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Regional Plan Association is pleased to announce that the keynote address for the Seventh New Jersey Mayors' Institute on Community Design will be delivered by former Congressman and Ambassador Richard N. Swett. The keynote address will be held at Guyot Hall at Princeton University on June 23, 2005. A special reception will be held in the lobby at 6:00pm, followed by the keynote address at 7:00pm.

As an architect and former legislator, Ambassador Swett can share invaluable insights into the importance of civic leadership in community design. While serving in Congress, he authored the Transportation for Livable Communities Act, coauthored the Congressional Accountability Act and introduced bills on energy conservation and the use of renewable energy. Ambassador Swett served on numerous committees, including the Public Works and Transportation Committee. He was a contributing author for the book *A Nation Reconstructed: A Quest for Cities That Can Be*. He was twice awarded the Presidential citation by the AIA, as well as other awards and honorary degrees. His groundbreaking new book, *Leadership By Design: Creating An Architecture of Trust*, investigates the unique civic leadership strengths of the architecture profession and is an eloquent plea to architects, leaders and the public to expand the tool chest for new design solutions to the complex challenges facing our communities.

The N.J. Mayors' Institute is the result of a successful partnership with the N.J. Department of Community Affairs' Office of Smart Growth, Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, the School of Architecture and the Office of Community and State Affairs, N.J. League of Municipalities, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association. Like the national MICD program, it brings together mayors, planners, architects, landscape designers and other national experts to explore opportunities to promote smart growth and share experiences about healthy communities.

For further information on the Mayors' Institute and the keynote address, please refer to the N.J. page of the RPA website at www.rpa.org or contact NJ Project Manager Sasha Corchado directly at (732) 828-9945 of scorchado@rpa.org.