Oriented Development, New York MTA
Veronica Vanterpool. Associate Director, Tri State Transportation Campaign
Peter B. Fleischer. Executive Director, Empire State Future (Moderator)

3. HOUSING INNOVATIONS. Panelists:

Eric Van Dusen. Chief Operating Officer, NeighborWorks Rochester
Blair Sebastian. Director, Rural Housing Coalition of New York
Ann Petersen. Homeownership Coordinator, City of Schenectady
Chris Jones. Vice President for Research, Regional Plan Association (Moderator)

4. MORE, BETTER, GREENER JOBS AND ECONOMY IN NEW YORK. Panelists:

Ray Gillen. Director, Schenectady Metroplex
Miquela Craytor. Executive Director, Sustainable South Bronx
James Parrott. Deputy Director, Fiscal Policy Institute
Jeff Jones. Consultant, New Partners for Community Revitalization
Rob Simpson. President and CEO, Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York (Moderator)

3:30-4:40pm

CONCURRENT PANELS III: MORE KEY ISSUES (Choose One)

1. AGRICULTURE/FOOD SYSTEMS FOCUS. Panelists:

Jerry Cosgrove. Deputy Director, New York State Dept. of Agriculture & Markets
Elizabeth Henderson. Organic farmer and author of Sharing the Harvest
David Haight. New York Field Office Director, American Farmland Trust
Samina Raja. Assistant Professor of Planning, University of Buffalo
Evan Lowenstein. Green Village Consulting (Moderator)

2. AIR, LAND, WATER, BIODIVERSITY. Panelists:

Rob Moore. Executive Director, Environmental Advocates of New York
Marcia Bystryn. Director, NYS League of Conservation Voters
Steve Rosenberg. Senior Vice President, Scenic Hudson
Paul Beyer. Director of Smart Growth, New York Dept. of State (Moderator)

3. ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE. Panelists:

Peter Iwanowicz. Assistant Deputy Director for the Environment, New York State
Janet Joseph. Director, Clean Energy Research/Market Development, NYSERDA
Jackson Morris. Energy/Climate Director, Environmental Advocates of New York
Luis Martinez Marti. Energy Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council
Melissa Everett. Executive Director, Sustainable Hudson Valley (Moderator)

4:45-5:15pm

CLOSING PLENARY

Peter B. Fleischer. Executive Director, Empire State Future
Paul Beyer. Director of Smart Growth, New York Department of State