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Quality Communities Interagency Task Force Report

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Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue (Conference Chair)

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Panelists discussed how the Task Force Report recommendations can be implemented both legislatively and by local government and how the recommendations match up nationally with other state smart growth programs.

Moderator: **Sam Hoyt**, Assemblyman, New York State Assembly; Panel Members: **Mary Lou Rath**, Senator, New York State Senate; **Thomas P. DiNapoli**, Assemblyman, New York State Assembly; **Irene Elia**, Mayor, City of Niagara Falls; **Patricia E. Salkin**, Associate Dean and Director, Government Law Center at Albany Law School

Workshop Sessions

Implementing the Task Force Report

Workshop sessions addressed specific recommendations of the Task Force Report and encouraged conference attendees to participate in discussions on implementation (see Appendix A for the breakdown of recommendations by workshop).

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Moderator: **Deborah Meyer DeWan**, Riverfront Communities Program Director, Scenic Hudson, Inc.; Panel Members: **Judith Calogero**, Deputy Commissioner for Community Development, New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; **Scott Heyl**, Executive Director, Preservation League of New York State; **Norman Mintz**, Main Street Consultant, "Mr. Main Street"; **Sally Ball**, Coastal Division, New York State Department of State

Workshop 2: Agriculture and Farmland Protection	33
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Moderator: **Ruth Moore**, First Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; Panel Members: **Patrick Hooker**, Director of Government Relations, New York Farm Bureau; **Seth McKee**, Associate Land Preservation Director, Scenic Hudson, Inc.; **James Vincent**, President, L-Brooke Farms, Inc.

More than 400 people attended the 3rd Annual Smart Growth Conference, which focused on the Quality Communities Interagency Task Force Report.



Workshop 3: Protection of Open Spaces and Other Critical Environmental Resources 39

Moderator: **David J. Miller**, Executive Director, Audubon New York; Panel Members: **Andy Beers**, Deputy Director, The Nature Conservancy; **Paul Gallay**, Executive Director, Westchester Land Trust; **Francis Sheehan**, Director, Office of Natural Resources Planning, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Workshop 4: Transportation and More Liveable Neighborhoods 45

Moderator: **Daniel Mackay**, State Policy Director, Preservation League of New York State; Panel Members: **Julian Adams**, Technical Unit Supervisor, Field Services Bureau of the New York State Historic Preservation Office, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; **Philip J. Clark**, Director, Design Division, New York State Department of Transportation; **Jonathan Orcutt**, Associate Director, Tri-State Transportation Campaign

Workshop 5: Sustainable Economic Development 53

Moderator: **Patrick Duggan**, Executive Director, Sustainable Long Island; Panel Members: **Catherine H. Durand**, Chief Budget Examiner, New York State Division of the Budget; **David Church**, Executive Director, New York Planning Federation; **Graham Cox**, Forest and Wetlands Program Coordinator, Audubon New York; **William Johnson**, Deputy Director, New York State Office for Technology's Center for Geographic Information

Creating a Community Vision

Tony Nelessen, President, A. Nelessen Associates 63

Mr. Nelessen discussed the smart growth planning process from visioning, plan development, translation into codes and streamlining of the approval process. He illustrated the process through a series of case studies and also talked about political and bureaucratic impediments to the process.

Concurrent Sessions

Collaborative Community Planning 77

Local governments need to refocus on soundly planned growth, so called smart growth, through a collaborative community-based effort to arrive at a workable plan generated by the community, which responds to the needs of the community. Panelists discussed proven ways of engaging stakeholders and the public in the planning process.

Moderator: **Bruce Boncke**, PE, President, Boncke Mueller Eldred Associates; President of the New York State Builders Association; Vice-President of the New York Planning Federation;
 Panel Members: **Helen Budrock**, Acting Director, The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development; **Cheryl Doble**, Faculty of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; **Bob Wieboldt**, Executive Director, Long Island Builders Institute

Regional Planning – How does it fit? 87
 Smart development patterns will take some degree of cooperation between municipalities. Within the framework of the Task Force Report recommendations are there sufficient incentives to encourage regional cooperation? Panel members discussed diverse ideas for regional planning and collaboration, which, if implemented, could change patterns of development while respecting home rule.

Moderator: **John Nolon**, Director, Pace University Land Use Law Center; Panel Members: **William Carpenter**, Supervisor, Town of Pittsford; **Carmella Mantello**, Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Co-Director of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area; **George Raymond**, A.I.C.P., George M. Raymond Associates, Inc.; **John Sheffer**, Director, Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth, University at Buffalo.

Where do we go from here?

Statewide members of the Smart Growth Working Group discussed the future direction of smart growth and quality communities. 95

Moderator: **Fred LeBrun**, Albany Times Union; Panel Members: **David Church**, Executive Director, New York Planning Federation; **Patrick Hooker**, Director of Government Relations, New York Farm Bureau; **Edward Farrell**, Executive Director, New York State Conference of Mayors; **Philip LaRocque**, Executive Vice-President, New York State Builders Association; **David J. Miller**, Executive Director, Audubon New York

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