

# Biographies



## 2009 Regional Assembly Chair



**Christopher O. Ward**  
*Executive Director, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey & Chair, 2009 Regional Plan Association Regional Assembly*

Christopher O. Ward is currently the Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (and President of the Port Authority's wholly owned entities: Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation, the Newark Legal and Communications Center Urban Renewal Corporation, and the New York and New Jersey Railroad Corporation). He was appointed on May 22, 2008. This is Mr. Ward's second tenure at the Port Authority. He previously served as Chief of Planning and External Affairs, as well as Director of Port Redevelopment from 1997 to 2002.

Immediately prior to being appointed Executive Director of the Port Authority, Mr. Ward served for over two years as Managing Director of The General Contractors Association of New York, Inc. (GCA), where he directed and managed the major trade association that represents the heavy construction industry in the City of New York.

Before joining the GCA, Mr. Ward spent a year as Chief Executive Officer of American Stevedoring, Inc., a stevedoring and port services company headquartered at the Brooklyn Port Authority Marine Terminal with major operations at the Elizabeth Port Authority Marine Terminal. Mr. Ward had previously worked at American Stevedoring in the 1990s.

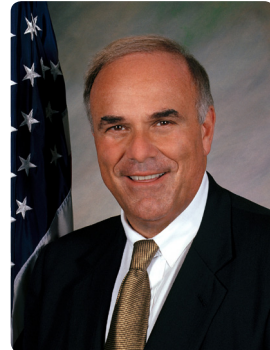
Prior to leaving American Stevedoring, from 2002-2005, Mr. Ward served as Commissioner of the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Bloomberg Administration. There, Mr. Ward led an agency of 6,500 people and a combined capital and operating budget of over \$2 billion. During his tenure at the DEP, he oversaw the maintenance and ongoing construction of the City's water supply,

distribution and wastewater system, carried out Federal Clean Water Act and Clean Air regulation, and managed all conservation programs and hazardous and asbestos material emergencies and remediation.

Before joining DEP, and his original tenure at the Port Authority, much of Mr. Ward's professional career was spent in service to the City of New York in various capacities such as Senior Vice President for Transportation and Commerce at the Economic Development Corporation, Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Telecommunications and Energy and as Director of Research at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Mr. Ward holds a Bachelor of Arts from Macalester College and a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University's Divinity School. Mr. Ward has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

## Keynote Speakers



**The Hon. Edward G. Rendell**  
*Governor of the State of Pennsylvania*

Edward G. Rendell, Pennsylvania's 45th Governor, began a second term of office on January 16, 2007, following a landslide re-election victory. As Governor, Rendell serves as chief executive of the nation's 6th-most-populous state and oversees a \$28.3 billion budget.

Governor Rendell's unprecedented strategic investments have energized Pennsylvania's economy, revitalized communities, improved education, protected the environment and expanded access to health care to all children and affordable prescription drugs for older adults. He championed and signed into law Pennsylvania's first comprehensive measure to substantially reform the local tax system by providing urgently needed property tax relief to homeowners. In 2008-09 taxpayers will save nearly \$800 million in the first year of statewide property tax relief from gaming revenues.

Governor Rendell is building on his efforts to make government more responsible to the public, and more responsive to the public's needs. He has annually cut wasteful spending and improved efficiency to save more than \$1 billion and is pursuing a legislative agenda that includes commonsense political reforms to put progress ahead of partisanship.

Under Governor Rendell's leadership, Pennsylvania's economy rebounded sharply. Governor Rendell's economic stimulus plan is investing more than \$2.8 billion to create new jobs and revitalize communities. Pennsylvania's unemployment rate continues to be better than, or on par with, the national average. To ensure that all Pennsylvanians share in the benefits of our growing economy, the Governor successfully championed the first minimum wage increase in nearly a decade.

Under Governor Rendell, student achievement is on the rise at every grade level and in every subject. Pennsylvania's public schools now have the resources to invest in proven education initiatives like pre-kindergarten, full-day kindergarten and tutoring. Pennsylvania has gone from one of the nine states in the country that failed to fund pre-kindergarten to a national leader in early childhood investment, and for the first time ever more than half of Pennsylvania kindergartners are in full-day programs.

Governor Rendell is also making Pennsylvania a leader in pursuing energy independence – creating jobs in the emerging alternative energy economy while developing effective strategies to reduce dependence on foreign oil and save families money.

Governor Rendell championed a dramatic increase in the number of older Pennsylvanians who receive affordable prescription drugs through Pennsylvania's PACE and PACENET programs. He also saved older adults thousands of dollars a year that they would have been forced to pay under the federal Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

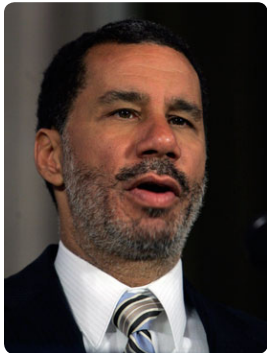
In addition, Governor Rendell won passage of the landmark Growing Greener 2 environmental investment package. The \$625 million initiative is cleaning up rivers and streams, improving parks, returning abandoned industrial sites to productive use, protecting open space and preserving farmland.

Governor Rendell has accomplished all of this while being a careful steward of the commonwealth's finances. When he became Governor, the commonwealth faced a projected budget deficit of \$2.4 billion. As one of his first acts, Governor Rendell cut government spending to close that deficit and implemented programs and policies to apply business principles of productivity and cost-savings to the operation of state government.

From 1992 through 1999, Governor Rendell served as the 121st Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. Among his many accomplishments as Mayor, Rendell eliminated a \$250 million deficit; balanced the city's budget and generated five consecutive budget surpluses; reduced business and wage taxes for four consecutive years; implemented new revenue-generating initiatives, and dramatically improved services to the City's neighborhoods. The New York Times called the Philadelphia renaissance under Rendell "the most stunning turnaround in recent urban history." Before serving as Mayor, Rendell was elected district attorney of the City of Philadelphia for two terms from 1978 through 1985.

The Governor, who served as general chair of the Democratic National Committee during the 2000 Presidential election, has always been active in the community through a variety of memberships on boards, and also teaches government and politics courses at the University of Pennsylvania. An Army veteran, the Governor is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.A. 1965) and Villanova Law School (J.D. 1968). He was born on January 5, 1944.

The Governor and his wife, First Lady Marjorie O. Rendell, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, have a son, Jesse. They celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on July 10, 2008.



**The Honorable David A. Paterson**  
*Governor of the State of New York*

David A. Paterson became New York's 55th Governor on March 17, 2008. In his first address as Governor, Paterson spoke about the challenges New York faces and his plan for New York's future.

In his 23 years serving the people of New York, Governor Paterson has worked towards change by reaching across party lines and bringing people together. His thoughtful, inclusive approach to governing has won him the respect of colleagues and a reputation for uniting disparate forces towards consensus that benefits all New Yorkers.

At the age of 31 in 1985, Governor Paterson was elected to represent Harlem in the New York State Senate, becoming the youngest Senator in Albany. In 2003, he became the minority leader of the New York State Senate, the first non-white legislative leader in New York's history. He made history again in 2004 when he became the first visually impaired person to address the Democratic National Convention. He became New York's first African American Lieutenant Governor in 2007 and is now New York's first African American Governor.

As Lieutenant Governor, Governor Paterson led the charge on several crucial issues for New York's future: achieving legislation for a \$600 million stem cell research initiative in New York, the nation's second largest allocation; putting forth a statewide renewable energy strategy that harnesses the sun and wind; working to prevent domestic violence and empower of its victims; and serving as the primary champion for minority- and women-owned businesses in New York.

Governor Paterson, who is legally blind, is nationally recognized as a leading active advocate for the visually and physically impaired. He is a member of the American Foundation for the Blind. In addition, he is a Member of the Board of the Achilles Track Club, having completed the New York City Marathon in 1999. He serves as a member of the Democratic National Committee and as a board member of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

Governor Paterson was born May 20, 1954 in Brooklyn, NY to Portia and Basil Paterson, the first non-white Secretary of State in New York and the first African-American Vice-Chair of the National Democratic Party. He earned his bachelor's degree in History from Columbia University in 1977, and completed his J.D. at Hofstra Law School in 1982. He continues to give back to his alma mater by serving as an adjunct professor at Columbia's School for International and Public Affairs. Governor Paterson lives with his wife, Michelle Paige Paterson, and their two children, Ashley and Alex. Ashley goes to college in Upstate New York, and Alex attends public school in New York City.



**Mark Zandi**  
*Chief Economist and Co-founder,  
Moody's Economy.com*

Mark Zandi is chief economist and cofounder of Moody's Economy.com, where he directs the company's research and consulting activities. Moody's Economy.com, a division of Moody's Analytics, provides economic research and consulting services to businesses, governments and other institutions.

Mark's research interests include macro, financial and regional economics. His recent research has studied the determinants of mortgage foreclosure and personal bankruptcy, analyzed the economic impact of various tax and government spending policies, and assessed the appropriate policy response to bubbles in asset markets. Mark also conducts regular briefings on the economy. He is quoted often in national and global publica-

tions, is frequently interviewed by major news media outlets, and is the author of Financial Shock, an exposé of the subprime financial crisis.

Dr. Zandi received his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, where he did his research with Gerard Adams and Nobel laureate Lawrence Klein, and received his B.S. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

## Introductory Remarks

**Thomas K. Wright**  
*Executive Director, Regional Plan Association*

Tom Wright is the Executive Director of Regional Plan Association (RPA), the nation's oldest private regional planning organization. Projects he has directed include the Draft Vision Plan for the City of Newark (2006) and A Region at Risk: The Third Regional Plan for the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut Metropolitan Area (1996). He participated in planning and organizing "Listening to the City," the historic electronic town hall forum on the World Trade Center site held in July, 2002 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center. Mr. Wright manages a staff of 35, oversees budgeting and fiscal planning for a \$6 million organization, and coordinates a 60-member Board of Directors.

Mr. Wright lectures widely on growth management and regional planning. He is a Visiting Lecturer in Public Policy at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. He has taught at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and the New Jersey Institute of Technology School of Architecture. He has served a resource team member for the Governors Institute on Community Design.

Previously, he was the Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey Office of State Planning, where he coordinated adoption of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (2001) and wrote the Executive Summary of the State Plan. From 1991 to 1993, he was Coordinator of the award-winning Mayors' Institute on City Design, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tom Wright received a Bachelor of Arts in history and a certificate in American Studies from Princeton University and a Master of Science in Urban Planning from Columbia University, where he received a Kinne Fellowship and AICP Award. He is a member of the Forum for Urban Design and the Board of Directors of the Riverside South Planning Corporation and the Arts Council of Princeton. He resides in Princeton, NJ with his wife, Cameron Manning, and three daughters.

**Peter W. Herman**  
*Chair, Regional Plan Association*

Peter W. Herman is the senior real estate partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP and the leader of the Real Estate Department. He received an A.B. degree from Columbia University in 1965 and a J.D. degree from Columbia Law School in 1970. He was an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1965 through 1967.

Mr. Herman has been responsible for legal matters in a wide variety of real estate investment, development and financing transactions for clients in all sectors of the real estate industry during his nearly 37 years at Milbank Tweed and he has represented owner/developers in connection with the development and financing of some of the nation's preeminent mixed use real estate projects including L'Enfant Plaza in Washington, D.C., the Interstate North Office Park in Atlanta, the CNN Center in Atlanta, Embarcadero Center in San Francisco, the Colgate project in New Jersey and Rockefeller Center in New York.

Mr. Herman is a past Chairman of the Committee on Transportation of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, a past member of the Committee on Municipal Affairs, the Secretary of the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association, a former member of the board of the Columbia Law School Alumni Association, and a member of the Urban Land Institute. He has been a regular columnist on real estate and planning issues for the New York Law Journal. He has served as outside counsel to the Alliance For Downtown New York, the local business improvement district for lower Manhattan, since its inception 10 years ago, and he has been a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's advisory committee on its lower Manhattan access study.

In addition, throughout his professional career, Mr. Herman has been deeply involved in the activities of Regional Plan Association, one of the nation's preeminent private urban planning organizations, initially as its counsel and as a board member, and since 1997 as RPA's Chairman. During his time as RPA Chairman, that organization has pursued the ambitious agenda for the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut metropolitan region set forth in its Third Regional Plan, published in 1996. Among its foremost accomplishments in recent years were RPA's major role in securing Federal, State and private funding to purchase the 15,7000-acre Sterling Forest property for preservation as a state park, the convening of a national brownfields conference to expedite brownfields reclamation and redevelopment, the organization of the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York, a coalition of more than 75 business, community and environmental groups which has assumed a leadership role in civic planning and advocacy efforts in support of the rebuilding process, and the return of Governors Island to the people of New York. Regional Plan Association continues to have a prominent role in numerous planning initiatives in the New York region involving open space preservation, transportation and financing of mass transit, housing and community development and smart growth and healthy communities.

## Plenary Program

### *An Introduction to America 2050*

Petra Todorovich  
*Director, America 2050*

Petra Todorovich is Director of America 2050, a national urban planning initiative to develop an infrastructure and growth strategy for the United States. Since its launch in 2005, America 2050 has convened some of the brightest thinkers in the fields of transportation, land use planning, social equity, and urban development to create a compelling vision for America's future growth. That vision includes an ambitious agenda for infrastructure investments in sustainable transportation, the energy grid, and 'green' water infrastructure to shape quality communities, create jobs, and make America more competitive and livable in the 21st century.

As director of America 2050, Ms. Todorovich regularly convenes and facilitates America 2050 workshops and seminars with partners such as the Rockefeller Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and the National Association of Regional Councils. She has written articles on transportation and infrastructure policy and is a frequent speaker on the topics of transportation policy, megaregions, and national planning.

Prior to the launch of America 2050, Ms. Todorovich directed Regional Plan Association's Region's Core program and coordinated the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York, a network of organizations that came together shortly after 9/11 to promote the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site and Lower Manhattan. She planned numerous public forums and workshops of the Civic Alliance, including the 2002 "Listening to the City" meetings at the Javits Center that brought over 4,500 people together to consider plans for the World Trade Center site. She authored the 2004 Civic Assessment of the Lower Manhattan Planning Process and other pieces of analysis on the rebuilding process and New York City development.

Ms. Todorovich received a B.A. from Vassar College and a Master in City and Regional Planning from the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

### *Panel: Beyond Stimulus*

Moderator:

Jonathan Capehart  
*Editorial writer, Washington Post*

Jonathan Capehart is an editorial writer for The Post, specializing in national politics and environmental issues.

Capehart joined the editorial board in 2007. Prior to joining The Post, he was a member of the New York Daily News' editorial board from 1993 to 2000. He then became National Affairs Columnist for Bloomberg News from 2000 to 2001, and left to work as a policy adviser to Michael Bloomberg in his successful campaign

for Mayor of New York City. He returned to the Daily News as deputy editor of the editorial page from 2002 to 2005.

Capehart and the Daily News editorial board won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing for their editorial series on the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

Panelists:

The Hon. Robert Menendez  
*U.S. Senate (D-NJ)*

Bob Menendez grew up the son of immigrants in a tenement building in Union City, New Jersey. A product of New Jersey's public schools and a graduate of the state's universities, he has served as a school board member, a mayor and a state legislator. Since 1992, he has been fighting for New Jersey families in Washington, where he rose to become the third-highest ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives before taking office in the Senate in 2006. In November 2008, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) chose him to head the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, a top position of national leadership.

After September 11, 2001, Sen. Menendez earned national recognition for his leadership in reforming the country's intelligence and public health systems and for fighting to establish an independent commission to investigate the terrorist attacks on our country. Today, he is working to improve the security of our ports, as well as our bus, rail and public transit systems.

Sen. Menendez currently serves on the Senate Committees on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Budget; and Foreign Relations. He is the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs, and International Environmental Protection, as well as Chairman of the Banking Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development.

Bob was born in New York City on January 1, 1954. He received his B.A. from St. Peter's College in Jersey City and his law degree from Rutgers University. He currently lives in Hoboken and has two children, Alicia and Robert.

The Hon. David M. Walker  
*CEO, The Peterson Foundation*

As Comptroller General of the United States and head of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) from 1998 to 2008, spanning both Democratic and Republican administrations, Dave served as the federal government's chief auditor. Appointed by President Bill Clinton and confirmed unanimously by the US Senate, he was an outspoken, nonpartisan advocate for addressing the major fiscal and other sustainability challenges facing the country. He also enacted transformational reforms at the agency and within the accountability profession.

Prior to his appointment to run the GAO, Dave served as a partner and global managing director of Arthur Andersen LLP and in several government leadership positions, including as a Public Trustee for Social Security and Medicare

from 1990 to 1995 and as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs during the Reagan administration.

Although no longer the US government's chief auditor, Dave continues to serve as a global accountability expert as chairman of the United Nations Independent Audit Advisory Committee. He also serves on the boards of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and the Partnership for Public Service. He has authored two books, is a regular commentator, and is the subject of the critically acclaimed documentary I.O.U.S.A., which arrives in theatres around the country in August 2008.

## The Hon. Ron Sims

*King County Executive*

King County Executive Ron Sims is a bold and visionary leader who is nationally recognized for his work on transportation, climate, health care reform and urban development. Under his management, county departments are producing work that other governments use as models of excellence for governing in the 21st century. His leadership and record of accomplishments have prompted President Barack Obama to nominate him for Deputy Director of Housing and Urban Development. He awaits confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

With the overall goals of keeping King County economically competitive and retain its quality of life during an age of global warming, a hallmark of the Sims Administration is the integration of environmental, social equity and public health policies that has produced groundbreaking work on climate change, health care reform, affordable housing, mass transit, environmental protection, land use, and equity and social justice.

Sims' work to provide affordable housing for everyone who needs it dates back to the 1970s when he volunteered as a lay minister for Operation Nightwatch to work with Seattle area homeless. Sims is now board co-chair of the Committee to End Homelessness. His leadership in affordable housing and multiple community and housing partnerships have funded 5,632 units of housing during his 12 years as County Executive.

## The Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan

*Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation*

Janette Sadik-Khan was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg on April 27, 2007.

Commissioner Sadik-Khan is internationally recognized for her expertise in transportation issues, public policy development and innovative finance - knowledge gained in over 18 years of experience in federal and local government and the private sector.

Since becoming Commissioner, she has embarked on an aggressive agenda to improve air quality, mobility, and public space, and reach a state of good repair on all of the Department's facilities. Commissioner Sadik-Khan pioneered the development of a Strategic Business Plan to bring all Departmental operations and planning in line with the sustainability goals of PlaNYC. She has reshaped the Department's communica-

tions with Community Boards, elected officials, and individual citizens, with an emphasis on transparency and customer service.

Recognizing that transportation in New York City is as much about quality of life as it is about getting from points A to B, the Commissioner has looked to cities around the world for inspiration and initiated the development of a public realm strategy.

Commissioner Sadik-Khan holds a B.A. in Political Science from Occidental College, a law degree from Columbia University School of Law and is a member of the New York State Bar. She was a Rockefeller Fellow and has been a visiting scholar at New York University.

President of the National Association of City Transportation Officials, Chair of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Large Cities and chair of Reconnecting America, Commissioner Sadik-Khan has received numerous awards recognizing her innovative contributions in the field of transportation. She writes extensively on transportation, finance and project management issues. An avid cyclist, she also frequently commutes to work by bike.

## Robert D. Yaro

*President, Regional Plan Association*

Robert D. Yaro is the President of Regional Plan Association, America's oldest independent metropolitan policy, research and advocacy group. Based in Manhattan, RPA promotes plans, policies and investments needed to improve the quality of life and competitiveness of the New York Metropolitan Region, America's largest urban area. Mr. Yaro Co-chairs the Empire State Transportation Alliance and the Friends of Moynihan Station, and is Vice President of the Forum for Urban Design. He serves on Mayor Bloomberg's Sustainability Advisory Board, which helped prepare PlaNYC 2030, New York City's new long-range sustainability plan.

Since 2001 Mr. Yaro has been Professor of Practice in City and Regional Planning at the University of Pennsylvania. He also taught at Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts.

He holds a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University and a Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies from Wesleyan University.

# Workshops

## ECONOMY

### *Building the Foundations for Recovery*

Moderator

#### Timur Galen

*Managing Director, Goldman, Sachs & Co.*

Timur is global head of Corporate Services and Real Estate. He joined the firm as a vice president in 2002. He was named managing director in 2003 and partner in 2008. Prior to joining the firm, Timur worked as an executive with

the Walt Disney Corporation and Reichmann International, L.P. He is a registered architect, having completed his design apprenticeship with the Pritzker Prize winning firms of Venturi & Scott Brown and Maki and Associates. Timur is a trustee of MASS MoCA, a director and treasurer of the Forum for

Urban Design, a director and executive committee member of the Alliance for Downtown New York and vice chair of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, the Property Committee of Inwood House and The New Museum Property Committee. He is also past chair of the Haverford College Annual Fund and serves on the College's National Gifts Program Committee. Timur earned a BA in Physics from

Haverford College in 1978 and an March and MCUE from the University of Pennsylvania in 1984. He was a Henry Luce Foundation Research Fellow at Tokyo University in 1982 and 1983.

Panelists

#### Brad Abelow

*fmr. New Jersey State Treasurer*

Brad Abelow left government service as New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's Chief of Staff in December. Prior to holding that position, Brad served as New Jersey's State Treasurer. Before entering government, Brad enjoyed a 16 year career at Goldman Sachs. At his retirement from Goldman, Brad was head of the firm's Operations Division. Prior to that he served as Chief Financial Officer for the firm's Asian businesses. He began his career at Goldman in Corporate Finance. Brad received a Masters Degree in Public and Private Management from Yale University and a Bachelors Degree from Northwestern University. As you might expect, Brad and his family are proud residents of New Jersey.

#### Marisa Lago

*President and CEO, Empire State Development Corporation*

Marisa Lago, Chief Executive Officer & President of Empire State Development, joined New York state government in September of 2008, after a career in federal and municipal government, financial services and law.

Immediately before joining the state, Ms. Lago spent five years as the Global Head of Compliance for Citi Group Investment Bank, leading a global team providing compliance coverage for Citigroup's investment and corporate banking businesses. Before joining Citi, Ms. Lago headed the Office of International Affairs for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington D.C.

In addition to her financial services experience, Ms. Lago has served in senior economic development positions in two major cities. As Boston Mayor Thomas Menino's Chief Economic Development Officer from 1994 to 1997, Ms. Lago headed the Boston Redevelopment Authority and was also responsible for the city's public housing, affordable housing, neighborhood development, and job training agencies. From 1990 to 1994, she was General Counsel for New York City's

Economic Development Corporation. And, in the mid-80's, Ms. Lago worked for the Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission.

Ms. Lago earned a J.D. cum laude in 1982 from Harvard Law School, and a B.S. in physics from Cooper Union in 1977.

Ms. Lago is a native of Brooklyn, New York and currently resides in Manhattan.

### The Hon. Robert Lieber

*Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, City of New York*

Robert C. Lieber is Deputy Mayor for Economic Development. In February 2007, Lieber was named President of the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and became Deputy Mayor in January 2008. Lieber has responsibility for agencies including EDC, Department of Small Business Services, Department of City Planning, Department of Finance, NYC & Company among others. Initiatives he has overseen include the river-to-river rezoning of 125th Street in Harlem, the comprehensive rezoning plan for Coney Island and the City's efforts to create a new mixed-use neighborhood in Willets Point as well as the development of Moynihan Station. He spearheads the effort to support a more vibrant and diverse City economy by growing varied sectors including bioscience, fashion, maritime support, film, television, and tourism among others.

Lieber previously served as Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, where he was Global Head of Real Estate Investment Banking as well as Real Estate Private Equity where he was responsible for originations for a \$2.8 billion real estate merchant banking fund. In 1999, and again in 2003, Lieber was recognized by Institutional Investor Magazine for "Deal of The Year," and he was named "Financier of the Year" in 2005 by Commercial Property News. Lieber holds a BA from the University of Colorado and a Masters of Business Administration from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He is Vice Chairman of the Zell-Lurie Real Estate Center at the Wharton School, and Trustee of the Urban Land Institute.

### Joan McDonald

*Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development*

Governor M. Jodi Rell appointed Joan McDonald Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on May 9, 2007. DECD is the lead state agency responsible for business recruitment and retention, brownfield redevelopment, and housing and community development. In May, 2008 Governor Rell appointed Commissioner McDonald as Chair of Connecticut Innovations (CI), Connecticut's quasi public authority which provides venture capital to emerging businesses.

Since being named commissioner, Ms. McDonald has been a leader in the development and implementation of Governor Rell's responsible growth and brownfield redevelopment agendas. She is helping to chart a new course for economic development in the state, creating a comprehensive strategic economic development plan that will address key issues affecting Connecticut's long-term economic prosperity.

Prior to her arrival to Connecticut, Ms. McDonald held several top positions in New York, including: Senior Vice President for Transportation at the New York City Economic Development Corporation; Deputy Commissioner for Planning and Traffic Operations for New York City DOT; Director, Capital & Long Range Planning at MTA Metro-North Railroad; and Deputy Budget Director for the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

McDonald was educated at LeMoyne College and earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from Harvard University.

### Andrew Tilton

*Senior Economist, Goldman Sachs*

Andrew Tilton is a Vice President in the US Economics Research Group at Goldman Sachs. He writes frequently on current economic issues, with a particular focus on the labor market and productivity growth, and contributes to the team's economic forecasts for the United States. Andrew also manages research and forecasting for the Canadian economy. Before joining Goldman Sachs, Andrew worked as a project manager at McKinsey & Company, where he advised technology clients on strategy and business operations, and participated in a year-long study analyzing the impact of information technology innovation on US economic growth. Andrew also has served as Senior Advisor for the International Affairs division of the U.S. Treasury Department. He holds degrees in economics from Stanford University and the London School of Economics.

## ENERGY

### *(Green) Power to the People*

Moderator:

### Dylan Hixon President

*Arden Road Investments*

Dylan Hixon, President, Arden Road Investments. At Arden Road, Dylan oversees a diversified portfolio of public and private investments. He also serves as a Director of Hixon Properties Inc., a real estate development company in San Antonio Texas, and as a Managing General Partner of The Gideon Hixon Fund, an early stage Venture Capital firm in Santa Barbara California. In addition, Dylan serves on the Board of Directors of several private companies in various industries ranging from Technology to Agriculture. Previously, he worked for many years as an engineer. First at PCI in New Haven, Connecticut conducting research into novel catalytic approaches to combustion and emissions controls, and then at Hollywood special effects company Reel EFX developing a range of unusual technologies and products. He is the author of many technical papers and four patents. Dylan holds a Bachelor's degree from Yale University, and a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He is a Trustee and Vice Chair of the Investment Committee of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California, a member of the Advisory Board of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, and a Trustee of The Calhoun School in

New York and a member of Regional Plan Association's Board of Directors. Dylan lives in New York City with his wife Molly, and two sons.

Panelists:

### Rodney Dickens

*Vice President, Asset Management & Centralized Services, PSE&G*

Rodney L. Dickens was named vice president-asset management and centralized services, with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), in October 2006. In his new role, Mr. Dickens is responsible for ensuring the reliability of the utility's electric delivery assets, and overseeing various functions that support the provision of safe, reliable service. He oversees the electric delivery capital and O&M spending plans; electric delivery planning; asset reliability; engineering and project management; strategic use of business systems; transmission business strategy; fleet operations and supply chain support. Prior to his current position, he had been director-asset management.

Mr. Dickens serves on the board of directors for the Children's Specialized Hospital in New Jersey, the Newark Performing Arts Corporation in New Jersey and the board of overseers for the New Jersey Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He is on the advisory boards for the Electric Power Research Institute's power delivery and markets council. He also serves as the PSE&G representative on the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies' Committee On Power Apparatus.

Mr. Dickens holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Rutgers Graduate School of Management.

### Mark Hura,

*General Manager, America's Region and Global Sales for Transmission and Distribution, GE Energy*

Mark Hura is the Global Sales Leader for GE Energy T&D and is responsible for driving winning strategies around the smart grid. His team works closely with electric utilities, as well as the oil & gas telecom sector, to provide reliable power delivery and customized, integrated smart grid solutions that improve efficiency and lower customers' carbon footprints.

Since joining a GE leadership program in 1997, Mark has held several commercial assignments in product businesses and sales, and has moved through a variety of marketing, quality and sales roles in GE Industrial Systems and GE Energy with an emphasis in the Transmission & Distribution (T&D) market. Mark moved into the GE Energy Sales organization in 2004 as a team leader for T&D in the mid-America region and subsequently a T&D account director before taking a role as Global Sales leader for GE Energy Rentals.

Mark holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Connecticut. He currently resides in Atlanta, GA.

## Arthur Kressner

*Director of Research and Development for Power Supply, ConEd*

Arthur Kressner is responsible for developing and managing the Research and Development Electric Power Supply programs at Con Edison and Orange and Rockland Utilities. Kressner manages a professional staff responsible for projects in support of transmission, distribution, control centers, substations and customer operations business units. The research results include power delivery equipment, software models, sensors, feasibility and engineering studies and demonstrations and early commercial deployment of advanced technology.

Kressner has extensive experience in utility management, technical and engineering support. Among his responsibilities during his career at Con Edison he has been Chief Chemical Engineer, and the Plant Manager of the Arthur Kill and Ravenswood Generating Stations. He is, and has been in leadership roles in the utility industry and at state and national levels in areas of energy policy, energy efficiency and customer end-use and various national environmental and public health programs. He is serving on several boards of directors of not-for-profits, participated in industry advisory groups, community boards and regulatory panels. Arthur Kressner has recently co-authored a book on lean management in the energy industry, has several published patents, as well as various papers and articles in technical journals and industry magazines related to energy efficiency, information technology and engineering models.

He is a graduate engineer with degrees from Brooklyn Polytechnic and New York University.

## Peter D. Mandelstam

*Founder and President, Bluewater Wind*

Peter Mandelstam is Founder and President of Bluewater Wind, with offices in DE, MD, NJ, and NY.

In June 2008, Bluewater signed the nation's first offshore wind Power Purchase Agreement with Delmarva Power for 200 MW.

In the wind business since 1997, he developed Montana's first wind farm in Judith Gap, under Wind Park Solutions Arcadia LLC. This 135 MW project operational since October 2005, provides all the electricity for 100,000 Montanans.

Peter served on the Board of the American Wind Energy Association for eight years, co-founding and chairing Wind Power New York (now ACENY.org) which obtained a 3,400 MW RPS in New York.

A graduate of Harvard, he began his career as a project manager for the City of New York, building and preserving affordable housing.

## Alan Noguee

*Clean Energy Program Director,  
Union of Concerned Scientists*

Alan Noguee is the Clean Energy Program Director for the Union of Concerned Scientists, managing the organization's research and advocacy on sustainable energy issues. He has thirty years of experience as an energy analyst and advocate, publishing numerous reports and articles, and testifying before legislators and regu-

lators. He currently serves on the national Green Power Board, the Wind Energy Works! Coalition Steering Committee, and the Board of Directors of the national Renewable Energy Policy Project.

# HOUSING

## *Housing Policy and the New Economy*

Moderator

### Fernando Ferrer

*Co-Chairman, Fleishman-Hillard*

With over 25 years of innovative and accomplished leadership in New York City Government, Fernando Ferrer is recognized nationally as an architect for revitalizing American cities.

In 1997, the Bronx revival was recognized by the National Civic League with the prestigious All-America City Award, as well as RPA's Star Award. In 1999, the borough's innovative health care initiative, the Bronx Health Link, was saluted by City and County Magazine with the Crown Community Award.

In 2001, Ferrer ran an historic campaign for Mayor of New York City. In 2005, he won the Democratic Primary for Mayor, becoming the first Latino to ever do so in New York City history.

Ferrer earned his BA degree from New York University, and his MPA degree from Baruch College of the City University of New York. He has been awarded honorary degrees, as well as hundreds of awards from schools, community groups, institutions and faith communities.

Ferrer is married to Aramina, a retired New York City public school principal. They have one daughter, Carlina and three grandsons.

Currently Co-Chairman of the IGR Group, Ferrer also serves as a director of Sterling Bancorp, Sterling National Bank and the Regional Plan Association.

Panelists

### Toni Griffin

*Director of Community Development,  
City of Newark*

Toni L. Griffin has built a twenty-year career in both the public and private sectors, combining the practice of architecture and urban design with the execution of innovative, large-scale, mixed-use urban redevelopment projects and citywide and neighborhood planning strategies. In June 2007, Ms Griffin became the newly appointed Director of Community Development for the City of Newark, New Jersey, responsible for creating a centralized division of planning and urban design.

Prior to Newark, Ms. Griffin served as Vice President and Director of Design for the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation in Washington, DC. In this role, she managed the master planning and development transaction for a mixed-use district around the new Washington National's ballpark, and as Director of Design, she influenced the design of major development

and public realm projects along the waterfront through creation of a comprehensive Design Excellence program.

From 2000-2005, Ms. Griffin held the position of Deputy Director for Revitalization Planning and Neighborhood Planning in the D.C. Office of Planning, where she oversaw large-scale redevelopment for the downtown, waterfront and commercial corridors, and management of a city-wide neighborhood planning initiative, creating Strategic Neighborhood Action Plans for every neighborhood in the city.

Ms. Griffin received a Bachelor's of Architecture from the University of Notre Dame and a yearlong appointment as a Loeb Fellow at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

Ms. Griffin is also currently a Visiting Design Critic at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, teaching the core urban planning studio and a course on neighborhood planning and development.

### Ingrid Gould Ellen

*Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning and Co-Director, Furman Institute,  
New York University*

Ingrid Gould Ellen is Associate Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy at New York University's Wagner School and Co-Director of the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy. Her research centers on neighborhoods, housing policy, and racial segregation. She is author of *Sharing America's Neighborhoods: The Prospects for Stable Racial Integration* (Harvard University Press, 2000) and numerous journal articles. Before coming to NYU, Professor Ellen held visiting positions at the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution. She attended Harvard University, where she received a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics, an M.P.P., and a Ph.D. in public policy.

### The Hon. Ron Sims

*King County Executive*

See. Plenary Program

### Timothy J. Touhey

*Executive Vice President,  
New Jersey Builders Association*

While serving with Fannie Mae, Mr. Touhey established partnerships with lenders, private sector firms, not-for-profit organizations, and government officials to help solve local housing problems and expand homeownership opportunities for the underserved. During his tenure he managed a \$36 billion NJ investment plan to increase homeownership and affordable rental units.

Previously Mr. Touhey served as the executive director of the state Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and as the vice chair of the Council on Affordable Housing. He has served as the chairperson of the State of New Jersey State Planning Commission and on Governor Codey's Mental Health Task Force.

Mr. Touhey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Criminal Justice from Mount Mercy College and a master's degree in Social Work Policy/Administration from the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work.

The New Jersey Builders Association is a housing industry trade association of 2,000 member firms including builders, developers, remodelers, subcontractors, suppliers, engineers, architects, consultants and other professionals dedicated to providing safe, healthful homes for New Jersey residents. The NJBA is committed to finding balanced solutions to the state's critical housing shortage.

## TRANSPORTATION

### *Progressing Transportation Projects in an Economic Downturn*

Moderator

Ira Levy

*Northeast Region Chief Executive, AECOM USA, Inc.*

Ira Levy is the Northeast Region Chief Executive for AECOM. In this capacity he is responsible for all operations within AECOM's Northeastern Region, which encompasses more than 3,000 staff members within the transportation, water, design, environment and energy business lines.

The former President of DMJM Harris, a legacy AECOM company, Mr. Levy brings a successful career in leadership and project execution to his new role. Over the course of his 36-year career Mr. Levy has been responsible for delivering such landmark projects as the \$17-billion Second Avenue Subway, the first new subway in Manhattan since the 1930s; the \$2-billion World Trade Center Hub, where AECOM is working in association with renowned architect Santiago Calatrava and others; as well as San Juan, Puerto Rico's world class public transit system, Tren Urbano.

A licensed Professional Engineer, Mr. Levy's background includes extensive experience in the execution of diverse projects with a strong emphasis on public interface, environmental issues and alternate delivery methods. Active in representing AECOM and the industry, Mr. Levy has held leadership roles in technical, charitable and industry associations as well as on public boards.

AECOM is a global provider of professional technical and management support services with 43,000 people in more than 100 countries. The firm is a leader in the delivery of engineering, design, environmental, and infrastructure services.

Panelists

The Hon. Joseph Marie

*Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation*

Mr. Joseph F. Marie is the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, having been appointed by Governor M. Jodi Rell in June 2008. As Commissioner, Mr. Marie is responsible for the construction and maintenance of Connecticut's roads, highways and bridges and the state's public transit system. He also oversees

a 3,300-employee agency, as well as commuter and freight rail lines, shoreline ports, piers, ferries and Bradley International Airport.

Mr. Marie joined the Department from his previous position as Chief Operating Officer of METRO in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Marie has overseen the successful start-up of two major rail system initiatives in Arizona and Minneapolis since 2002.

With more than 23 years of transit industry experience in the public and private sectors, Mr. Marie has worked on various transportation systems in the United States, Latin America and Europe. He has written extensively on transit equipment technology, operations and modal integration for transportation industry journals worldwide.

Mr. Marie received a Bachelors Degree from Merrimack College and a Masters Degree from Pennsylvania State University.

The Hon. Jerrold Nadler

*U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY)*

Congressman Jerrold Nadler represents New York's Eighth Congressional district. The Eighth, one of the most diverse districts in the nation, includes Manhattan's West Side below 89th Street, Lower Manhattan, and areas of Brooklyn including Borough Park, Coney Island, Brighton Beach, Sea Gate, Bay Ridge, and Bensonhurst.

Congressman Nadler was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 after serving for 16 years in the New York State Assembly. He was re-elected to his seventh full term in 2004 with a resounding 80 percent of the vote. Throughout his career he has championed civil rights, civil liberties, efficient transportation, and a host of progressive issues such as access to health care, support for the arts and protection of the Social Security system. He is considered an unapologetic defender of those who might otherwise be forgotten by American law or the economy, and is respected specifically for his creative and pragmatic legislative approaches.

In his roles as an Assistant Whip and a senior member of both the House Judiciary Committee and the House Transportation Committee, Congressman Nadler has the opportunity on a daily basis to craft and shape the major laws that govern our country. From his leadership in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks on his district, to his insight and policymaking prominence on issues facing Israel and the Middle East, Nadler has constantly sought to be steadfast and responsive in his service to New York and the nation.

Richard Ravitch

*Chairman, Commission on Metropolitan Transit Authority Financing*

Since 1996 Mr. Ravitch has served as a Principal of Ravitch Rice & Company LLC, and Chairman of Waterside Management Company. Mr. Ravitch, a long-time Board member of Regional Plan Association, is currently the Chairman of both the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust's Board of Trustees, and the AFL-CIO Building Investment Trust's Advisory Board. Mr. Ravitch's other professional activities currently include service as Trustee of the Century Foundation, Trustee of Mount Sinai Medical Center, and he sits on the Board

of Parsons Brinckerhoff Inc. and Alphatec Spine Inc. From 1960 to 1977 Mr. Ravitch was the chairperson of the HRH Construction Corporation, which created over 45,000 units of affordable housing in New York City and other urban areas. During his professional career Mr. Ravitch has served as the Chairman of the New York State Urban Development Corporation, Chairman and CEO of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Chairman and CEO of Bowery Savings Bank, a Director of the American Stock Exchange. Mr. Ravitch is a graduate of Columbia College, Phi Beta Kappa Magna cum laude and has an LLB from Yale University School of Law. Mr. Ravitch is admitted to practice law in the State of New York. Mr. Ravitch recently chaired a commission that recommended how the public transportation system in the New York region should be financed.

The Hon. Janette Sadik-Khan

*Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation*

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Richard Sarles

*Executive Director, NJ TRANSIT*

Richard R. Sarles is the Executive Director of NJ TRANSIT, the third largest transit agency in the nation and the largest statewide agency. Mr. Sarles is responsible for the agency's bus, light rail, and commuter rail network; he also oversees the agency's 10,000 employees and capital and operating budgets totaling more than \$2 billion annually.

Prior to being appointed Executive Director in April of 2007, Mr. Sarles had been NJ TRANSIT's Assistant Executive Director for Capital Programs and Planning since 2002. In that capacity, he managed the agency's \$1.3 billion annual capital program as well as all three light rail operations in the state.

A professional engineer, Mr. Sarles previously served for more than 20 years in construction, project management and project planning roles with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He also served at Amtrak from 1996 until 2002 as a Vice President leading the NEC High-Speed Rail program, and subsequently leading capital program management for capital projects across the nation.

Mr. Sarles holds a master's degree in Business Administration from Rutgers University and a bachelor's degree in Engineering from The Cooper Union. He was born in Passaic and grew up in Nutley.

Polly Trottenberg

*Executive Director, Building America's Future*

Polly Trottenberg is the Executive Director of Building America's Future, a bipartisan non-profit organization dedicated to bringing about a new era of U.S. investment in infrastructure that enhances our nation's prosperity and quality of life. BAF was created by Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and boasts a growing membership of state and local elected officials.

Prior to joining BAF, Ms. Trottenberg worked in the United States Senate for 12 years, most recently as Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative

Director for California Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Ms. Trottenberg also served as Legislative Director for New York Senator Charles Schumer and as Legislative Assistant to New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. She has worked extensively on transportation, public works, energy and environmental issues during her congressional career.

Before starting her career on Capitol Hill, Ms. Trottenberg worked at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the Massachusetts State Senate, and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Ms. Trottenberg received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College and her Master's in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government.

## WATER

### *Blue Gold: Economic and Environmental Returns from Water Infrastructure Investment*

Moderator

**Christopher J. Daggett**  
*Principal, JM Sorge, Inc.*

Mr. Daggett currently is a Principal with JM Sorge, Inc. (JMS), a full service environmental consulting and management firm providing assessment, investigation and remediation services to the public and private sectors.

Mr. Daggett has served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor of New Jersey, Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, for six years he was a managing director of William E. Simon & Sons, a private investment firm and, since 1996, has operated a brownfields development company, acquiring, remediating and redeveloping environmentally impaired real estate.

Mr. Daggett's non-profit activities include serving as chairman of the NJDEP Permit Efficiency Review Task Force; chairman of the Somerset County Open Space Advisory Committee; co-chair of the New Jersey Advisory Council of the Trust for Public Land; co-chair of the New Jersey Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, of Regional Plan Association; a board member of the Hudson River Foundation; a member of the Advisory Board of the Child-ren's Environmental Health Center of the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, and a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of North Carolina Institute for the Environment.

Education  
Ed.D., 1977, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

B.A., with Honors, 1972, Interdisciplinary Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Panelists

**Alex Matthiessen**  
*Hudson Riverkeeper & President*

Alex Matthiessen has been Riverkeeper's chief executive since July, 2000. He has guided Riverkeeper's transformation into one of the country's most respected local environmental advocacy groups. During his tenure, Riverkeeper has undergone a period of pronounced growth with a tripling in staff, a ten-fold increase in membership, and a quintupling of the budget.

Mr. Matthiessen has instituted a full-time enforcement presence on the Hudson River and its tributaries and has expanded the organization's reach from points north of Albany down to and including all of New York Harbor. While strengthening Riverkeeper's enforcement capacity, Mr. Matthiessen also has been pursuing strategies to develop long-term, preventative approaches to environmental problem solving.

He holds a Masters of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and earned a BA (Biology and Environmental Studies) from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

**Betsy Otto**  
*Vice-President, American Rivers*

Betsy Otto is American Rivers' Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, and serves as the organization's chief liaison to municipal and industry groups, such as the US Conference of Mayors and the national Alliance for Water Efficiency. She works to promote sustainable practices and policies to help communities become more resilient in the face of climate change and development impacts. In her 10 years with American Rivers, Betsy developed and directed the organization's clean water and water supply and efficiency programs, and she has spearheaded American Rivers' lobbying efforts in Congress on clean water and water infrastructure funding. She is the co-author of numerous reports, including Ecological Riverfront Design with the American Planning Association, and Paving Our Way to Water Shortages. She presents widely on the impacts of urbanization on rivers and the value of incorporating green infrastructure as a central component of water infrastructure systems.

Prior to joining American Rivers, Betsy worked for 10 years with local and national conservation organizations, as director of the Midwest office of The Conservation Fund, and with the Environmental Law and Policy Center and Chicago-based Openlands Project. Before her work in conservation, Betsy had a career as a management consultant.

Betsy is a Harvard University Loeb Fellow and has an M.S. in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin's Gaylord Institute for Environmental Studies, a Masters of Management from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management

**Margie Ruddick**  
*Landscape Planner/Designer,  
Wallace Roberts Todd*

For over twenty years, Margie Ruddick has pioneered an approach to urban landscape design that integrates great design with ecological purpose, creating an unusual fusion of ecology, culture, infrastructure and art. Margie's transformative design for New York's Queens Plaza is recognized as bringing a new idea of nature to the city, where storm water, wind, sun, and habitat are integrated using low-tech methods to create a more sustainable vision of urban life. The new waterfront at Stapleton, in New York City, which brings the harbor and city together in an urban park with a cove and tidal wetlands, will also help catalyze the revitalization of historic Stapleton. The new Trenton Capital Park recasts Trenton as a historical destination, with a new civic core, and a restored connection between the city and the waterfront.

Margie Ruddick has taught at Harvard's GSD, Yale, The University of Pennsylvania, and Parsons School of Design. Margie's many honors and awards include the 1998 Waterfront Centre Award and the 1999 Places Design Award, for the Living Water Park; the 2002 Lewis Mumford Award from Architects Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility; selection for the Architectural League's 2003 Emerging Voices series; and the 2006 Rachel Carson Women in Conservation Award from the National Audubon Society.

**Carter Strickland**  
*Senior Policy Advisor for Air and Water, Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, City of New York*

Mr. Strickland is the Senior Policy Advisor for Air and Water with the New York City's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, where he has developed the City's stormwater plan and wetlands policy. Before joining the Bloomberg Administration, Mr. Strickland was active in water issues in New Jersey, where he helped design a stormwater utility for the Hackensack Meadows, won landmark decisions upholding public trust doctrine rights, floodplain restrictions, and stream buffer regulations; obtained watershed-based approaches to drinking water reservoir protection; and was involved in regulatory matters and litigation involving anti-degradation standards, wetlands protection, coastal permitting, and dredging of contaminated sediments. Mr. Strickland practiced environmental law at the Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic and the New York Attorney General's Office, and taught environmental law at Rutgers Law School. He is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law and Dartmouth College.