

CONVERTING BROWNFIELDS INTO COMMUNITY ASSETS

January 24, 2006 - CONFERENCE

8:15am – 12:30pm

The Federal Reserve Bank of NY is collaborating with New Partners for Community Revitalization to bring together brownfield stakeholders, practitioners, technical experts, senior government officials, and other leaders from across the region. This Conference will focus on strategies and resources to revitalize low and moderate income neighborhoods through the cleanup and re-use of brownfield sites.

There will be keynote speeches from US EPA Region 2 Administrator Alan J. Steinberg, Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi, Senior Bloomberg Administration officials and senior Pataki Administration officials. Panelists will include experts from the US Environmental Protection Agency, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of State, NYS Empire State Development Corporation, NYC Office of Environmental Coordination, New Partners for Community Revitalization, the Low Income Investment Fund, Sustainable Long Island, Fifth Avenue Committee, Newman Institute/Baruch College and others. There will be an opportunity for questions/answers and networking.

Location: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 33 Liberty Street, NY, NY

Schedule/Agenda

- 8:15 am** **Registration** – Coffee & Danish/Bagels
- 8:45** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Elizabeth Ann Rodriguez, Vice President, Office of Regional and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Bank of NY
Jody Kass, Co-Director, New Partners for Community Revitalization
- 9:00** **Introductory Keynote Address**
Alan J. Steinberg, EPA Region 2 Administrator
Governor George Pataki (invited)
NYC Deputy Mayor Doctoroff (invited)
- 9:30** **Panel 1 – Introducing the NY Metro Brownfields Redevelopment Fund Program, a new public private nonprofit brownfield remediation financing mechanism.**

Moderator: Jim Tripp, Environmental Defense/Chair of the Board, NPCR

Panelists: Larry D'Andrea – Region 2 US Environmental Protection Agency

Brian Segel – NYC Director, Low Income Investment Fund

Robert R. Kulikowski, Ph.D. – Director, NYC Office of Environmental Coordination

Patrick Duggan – Nassau County Deputy County Executive

Sarah Lansdale – Executive Director, Sustainable Long Island

Mathy Stanislaus – Co-Director, New Partners for Community Revitalization

Panel Focus: Financial underwriting
Environmental underwriting
Public purpose consistency

10:30 – 10:40 Short Break

10:40 – 10:45 Brownfield Trends in Washington, D.C.

Charles Bartsch, Northeast-Midwest Institute - Brief overview of the legislative landscape on Capitol Hill.

10:45 – 12:15 Panel 2 – How the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) and Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program Can Enable Community Supported Brownfield Redevelopment Projects

Moderator: Barry Hersh, Director, Newman Institute, Baruch College. This panel will involve a series of short presentations by the Expert Panelists followed by a dialogue between the Practitioners Panel and the Expert Panel.

Expert Panel: Dale Desnoyers - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
George Stafford - NYS Department of State
Christine Costopolous - Empire State Development Corp
Alan Epstein – Hirschen, Singer & Epstein

Practitioners Panel:

Walter Roberts – NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development
Eric Bluestone – NYS Builders Association
Ajamu Kitwana – YMPJ - First-Round BOA grant recipient
Michelle de la Uz - Executive Director, Fifth Avenue Committee
Mathy Stanislaus – Co-Director, New Partners for Community Revitalization

Panel Focus: BCP eligibility of sites in low and moderate income communities
Application of the new DEC brownfield regulations at small urban sites
Brownfield Tax Credits on projects involving nonprofits and affordable housing
BOA availability of funds
Resources to implement brownfield redevelopment plans

12:15 – 12:30 Keynote Speaker/Closing Remarks

Nassau County Executive Thomas R. Suozzi