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Tabling

If your organization is interested in having a table to present information on the day of the conference, please contact Alison Heaphy at 518-869-9731 or ahephy@audubon.org for more information.

Updates & Speaker Information

For an updated agenda and more information about speakers, go to Audubon's website at <http://ny.audubon.org/smart.html>.

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- Mansion Hill Inn, 115 Philip St., Albany (518) 465-2038
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Registration Form

To register, please print or type the information requested below or affix your business card. Photocopy this form for additional registrations. Mail registrations and checks payable to National Audubon Society — Smart Growth, 200 Trillium Lane, Albany, NY 12203. Please direct questions to Rich Merritt at 518-869-9731, fax to 518-869-0737 or e-mail to rmerritt@audubon.org. On-site registration will be accepted on a space-available basis. Cancellations must be received in writing by April 20, 2001 to avoid a cancellation fee.

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April 23, 2001

7:30 – 8:30 am Registration

8:30 – 9:00 am Opening Plenary

Welcome Remarks

David J. Miller, Executive Director, Audubon New York
Secretary of State Alexander F. Treadwell (Conference Co-Chair)
Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue (Conference Co-Chair)

9:00 – 9:30 am Keynote

Quality Communities Interagency Task Force Report Overview

Governor George E. Pataki (invited)

9:30 – 10:30 am Comments on the Task Force Report

Panelists will discuss 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: Assemblymember Sam Hoyt

Panel Members:

- Assemblymember Thomas P. DiNapoli
- Senator Mary Lou Rath (invited)
- Mayor Irene Elia, City of Niagara Falls
- Patricia E. Salkin, Associate Dean & Director, Government Law Center at Albany Law School

10:30 – 10:45 am Break

10:45-12:15 pm Workshops:

Implementing the Task Force Report

Workshop sessions will address specific recommendations of the Task Force Report & encourage conference attendees to participate in discussion on implementation.

- 1) Revitalizing Central Cities, Main Streets and Small Towns
- 2) Agriculture and Farmland Protection
- 3) Preservation of Open Spaces and Other Critical Environmental Resources
- 4) Transportation and More Liveable Neighborhoods
- 5) Sustainable Economic Development

12:15- 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm Creating a Community Vision

Tony Nelessen, President, A. Nelessen Associates

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

2:00 - 3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

1) Collaborative Community Planning

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 will discuss 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
- Cheryl Doble, Faculty of Landscape Architecture, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Bob Wieboldt, Executive Director, Long Island Builders Institute

2) Regional Planning – How does it fit?

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 will discuss 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:

- John Sheffer, Director, Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth, University at Buffalo
- William Carpenter, Supervisor, Town of Pittsford
- George Raymond, George M. Raymond Associates, Inc.

3:30-3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm Wrap up – Where do we go from Here?

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

Moderator: Fred LeBrun, Albany Times Union

Panel Members:

- David J. Miller, Executive Director, Audubon New York
- Patrick Hooker, Director of Government Relations, New York Farm Bureau
- Philip LaRocque, Exec. Vice President, New York State Builders Association
- Edward Farrell, Executive Director, New York State Conference of Mayors
- David Church, Executive Director, New York Planning Federation



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Conference Co-Chairs

Lieutenant Governor Mary O. Donohue, elected Nov. 3, 1998, has been a teacher, district attorney and State Supreme Court Justice. She chairs Gov. George E. Pataki's Quality Communities Interagency Task Force set up 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 in February 2001.

Secretary of State Alexander F. Treadwell is vice-chair of Governor Pataki's Quality Communities Interagency Task Force. He has strengthened the Department of State's role as the link between state and local governments and sought to make the department a one-stop-shop for coordinating state technical assistance to communities. He also chairs the New York City Watershed Protection and Partnership Council. The Department of State played a leading role in administering the Quality Communities Grant Program.

Featured Speakers

Governor George E. Pataki (invited) has been a leader in building strategies to integrate economic development and environmental protection to enhance the quality of life in New York state. By issuing executive order #102, creating the Quality Communities Task Force in January 2000, he took a crucial step to link current and future land use patterns to quality of life issues.

Anton Nelessen, President, A. Nelessen Associates, Princeton, NJ. Anton "Tony" Nelessen has more than 33 years of professional experience in the fields of visioning, physical planning and urban design. He is currently an Associate Professor at Rutgers University Graduate Department of Urban Planning and Policy Development. He is a charter member of the Congress for the New Urbanism. His award-winning firm serves a diverse group of clients nationally and internationally. He is the inventor of and holds the US trademark to the Visual Preference Survey, which is used for public participation for redevelopment and the adoption of new zoning codes.