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## REMEMBERING RAY CORWIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL PINE BARRENS JOINT PLANNING AND POLICY COMMISSION

In the first week of April this year Ray Corwin died suddenly, a shock to all of us who knew Ray and worked with him over the years. Many planners, environmental consultants, and others associated in any way with Long Island's Pine Barrens, knew and probably worked with Ray Corwin, who served as Executive Director of the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission (CPBJPPC) from its inception in 1993 until his untimely death. This Commission, created by the NY State government, acts as a sort of regional Council of Governments (COG) and is made up of the State, Suffolk County and the towns of Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southampton. It actually is a COG with some teeth and determines to a great extent what gets built where in the Central Pine Barrens and also enforces a no development zone of 50,000 acres.

So while Ray received his formal training and education in mathematics and computer science, he worked as a planner and practiced daily the fine art of "intelligent forethought"; something to which we all aspire. Ray had many great characteristics and personality traits that enabled him to successfully practice planning at a high level. Prior to his service with the CPBJPPC, he was a member of the fledgling SCWA Watershed Oversight and Protection Department, which positioned SCWA to develop a pre-eminent GIS and many groundbreaking concepts that formed a solid foundation for the Special Groundwater Protection Area (SGPA) Plans, and Source Water Assessment Plans (SWAP). When Mike LoGrande's call came in early 1993 for Ray and his colleagues to step up and coordinate the formulation of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Central Pine Barrens, Ray was ready for the task.

Ray had a way about him; humble, quiet, highly organized, incisive, hard working, deeply knowledgeable, and passionate about the Pine Barrens. An uncontrolled passion for one's work can lead to self-righteous tyranny, or, in appropriate measures, can be the gift of human feeling that informs, motivates, encourages and energizes people to move and act.

Ray's passion for the Pine Barrens was the gift he brought to the planning process. He skillfully guided the work of over 300 volunteers to create a plan that now stands undisputedly as a national model for cooperation and

development transfer framing the protection of habitats and drinking water sources. For so many of us, his memory and spirit will always be broadly diffused and imbedded into the very trees and trails that were so much a part of his professional and personal life. We are going to miss him very much.

#### **Young Adult Stakeholders Group Meeting - May 11**

The LIRPC is working on the development of a long-term plan for Long Island, for the year 2035, and we are being called upon to voice our opinions and help ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. As part of its outreach in developing the Long Island 2035 Regional Comprehensive Sustainability Plan, the Long Island Regional Planning Commission (LIRPC) is assembling a number of Stakeholder Resource Groups to help shape the work product. In addition to issue-oriented groups, the LIRPC is forming a Young Adult Group, to be comprised of 18-34 year olds who live, work, and/or attend an institution of higher education on Long Island. I invite you to join me in assuming responsibility for our collective future by serving on this Young Adult Stakeholder Resource Group.

On **Tuesday, May 11th, 2010, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM** at the Molloy College facility at Republic Airport in East Farmingdale, there will be a plenary session of the Young Adult Stakeholder Resource Group. Light refreshments will be served. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a core group of proactive young adults to the Long Island 2035 Sustainability Plan project, to gather feedback on the work completed to-date, and to provide an open forum for brainstorming how to best implement a broader public outreach effort in the fall.

Please confirm your willingness to participate in the Young Adult Group, as well as whether you will be able to attend the kick-off meeting on May 11th, via email to Max Sokol ([msokol@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:msokol@nassaucountyny.gov)) or telephone (516-571-5940). Rather than sit idly and allow our future to be planned in a vacuum, let's jump at this unique opportunity to help shape our own future.

#### **AICP Certification Maintenance Program Event - May 19**

For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Denise Harrington, AICP, Professional Development Officer, at 631 751 4600 or by email at [dharrington@eeaconsultants.com](mailto:dharrington@eeaconsultants.com).

5/19 AICP CM training session - Topic TBA - at or around Town of Southampton (maybe in Hampton Bays) - 430 to 630 PM

The Certification Maintenance (CM) reporting period is every two years. The first two year reporting period began on January 1, 2008 and ended December 31, 2009. There is a grace period which enables members to accrue & log in credits up until 04/30/10 and have them applied to the first year reporting period if needed. A total of 32 CM credits (32 hours) are required every two year reporting period including 1.5 CM ethics credits and 1.5 CM law credits. A maximum of 16 CM credits may be carried from onereporting period to the next, excluding the ethics and law requirements. So if members attended more than the required 32 credits they should still log them in and they will get credit for the following reporting period. To register credits, go to: <http://www.planning.org/cm/log/>

AICP CM credits have been approved for the 2008 and 2009 Smart Growth Awards. Claim your credits ASAP.

#### **Next Steering Committee Meeting - May date TBA**

The next meeting of the LI Section Steering Committee will be held in May, date TBA. The Committee plans to continue its work in the Arthur Kunz Memorial Library in the Offices of Suffolk County Planning, Hauppauge. All are welcome. Contact [LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org](mailto:LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org) for more information.

#### **East End APA/Peconic AIA Conference - Wednesday, June 9, 2:30 to 8:30 PM, SCC Culinary Institute, Downtown Riverhead**

A joint presentation of the Long Island Section of the NY Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Peconic Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

This year the LI Section of the NY Metro Chapter of the APA and the Peconic Chapter of the AIA are jointly hosting a conference with workshops on planning and design. This year's East End Planning Conference focuses on Comprehensive Planning, Downtown Revitalization, and Architectural Guidelines as they apply to Long Island's East End communities. Join fellow planners, architects, zoning and planning board members, and elected officials from

2:30-8:30 PM, Wednesday June 9, 2010 at Suffolk County Community College's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center, 20 East Main Street in Riverhead. [http://department.sunysuffolk.edu/CulinaryArts\\_E/3232.asp](http://department.sunysuffolk.edu/CulinaryArts_E/3232.asp)

Credits for AIA and AICP certification maintenance have been requested. A light dinner is provided.

APA and AIA members \$20; nonmembers and at the door \$25; students \$15. Registration includes dinner.

**Register and pay now by credit card. Click on appropriate PayPal icon:**

Or save a seat by emailing: [LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org](mailto:LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org) and register by mailing a check payable to APA-LI Section to:

APA – LI Section, c/o Kathryn Eiseman, Treasurer  
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### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

2:30-3:00 Registration

3:00-4:30 Session I: Comprehensive Plans

*Moderator:* Michael White, Long Island Regional Planning Board

*Confirmed Panelists:*

Jeff Murphree, Land Management Administrator, Southampton  
Thomas Wickham, former Councilmember, Southold  
Bill Chaleff, Architect  
Bob DeLuca, Group for the East End  
Laurie Wiltshire, Land Planning Services

*What are the most important components of a comprehensive plan? How is social equity included? How do the plans in force and in development accommodate both growth and preservation? What have been the successes and failures of plans?*

4:45 – 6:15 Session II: Downtown Revitalization

*Moderator:* Eric Alexander, Vision Long Island

*Confirmed Panelists:*

David Nyce, Mayor, Greenport  
Stan Eckstut, Ehrenkrantz, Eckstut & Kuhn Architects  
Siamak Samii, Chair, Planning Commission, Southampton Village  
Chris Kempner, Director of Community Development, Riverhead  
Victor Prusinowski, former Councilman, Riverhead

*How do the villages of Greenport and Southampton and the Town of Riverhead envision the future of their downtowns? What has been done? What needs to be done? What have been the challenges and successes?*

6:15 – 7:00 Dinner

7:00 – 7:15 Presentations

Welcome from APA, Peconic AIA, Suffolk County's 2035 Vision Plan

7:15 – 8:30 Session III: Architectural Guidelines

*Moderator:* Anne Surchin, Architect

*Confirmed Panelists:*

Gary Jacquemin, Architect  
Kyle Collins, KPC Planning Services  
Diane Mazarakis, Principal Planner, Town of Brookhaven  
Alex Latham, ADL III Architecture

*Will design guidelines lead to homogeneous design? How can they help reinvent corridors and preserve traditional downtowns? Should architectural guidelines be separate from site plan reviews?*

#### **List of Upcoming Events**

##### **LIA Annual Awards Gala - May 14**

The LIA Annual Awards Gala is Long Island's largest and most prestigious business and social evening. This formal black-tie dinner dance honors corporate leaders and companies that have made Long Island a better place to live and work. The evening includes a lavish cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, entertainment, and high-end raffles. Sponsorship of this event positions your company in front of an influential and important audience of business leaders. For more information, visit the LIA website at: <http://www.longislandassociation.org/events.cfm>

##### **Build A Better Burb Design Competition deadline June 21, 2010**

Suburbia is not as built out as it seems. Consider the mapping of *8,300 acres* of opportunity - vacant parcels and parking lots - in the many small downtowns of the country's "first suburbs" on Long Island recently completed by the *Long Island Index*. On the occasion of the release of these revealing new interactive maps, the Long Island Index invites all architects, urban designers, planners, students, visionaries and everyone else interested in shaping our suburbs' future to help us "Build a Better Burb." This ideas competition seeks bold design proposals for retrofitting underutilized asphalt in suburban downtowns into innovative and surprising new uses, forms and urbanisms.

*There should be no preconceptions about what is or is not possible. What would you do on these acres of opportunity? Build a car-free community for thousands? Plant an oasis of urban agriculture? Produce renewable energy and provide well-paying green jobs? Use landscape systems to repair ruptures in regional ecologies? Introduce armatures to enhance public space and the civic realm?*

Competitors are encouraged to work in collaborative teams and must register on the website, [www.buildabetterburb.org](http://www.buildabetterburb.org) before June 21, 2010. At least 20 finalists will be selected by a blue-ribbon panel of jurors who will award a guaranteed first prize of \$10,000 and \$10,000 in additional prizes. The public will be invited to vote for a *Long Island Index* People's Choice Award and there will be a \$2,500 prize awarded to the top project submitted by a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program. Finalists will be announced July 6, 2010 and the winners will be announced in September 2010.

##### **Arthur Kunz Memorial Breakfast - June 23, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Molloy College at Republic Airport, Farmingdale**

Join the LI Section for our annual Arthur Kunz Memorial Breakfast on June 23rd at 830 AM at Molloy College in Republic Airport. This event provides the opportunity for planners to network as well as hear an exciting presentation from a well known planner and/or elected official involved in planning initiatives. You will also hear from the Kunz Scholarship Award recipients who attended the 2010 APA National Planning Conference, which took place in April in New Orleans, Louisiana.

#### **List of Events:**

- LI Section Steering Committee - May date TBA
- LIA Annual Awards Gala - May 14, 600 PM
- Carmans River Watershed Conference - May 27, 700 PM to 900 PM, Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville Cafeteria, Second Floor
- Long Island's Fourth Annual Sustainability Conference - June 4, 730 AM to 230 PM, Carlyle on the Green at Bethpage State Park. For more info, go to: <http://www.sustainableli.org/conference.html>
- East End APA/Peconic AIA Conference - June 9, 230 PM to 830 PM, Suffolk County Community College Culinary Institute, Downtown Riverhead
- 2010 Smart Growth Awards - June 18, 1130 AM to 200 PM, Crest Hollow Country Club

<http://www.visionlongisland.org/>

- AICP CD presentation - June 23 - 500 to 630 PM CD, refreshments 630 to 700 PM
- **Arthur Kunz Memorial Breakfast** - June 23, 830 AM, Molloy College, Republic Airport
- Nassau County Planning Federation Conference - September 28, location TBA
- Suffolk County Planning Federation Conference - September 29, Brookhaven National Lab
- 15 Annual Pine Barrens Research Forum - September 30 and October 1, Brookhaven National Lab  
<http://pb.state.ny.us/>
- More to come...

#### **APA 2010 Webinars to earn AICP CM credits**

May 7th - Utah Chapter: TBA

May 14th - Implementing Planning Support Tools: Best Management Practices for Adoption and Use

June 4th - Urban Design and Preservation Division: TBA

June 11th - Transportation Division: TBA

July 9th - Land Use Law

August 6th - Abel-ing your Development / Zoning Code: Implementing the Americans with Disabilities and Fair Housing Acts

August 13th - Wind and Utility Corridors

September 3rd - Planning and Law Division - TBA

September 10th - Economic Development

September 17th - Monumental Core Framework Plan : Connecting New Destinations with the National Mall

November 5th - Illinois Chapter: Planning Ethics ETHICS CREDITS available from this session

**For more information, go to: <http://www.utah-apa.org/webcasts.htm>**

#### **APA LI Section General Information**

You are encouraged to participate in and invited to attend the Section's monthly meetings. If you would like more information, please contact the Section Director and/or plan to attend the meetings. If you have not been involved to date, please contact the Director prior to the meeting to ensure that space is available. Conference call opportunities are also usually available if you are not able to attend in person. We look forward to your participation.

#### **Event Notices:**

If your organization or institution would like to promote events related to planning and land use, please forward the information and notices to [LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org](mailto:LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org) to post in the LI Section newsletter.

For more information, links to newsletters and meeting minutes, go to the LI Section's website at

[www.nyplanning.org/longisland.html](http://www.nyplanning.org/longisland.html) or email [LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org](mailto:LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org)

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