

**WESTCHESTER MUNICIPAL  
PLANNING FEDERATION  
PRESENTS:**

**35TH ANNUAL  
AWARDS DINNER**

**Thursday  
May 29, 2008**

**Trump National  
Golf Club  
Briarcliff Manor, New York**

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# **WESTCHESTER MUNICIPAL PLANNING FEDERATION ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

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## **RECEPTION**

### **SEATING FOR DINNER**

7:00pm

## **WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Ann Gallelli**

President, Presiding

**Gerard Mulligan**

Commisioner, Westchester County Department of Planning

**Hon. William Vescio**

Mayor, Village of Briarcliff

**Cheryl Winter Lewy**

Chair, Westchester County Planning Board

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

Election of Slate of Directors and Officers, 2008-2010

## **DINNER**

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

**Andrew Tung, ASLA, Esq.**

First Vice President, WMPF

## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Ossining Public Library, Village of Ossining  
*Ossining Public Library*

Westchester County  
*2008 Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Map Series*

City of White Plains  
*Affordable Housing Program*

Town of Yorktown  
*Trailway Connection Study*

## **COMMENDATIONS**

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson  
*James Harmon Community Center*

City of Mount Vernon  
*James Varick Affordable Homes*

Town of New Castle  
*Route 120 Pedestrian Path*

City of White Plains  
*Construction Management Protocol*

## **DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN PLANNER AWARD**

William R. Lonergan, Jr., *Town of Lewisboro Zoning Board of Appeals*

Alex "Buddy" Risoli, *City of Peekskill Planning Commission*

## **PAST PRESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Noel Shaw, Jr., *WMPF President Emeritus*

## **SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

Joseph C. Bonanno  
*Hunter College, New York City*  
*Candidate for Masters Degree in Urban Planning*

# ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

## Village of Ossining

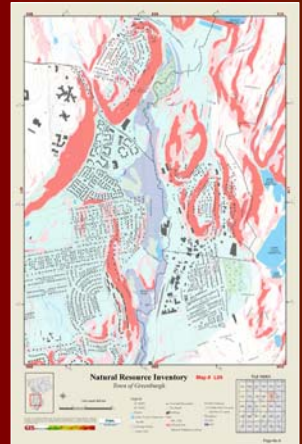
### *Ossining Public Library*



The new Library, located at 53 Croton Avenue, is the first public LEED-Certified building in Westchester, and one of only nine LEED-Certified public buildings in New York State. The Library Board committed to a green building in order to set a good example, to be fiscally responsible to taxpayers, and to limit energy consumption. Using geo-thermal as an energy source means there will be no purchase of oil or gas to heat or cool the library. The Ossining Public Library was incorporated over a hundred years ago. Its annual operating budget is approved by the voters. Construction funds also needed to be approved by a public referendum. The library board served as the lead agency for the project. The library is a public entity in its own right and does not get any funding from other municipal sources.

## Westchester County

### *GIS 2008 Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Map Series*



The NRI was recently released in both digital and hardcopy format, providing a new and innovative framework for local land use and environmental planning. The new NRI contains 16 GIS data layers including wetlands, floodplain zones, steep slopes, aquifers, lakes, building footprints and topography, among others. This new planning tool combines geospatial data from authoritative sources and represents the most detailed and comprehensive county-wide inventory of environmental related data produced since the 1980s.

## City of White Plains

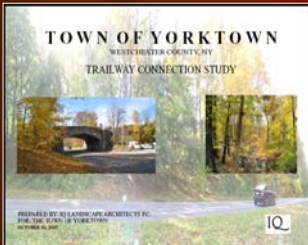
### *Affordable Housing Program*



The City's Affordable Housing Program, at various locations, provides 320 units of housing affordable to families with incomes from below 50 percent up to 120 percent of area median income. The units are part of new residential or mixed use developments. To meet the challenge of providing housing to low and moderate income families, the City's Affordable Housing Program represents a coordinated program implemented through public and private resources. The City implemented a number of measures to provide financial incentives, zoning and regulatory changes as necessary, as well as encouraging residential housing in the downtown areas.

## Town of Yorktown

### *Trailway Connection Study*



The Trailway Connection Study was undertaken to identify an east-west corridor to link the western portion of Yorktown to the Hudson River and the RiverWalk. This study analyzes the feasibility of implementing such a trailway with potential corridors through the Town of Cortlandt, Village of Croton-on-Hudson and the City of Peekskill. The need for an east-west, non-motorized trail from the Town of Yorktown to the river precipitated the study in order to meet this recreational challenge. Each potential parcel was analyzed with a high priority given to publicly owned land. A partnership was established between the affected municipalities and an intermunicipal greenway vision plan has been developed in order to complete the trail system.

# COMMENDATIONS

## Village of Hastings-on-Hudson

### *James Harmon Community Center*

The James Harmon Community Center on Main Street, replaces an old, substandard community center with a new, 3-level building twice the size of the old one. It includes a technology center and television studio. Situated in the heart of the Village, this landmark building is the result of years of hard work in planning, budgeting, grant procurement and design. Increasing social and recreational programs outgrew the old, aged building which, with the new center, now allows for accommodation of community needs, particularly for seniors and youth whose social well-being greatly depends on the Center.



## City of Mount Vernon

### *James Varick Affordable Homes Program*

The James Varick Affordable Homes are located on South Ninth and South Tenth Avenues in the City of Mount Vernon. They consist of 16 two-family townhouses for first time home buyers. These are affordable housing units for which a lottery was conducted for the sale of units with preference to families living and working in Mount Vernon, with incomes at 80 percent of the area median. The James Varick Homes have been a catalyst for positive change in the neighborhood. Many homeowners are improving their properties and new development interest has been sparked in the area along West Sandford Boulevard.



## Town of New Castle

### *Route 120 Pedestrian Path*



The Path extends west from the Chappaqua Hamlet along NYS Route 120 for approximately one mile to facilitate pedestrian access to the business district, train station, middle school and library. The path is a 5-foot wide ADA accessible concrete path which winds through natural areas, two pedestrian bridges, and a stretch adjacent to the Duck Pond, the headwaters of the Saw Mill River. A considerable amount of drainage improvements were made along Route 120, as well as a drainage connection to alleviate local flooding.

## City of White Plains

### *Construction Management Protocol*



The Construction Management Protocol was instituted to improve the manner in which project sites are managed and maintained during construction, and to reduce the negative impacts on neighbors. Although the City carefully reviews development proposals and imposes strict conditions to protect the environment, there can be a breakdown in understanding when contractors are on site. This "Protocol" was developed to address this problem and requires, among other measures, preparation of a Construction Management Plan or CMP which details how sites are to be managed and maintained, and is posted at the site with the building permit and contact numbers.

# DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN PLANNERS

## **William R. Lonergan, Jr.**

*Town of Lewisboro Zoning Board of Appeals*

For 21 years Mr. Lonergan has been the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has been a member of the Board for 26 years. He recently retired from that position with high praise from all who know him. He ensured that he and his fellow board members treated residents with respect and he worked to achieve equitable and reasonable solutions to sometimes difficult issues.



## **Alex "Buddy" Risoli**

*City of Peekskill Planning Commission*

Mr. Risoli has been a Planning Commission member and long-time community volunteer who has served continuously since his appointment in 1984 and recently marked his 24th anniversary. His common sense approach, combined with fairness and a keen appreciation of his role in the administration of local land use policy, has made him a true leader and benefit to Peekskill.



## PAST PRESIDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



**Noel Shaw, Jr.**

*WMPF, President Emeritus*

Noel Shaw, Jr., the past President of WMPF, was the first African American to fill that role, and a 14 year member of the Board. As Deputy Commissioner/Building Official for the City of New Rochelle, his expertise regarding planning issues in the county were of great value to the Federation. His many contributions are gratefully acknowledged, as his retirement and subsequent move away from the area are a loss for WMPF. We are pleased to be able to honor him with an award in recognition of his superior service.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**Joseph C. Bonanno**



*B.A. Urban Planning,  
University at Albany, New York*

*Candidate for Masters Degree in Urban Planning  
Hunter College, NYC*

Joseph Bonanno's area of interest in the field of planning is land use and design. He has worked as an intern in the Westchester County Planning Department for almost a year, and has assisted staff in creating components for the Westchester 2025 website. At Hunter College, Joe worked on a research project for a GIS Urban Applications course using GIS to map potential sites for affordable housing in Westchester County. He then shared the data with several community-based organizations, including A-Home and WestHab, for the communities which he analyzed, including Mount Kisco and Yonkers.

Joe expects to receive his MA degree in December, 2008

## **RECENT WMPF PROGRAMS**

### **February 2006 through June 2008**

#### **2006**

- March 8, 20, 22, 23 . . . . .Land Use Training Institute
- April 5 . . . . .Planners Lunch:  
“Inclusionary Zoning & Workforce Housing”
- April 28 . . . . .Clerks Seminar:  
“The Planning Process from A to Z”
- June 1 . . . . .Annual Awards Dinner, Crabtree’s Kittle House,  
Town of New Castle
- October 5 . . . . .The 2006 Federation Planning Achievement  
Award Winning Jacobs Hill Village
- October 27 . . . . .Clerks Seminar:  
“New York State’s Environmental Quality Review  
Act (SEQR) and the Planning and Zoning Clerk”
- October 30 . . . . .Forum for Zoning Boards
- November 1 . . . . .Forum for Planning Boards
- November 29 . . . . .Planners Lunch:  
“The Use of Visual Techniques in the Land Use  
Decision Making Process”
- December 14 . . . . .Stormwater Management Technical Workshop

#### **2007**

- March 15, 21, 27, 29 . . . . .Land Use Training Institute
- April 25 . . . . .Planners Lunch:  
“Calmed Roads, Safe Communities”
- May 30 . . . . .Clerks Seminar:  
“Everything You Wanted to Know About FOIL and  
the Open Meetings Law But Were Afraid to Ask”
- June 7 . . . . .Annual Awards Dinner, Lyndhurst,  
Village of Tarrytown
- September 27 . . . . .Architectural Review Seminar
- October 12 . . . . .Clerks Seminar:  
“Everything You Wanted to Know About SEQR But  
Were Afraid to Ask”
- November 29 . . . . .Forum for Planning and Zoning Boards
- December 11 . . . . .Planners Lunch:  
“Westchester 2025”

#### **2008**

- April 2, 7, 17 . . . . .Land Use Training Institute
- April 22 . . . . .Planners Lunch:  
“Climate Change”
- May 29 . . . . .Annual Awards Dinner, Trump National Golf Club  
Village of Briarcliff Manor
- June 13 . . . . .Clerks Seminar:  
“County Referrals and What You Should Know About  
the SEQR Process”

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## RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008 - 2010

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## WESTCHESTER MUNICIPAL PLANNING FEDERATION

The Westchester Municipal Planning Federation (WMPF) is a voluntary association of officials from Westchester County's forty-five municipal governments (six cities, 20 villages, 16 towns and three co-terminus town/villages). Authorized under New York State's General Municipal Law, the Federation evolved in spring 1962 from the efforts in civic planning education organized by the late Hugh R. Pomeroy, Westchester's first Director of Planning, and conducted under the Westchester County Local Planning Program from the late 1940s to the late 1950s. The theme underlying this earlier program was formalized in the statement describing the purpose of the Federation:

*To create an effective and permanent countywide organization for the exchange of information on matters of planning interest.*

The Federation conducts an annual awards program, offers training programs for municipal planning and zoning board members and conducts breakfast, luncheon and evening programs on topical planning issues. In addition, WMPF offers a scholarship each year to a planning student enrolled in either a graduate or undergraduate program, who has a direct connection with Westchester County.

Recipients of the annual planning awards are selected based on a project's value to the community, the degree of innovation and pioneering, the quality of results and relevance to current issues of planning importance.

A 15-member Board of Directors programs the Federation's activities. The Westchester County Department of Planning provides a staff member to serve as the Federation's Executive Director and provides the Board with assistance.

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