

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL**

# **NORTHEAST SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP**



*What does the Future Hold?*

**Thursday February 17, 2011  
Housatonic Community College  
Bridgeport, CT**

**8:00– 8:30**

**Registration/Breakfast**

*Breakfast Sponsored by Greener by Design*

**8:30 – 8:45**

**Introduction to Conference & Welcome**

Overview of the Day – Michael Taylor, Chairman, NSCW Planning Committee

Welcome to Bridgeport – Ann Robinson, Executive Director, Community Capital

Fund – NSCW 2011 Local Host Partner

Welcome to Housatonic Community College – Anita Gliniecki, President, HCC

**8:45 – 9:45**

**Workshop #1: Energizing Brownfields**

*Sponsored by Day Pitney LLP*

This panel will explore the potential for clean energy sector development on brownfields. Panelists will present funding opportunities, creative solutions to tough problems, case studies, and offer insights into the future of clean energy.

**Moderators:** Beth Barton, Day Pitney LLP & Chelsea Albucher, Vita Nuova LLC

**Panelists:**

Jessie Stratton, Environment Northeast

Tim Roughan, National Grid

Lee Hoffman, Pullman & Comley LLC

Colleen Kokas, NJ DEP

**9:45-10:45**

**Workshop #2: Connecting Transit Investment to Sustainable Urban  
Redevelopment**

*Sponsored by Parsons Brinckerhoff*

The panel will focus on the recently formed HUD-DOT-EPA partnership at the federal level and discuss the impacts to planning that will come about based upon the livability principles established through the partnership. The panel will focus on transit investment and the strategies that can be employed to use transit investment as a catalyst for brownfield redevelopment and to link with other funding to advance redevelopment strategies in urban areas. The panel will focus broadly around the nation on examples where this strategy has been shown to be successful and closer in on NY, NJ, MA and CT to determine how this region is responding to the HUD-DOT-EPA challenge.

**Moderators:** David Kooris, Regional Plan Association & Barry Hersh, NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate

**Panelists:**

Kip Bergstrom, Urban Redevelopment Commission

GB Arrington, PB PlaceMaking Group, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Michael Freimuth, City of New Rochelle  
Peggy Brennan, City of Meriden

**10:45-11:15 Break**

**11:15-12:15 **Workshop #3: Innovation in Sustainable Brownfield Redevelopment****  
*Sponsored by Pullman Comley LLC*

What is important for moving sustainable brownfield redevelopment forward in the region during these challenging economic times? Certainty and clarity, collaborative partnerships, funding, timely technical advice, and expedient approval and permitting processes. This workshop will have two components. The first will emphasize what is working at the federal level and will include insights into how to layer funding opportunities from multiple sources to make projects work. In a roundtable format, the second component will be a discussion of the promising hands-on assistance being offered regionally and at the state level, with opportunity for audience participation in the dialogue.

**Moderators:** Lya Theodoratos, USEPA Region 2 & Frank Gardner, USEPA Region 1

**Panelists:**

Gail Ann Cooper, USEPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization  
Robert Bell, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection  
Sue Boyle, GEI Consultants  
Gary Rozmus, Gannett Fleming

**12:15-2:00 Lunch**  
*Sponsored by GEI Consultants*

**Welcome & Introduction to the Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast,**  
Sue Boyle, GEI Consultants

**12:45-2:00 **Workshop #4: Sustainable Communities and the Economy****

**Moderators:** Paul Timpanelli, Bridgeport Regional Business Council & Michael Taylor, Vita Nuova LLC

Leaders in economic development, development, community revitalization and government will discuss the intersection between sustainable communities and the economy. Strategies to revitalize traditional communities and create a more vibrant economy will be discussed.

**Speaker:** Bill Finch, Mayor, City of Bridgeport

**Speaker:** Steve Bellone, Town Supervisor, Town of Babylon

**Respondents:**

Eric Anderson, Urban Green Builders  
Deborah Brown, Office of Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, USEPA Region 1  
Joseph McGee, The Business Council of Fairfield County

**2:00 Adjourn**