

# Appendix C Speaker Biographies Contact Information

Speaker Biographies and Contact Information for the  
2001 Smart Growth Conference, April 23, 2001, Albany, New York

## ADAMS, Julian W.

Julian Adams has been a member of the Technical Service Unit of the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NYSHPO) since 1988. From '88 to '95 his primary responsibility was the promotion, oversight and review of all Tax Credit projects across New York state. From '96 until recently, he handled technical review for all NYSHPO programs in the New York City area. In September of 1999 he was promoted to Senior Technical Coordinator for the NYSHPO, and currently oversees a staff of technical reviewers located both in the central Albany office and in remote locations across the state. In 1995-96, he took a sabbatical from the NYSHPO and worked as a preservation specialist for a nonprofit preservation organization in Natchez, Miss. There, he served as consultant to a 20 building low-income housing rehab project, working with the developer, architects, contractors, local preservation commission, and the Mississippi SHPO. He received a Masters in Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia in 1986.

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## BALL, Sally

Sally F. Ball joined the New York State Department of State Division of Coastal Resources in 1985. In her tenure with the Division of Coastal Resources, Ms. Ball served as project manager of the Long Island Sound Coastal Management Program, and has worked with numerous communities on the Great Lakes and Long Island and in New York City to develop and implement Local Waterfront Revitalization Programs. She is currently Chief of the Division's Local and Regional Programs Bureau. Ms. Ball holds a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from the University of Santa Clara and a Master of Regional Planning degree from Cornell University.

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## BEERS, Andy

Andy Beers joined the staff of The Nature Conservancy in 1989. He currently works in the Conservancy's Troy office, as the Deputy Director for New York state.

Mr. Beers has also worked for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, serving as the Assistant Commissioner for Government and Community Relations during 1994. From 1986 to 1989, he worked in the New York State Legislature, as a staff member on the Legislative Commission on Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste. Mr. Beers received a Masters Degree in Natural Resources Policy from Cornell University in 1986.

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### **BONCKE, Bruce**

Mr. Boncke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Clarkson College, Potsdam, New York. He has provided services for nearly 30 years in the consulting field and has done extensive work on private development and municipal projects. Many have involved significant public involvement. He has earned a reputation for well-designed projects that balance the developer's needs with community concerns. Mr. Boncke has also spent considerable effort on training and using his skills for improving planning and development. He prepares and instructs training programs for the Monroe County Planning Council, New York Planning Federation and American Society of Civil Engineers. His commitment to the home building industry has been instrumental in promoting quality development and continuing an important relationship between developers and communities. He is a past president of the Rochester Home Builders Association and is the 2001 President of the New York State Builders Association. He is also the Vice President of the New York Planning Federation and is a past president of the Rochester Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He is President of Boncke Mueller Eldred Associates, PC, which is recognized for its involvement in the legislative process through

the New York State Builders Association and participation on the Advisory Committee for the State Commission on Rural Resources. They have been involved in writing state and local incentive zoning regulations, SEQRA revisions, wetland delineation and mitigation guidelines, Clustering provisions and Conservation Easement statutes. They have implemented many projects utilizing these important planning tools.

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### **BUDROCK, Helen**

Helen Budrock is a certified planner with nearly a decade of experience providing assistance to communities on a wide range of environmental, housing, and community development issues. She currently serves as the Interim Executive Director at the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, a regionally-based nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental conservation and sustainable development in the Catskill Mountains. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from SUNY Purchase and her Master's Degree in Urban Planning from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. She began her career working as a planner in the private sector, before joining the Catskill Center in 1996.

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### **CALOGERO, Judith A.**

Ms. Calogero has served since 1995 as Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal and

President of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation. In this position she provides overall management and policy direction for ten Capital grant, loan and rental assistance programs with an annual budget of \$140 million and a staff of 140. The programs include the NYS Housing Trust Fund, the federal HOME and Low Income Housing Credit Programs, the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Rural Rental Assistance Program. Additional programs provide administrative funding to 250 community-based nonprofit organizations.

She was previously the executive director of the New York State Rural Housing Coalition, a statewide association of 200 community development organizations, local government agencies, and private developers. Ms. Calogero received a Master of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from The College of Saint Rose.

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### **CARPENTER, William A.**

Bill, a Pittsford resident for over 30 years, has spent the past 20 years working for the Town of Pittsford. He began in 1980 as Deputy Commissioner of Public Works and in January of 1983 he became the Commissioner of Public Works. In November 1993, Bill was elected as Supervisor of Pittsford, a position he continues to serve today.

In his tenure as Supervisor, he has provided leadership based on a vision for the future of this community. This allowed for the town to resolve major planning and zoning issues that have faced this community for the last quarter century. The solutions that were reached, in the form of "The Greenprint for Pittsford's Future," will be a legacy that will last for

generations to come. Bill is dedicated to running town government in a businesslike manner with attention to efficiencies, quality of services and focus on the needs of the residents and employees in the Town of Pittsford. Bill is a graduate of the College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry at Syracuse University.

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### **CASTRO, Bernadette**

Bernadette Castro serves as Commissioner of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. She was appointed to this cabinet post by Governor George E. Pataki in 1995. She is responsible for managing 167 state parks, 36 historic sites and 17 state heritage areas. Under her leadership the parks system has expanded by 28,000 acres but its cost to the taxpayers has been reduced as she has implemented public-private partnerships which have attracted a growing capital and revenue stream to support the park system. Mrs. Castro co-chairs the Empire State Task Force for Land and Water Conservation Funding, spearheading a campaign to boost federal funds available for state and local parks.

Mrs. Castro, a candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1994, is formerly president of a family-owned furniture company, and has an education and professional background in secondary school education and in broadcast journalism. She was selected by *Newsday* as a Long Islander of the Century for her political leadership. She is married to Dr. Peter Guida, a surgeon with New York Presbyterian Hospital, and has four children and four grandchildren. Dr. Guida has two children and two grandchildren.

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## **CHURCH, David**

Mr. Church is currently Executive Director of the New York Planning Federation. A trained planner and geologist, he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He also has nearly 20 years of community assistance experience in the Northeastern United States and has directed programs for the Catskill Center, the Conservation Foundation/World Wildlife Fund, and the New York Main Street Alliance. A former chair of the Town of Warwick Conservation Board, he is serving his second term as a member of the Town of Shawangunk Planning Board in Ulster County, NY. He is a member of the Land Use Advisory Committee to the NYS Legislative Commission on Rural Resources, and serves on advisory boards to the New York State Department of Transportation, the Cornell Local Government Program, and the SUNY-Albany Department of Geography and Planning.

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## **CLARK, Philip J.**

Mr. Clark is a career professional engineer with the New York State Department of Transportation. He is currently Director of the Department's Design Division and has also served as director of the Department's Region 8 office in Poughkeepsie. Mr. Clark is a member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Subcommittee on Design and the Task Force on Geometric Design, which is responsible for preparation and update of A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (Green Book). He is a member of the American Society

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## **COX, Graham L.**

Graham L. Cox is forest and wetlands program coordinator for Audubon New York, working in the Albany office since September, 1997. He holds a Master of Science degree in economics from RPI in Troy and is now a Ph.D. candidate in ecological economics at RPI. He has worked as a graduate scholar with the State Assembly Ways and Means Committee. He was formerly vice president for public affairs for the National Audubon Society, working out of the New York City office from 1991-94. Prior to his Audubon work, Cox served in several New York state government jobs, including work as education director for the State DEC, and as associate business editor for all the publications and public relations for the State Department of Economic Development.

Before working for state agencies, Cox was assistant environmentalist to the Monroe County Environmental Management Council, natural resources planner with the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Board and later the acting regional planning director. Cox started work in 1964 as a journalist with Thompson Newspapers in Britain and then with Gannett Newspapers in Rochester, New York. He was the first environmental reporter for the *Rochester Times-Union* and in the Gannett news empire from 1967 - 1970. He is a member of the International Society for Ecological Economics and a charter member of the United States chapter of this professional organization.

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## **DEWAN, Deborah Meyer**

Deborah Meyer DeWan is the Director of the Riverfront Communities Program at Scenic Hudson, Inc. a 37-year-old environmental organization based in Poughkeepsie dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic, natural, historic and recreational treasures of the Hudson River Valley. Deborah has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Public Policy from the State University of New York and a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Studies from Bard College. She was a principal advocate of and participant in the New York City watershed negotiations, which resulted in an historic agreement to protect the drinking water of 9 million New Yorkers, and was subsequently appointed to the environmental seat on the Catskill Watershed Corporation Board by Governor Pataki. Prior to joining Scenic Hudson, Deborah directed a Main Street revitalization project in an 8-county upstate area. Today she leads Scenic Hudson's downtown and waterfront revitalization efforts in numerous Hudson River communities, including Beacon, Yonkers, and Sleepy Hollow. She facilitates a Hudson Valley Smart Growth coalition and is coordinating the Hudson Valley Sprawl Index pilot project with Marist College.

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## **DINAPOLI, Thomas P.**

Now in his seventh term in the Assembly, Thomas P. DiNapoli represents a district in

northwestern Nassau County on Long Island. Assemblyman DiNapoli serves as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Local Governments and the Assembly Task Force on Long Island Sound. He also co-chairs the Legislative Commission on Water Resource Needs of New York State and Long Island.

Since his election in 1986, Assemblyman DiNapoli has earned a reputation as one of the Assembly's leading voices on environmental issues. In 1993, Tom worked with an array of Long Island environmental, governmental and business leaders to craft the landmark "Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act." He has championed efforts to restore Long Island Sound and numerous measures to ensure the quality of our state's drinking water. In 1998, he sponsored the law establishing Community Preservation Funds for Long Island's five east-end towns. This significant initiative will generate about \$110 million for land acquisition over the next decade.

A lifelong resident of the Town of North Hempstead, Assemblyman DiNapoli grew up in Albertson and graduated from Mineola High School. He holds a Master's degree in Human Resources Management from the New School for Social Research and a Bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) in History from Hofstra University.

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Ms. Doble is an Associate Professor and Director of the Council for Community Design Research at SUNY ESF. A public service and research program in the Faculty of Landscape Architecture, the Council provides technical assistance, educational programs and

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### **DONOHUE, Mary O.**

Elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York on November 3, 1998, Lt. Governor Donohue was an integral part of Governor Pataki's reelection team. She traveled the state campaigning on the governor's record of cutting taxes, reducing crime, cleaning up the environment and creating opportunities for individuals trapped on welfare.

Lt. Governor Donohue's experience as a teacher, District Attorney and State Supreme Court Justice has proven invaluable to the governor as he continues to implement policies that have given all New Yorkers more hope, more freedom and a brighter future entering the new millennium.

The Lt. Governor was appointed by the governor to chair the Quality Communities Interagency Task Force in January 2000 to study community growth in New York and develop ways to help communities implement effective economic and land development and preservation and rehabilitation strategies. Their report, "State and Local Governments: Partnering for a Better New York" was released

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### **DUGGAN, Patrick**

After a national search, The Reverend Patrick Duggan was selected in November 1998 to be the founding executive director of Sustainable Long Island. A native New Yorker, Reverend Duggan has served as pastor of the Congregational Church of South Hempstead/United Church of Christ since 1995. His involvement in sustainable economic development on Long Island is an extension of his 15 years of leadership as an executive, fund-raiser, and consultant in the social sector.

Rev. Duggan's membership in Group XIII of the prestigious Kellogg National Fellowship Program gave him an international perspective on community and regional economic development. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University in 1980 and the Master of Divinity degree from the New York Theological Seminary in 1993.

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### **DURAND, Catherine H.**

A twenty-year employee of the Division of the Budget, Catherine currently heads the Intergovernmental Relations Unit, overseeing State/local and State/federal budget issues. She has budgetary responsibility for over \$900 million in State aid to local governments, and monitors the fiscal health of counties, cities, towns and villages in New York state.

Catherine is responsible for the development of

Governor Pataki's legislative proposals regarding local government finance, mandate relief and other issues affecting local governments. She has served as the Budget Director's representative on numerous interagency task forces, including the Quality Communities Task Force, chaired by the lieutenant governor.

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### **ELIA, Irene J.**

Elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Niagara Falls in 1999, Mayor Elia has been a passionate advocate for the city. Her efforts led to Governor George E. Pataki's announcement of the creation of the USA Niagara Development Corporation, committing \$5.2 million in funding and also his proposal to double the Empire State economic development zone in the heart of Niagara Falls. She is also committed to the revitalization of the Niagara Falls Reservation State Park, to making the Deveaux Campus into a state park, encouraging the redevelopment of Main Street and working with business partners such as Buffalo Fuel Corporation, which recently relocated to Niagara Falls with over 100 new jobs.

Mayor Elia has served as executive director of Health Association of Niagara County, Inc., president of Severson Capital Corporation, director of research and planning and government grants for Niagara University, director of nursing services at Niagara Falls Medical Center, director of education at St. Leo the Great in Buffalo, and administrator of Mt. St. Mary's Hospital of Niagara Falls. She has a Ph.D. in Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master in Science in Education from Canisius College, a Master in Science in Hospital and Health Care Administration from St. Louis College and a Bachelor in Science in Nursing from Niagara University.

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### **FARRELL, Edward C.**

Edward C. Farrell has served as Executive Director of the New York State Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials since April of 1985. Prior to assuming this role at NYCOM, Mr. Farrell was a Deputy Budget Director for the New York State Assembly Ways & Means Committee. He also possesses local government experience, having served as Executive Director of the Community Development Agency in the City of Cohoes, New York.

Mr. Farrell is a graduate of Fordham University and has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the State University of New York at Albany. He has received several professional awards including the "Frank C. Moore Award" from the American Society for Public Administration as the outstanding local government administrator in New York. He has served on numerous boards including the National League of Cities, the Commission on Consolidation of Local Governments, the Comptroller's Advisory Council on the Retirement Systems, and the Center for Governmental Research, among others.

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### **GALLAY, Paul**

Paul Gallay is Executive Director of the Westchester Land Trust, an open space preservation organization chartered in 1988. The Land Trust protects watersheds, natural habitat, unique community resources and other open space values, by working with landowners, public officials, planners and

builders. The Land Trust recently coordinated the creation of the Westchester Open Space Alliance, a consortium of open space advocacy groups in 20 different area municipalities, to encourage broader consideration of open space issues. In the past year, Alliance members in ten different municipalities helped secure municipal funding for open space totaling 26 million dollars.

Paul was employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation from 1990 until February 2000, most recently as Special Assistant to Commissioner John P. Cahill. Prior to that, he was in private practice and was an Assistant New York State Attorney General in the Environmental Protection Bureau. He has taught environmental and administrative law at Brooklyn and Cardozo Law Schools. Paul graduated from Columbia University Law School in 1984 and Williams College in 1981.

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## HEYL, Scott

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Mr. Hooker serves as the Director of the Public Policy Division of the New York Farm Bureau where he oversees both the governmental relations and communications programs. Previously he served as Director of the New York State Senate Agriculture Committee, chaired by Senator John "Randy" Kuhl of Hammondsport, Steuben County. Mr. Hooker has also served as Rural Affairs Advisor, where he was appointed in 1985 by Minority Leader of the New York State Assembly C.D. "Rapp" Rappleyea.

Pat graduated from Morrisville Agricultural and Technical College in 1982 with an Associate's degree in Agricultural Science. After Morrisville, Pat attended Cornell University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education in 1984. Pat, his wife Karen, daughter Erika and son Mitchell, live in southern Herkimer County where they keep horses, raise a few beef cattle and make maple syrup.

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## HOYT, William B. (Sam)

Born and raised in Buffalo's west side, William B. (Sam) Hoyt III proudly declares that he has "never strayed more than two blocks from Elmwood Avenue." Having grown up in a family committed to the ideals of public service and progressive community change, Assemblyman Hoyt has represented the neighborhoods of Buffalo's Lower West Side,

Black Rock-Riverside, and portions of North Buffalo, Parkside, and the City's University District, as well as the town of Grand Island, since May 6, 1992.

Assemblyman Hoyt counts the development of Western New York's economy as his highest priority. He has introduced legislation to encourage a "Smart Growth" approach to combating urban sprawl. He has championed legislation to reform industrial development agencies (IDAs), and allow for local government consolidation. He has been one of the legislature's leading opponents of legalizing casino gambling, which he views as an economic threat to the region.

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Bill has recently joined the New York State Office For Technology (OFT) as the Deputy Director of the New York State Center for Geographic Information. Bill comes to OFT after being with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) for 16 years where he was the Director of Mapping and GIS. DOT has an extensive statewide mapping program and has deployed GIS to more than 800 users throughout the agency. Bill has been very active in statewide GIS coordination for many years, and has been serving on the state's GIS Coordinating Body and several of the Coordinating Body's working groups. He is currently serving a second 2-year term on the Board of Directors for the National States Geographic Information Council. Bill holds a Masters degree in Geography from Michigan State University. He is also a Certified Mapping Scientist, GIS/LIS, by the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

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Prior to joining NYSBA in 1996, Mr. LaRocque was Director of Governmental Affairs for the General Building Contractors of New York State (1982-96) where he worked extensively on issues relevant to the construction industry such as labor relations, workers' compensation, and environmental and public works issues including land use, building codes, tax issues, procurement and contract administration.

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city editor of the late Knickerbocker News. LeBrun was born in Manhattan but raised in the mountains of the Catskills. He was educated at the University at Albany and Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S. He has taught high school biology, and for 23 years journalism at the University at Albany. Four times a week he offers news commentary on the ABC affiliate WTEN. LeBrun, an inveterate fly fisherman and canoeist, resides with ever-patient wife Carolyn in the wilds of West Sand Lake, Rensselaer County.

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Past work in the environmental field includes consulting with grassroots organizations on a diverse range of environmental subjects, from open space protection to military nuclear issues. Mr. Mackay holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Chicago and a Masters of Science degree in Environmental Education from Lesley College/Audubon Expedition Institute.

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### **MANTELLO, Carmella R.**

Carmella Mantello was appointed in June of 2000 as the Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and Co-Director of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Carmella served as an Assistant Secretary of State with the New York State Department of State from January through June, 2000. In addition to her responsibilities with the Department's Office of Local Government and Community Services, Carmella served as Project Director of the New York State Quality Communities Task Force and Program. Prior governmental service includes experience as Legislative Director to New York State Senator Nicholas A. Spano and Executive Director of the New York State Labor Committee for the past twelve years. Carmella Mantello has an extensive background in local government having been elected to three terms as Troy City Council member; serving as Chair of the Public Works Committee, member of the Finance, Planning, Public Safety, Public Utilities, Law and Human Resource Committees.

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### **MCKEE, Seth**

Seth McKee is Associate Land Preservation Director for Scenic Hudson Inc., a not-for-profit conservation organization based in Poughkeepsie. Seth oversees Scenic Hudson's Farmland Protection Program, which has secured conservation easements on over 3,000 acres of working farmland in the Hudson River Valley. He also negotiates acquisitions of land to create parks and preserves, builds land conservation partnerships with local govern-

ments and community organizations, and works on state, regional and federal conservation policy. Seth has a Masters degree in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before joining Scenic Hudson in 1991, he worked in land stewardship for The Nature Conservancy's North Carolina chapter. Seth is also Co-Chairman of the Town of New Paltz Open Space Committee, and is a member of the Town's Environmental Conservation Commission.

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## MILLER, David J.

In July of 1996, Mr. Miller was appointed executive director of Audubon New York launching one of the National Audubon Society's first new state office programs. Under National Audubon's strategic plan, the organization with its staff, local members and chapters focused on birds, wildlife and their habitat through advocacy and education. Audubon New York has a state office in Albany, with conservation, science and education departments, as well as a network of Audubon centers and sanctuaries across the state.

Mr. Miller serves on numerous governmental advisory committees and conservation boards on local, state and national levels, including serving as chair of Governor Pataki's Long Island Sound Coastal Commission, vice chair of the Coast Alliance and on the state's Biodiversity Task Force. Mr. Miller, a 1981 St. Lawrence University graduate also serves as the co-chair for the Town of Clifton Park's Open Space Committee.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Miller served as the Northeast Regional Vice President for National Audubon Society from 1988 through 1995, as well as strategic plan implementation

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Mr. Wieboldt has been a long time advocate for sensible growth management policy and has led private industry in land use reform. His organization has supported such initiatives at federal, state and local levels and has opposed policies that unduly restrict private land development, in favor of more balanced approaches. Mr. Wieboldt was an instrumental participant in the recent Long Island Pine Barrens Preservation and Development agreement. For his Pine Barrens work he was honored with the 1994 Alexander Calder Award by the Conservation partnership. In May 1996 the Metropolitan Chapter of the American Planning Association presented him with the Laurence M. Orton Award for leadership in city and regional planning, for his Pine Barrens role. He is a member of the NYS Central Pine Barrens Advisory Board.

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