

Sixth Annual Sustainability Conference

Brownfield Redevelopment Workshop



By redeveloping brownfields, a community can eliminate blight and environmental contamination, create methods for downtown revitalization, and use existing infrastructure to benefit the future. Whether it's cleaning up an abandoned gas station to pump life back into a community or revitalizing closed auto-dealership corridors to jump-start a community renewal, this process is crucial to the future of sustainability on Long Island. This panel will discuss successful brownfield projects completed across the region, as well as specific areas where brownfield redevelopment has an opportunity to succeed.

Moderator and Panelists

Kathryn J. Eiseman, Partner and Division Manager of the Environmental & Community Planning Division, **Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC**

Kathryn J. Eiseman, AICP is a certified planner with over 18 years experience and is a Partner at Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC (NP&V). NP&V is an environmental planning and economic consulting firm based locally in Melville. NP&V has three divisions: Ms. Eiseman's division provides municipal planning and environmental consulting services and prepares planning studies; community outreach and education; market studies and socio-economic impact analyses; and, prepares grant applications and administers grants on behalf of municipalities. Ms. Eiseman worked with the Town of Oyster Bay to finalize the Hicksville Step I Pre-Nomination Study and is currently working with a team that includes Sustainable Long Island on the Step II Nomination Study. In addition, Ms. Eiseman's division is currently working with SLI on an inventory and planning analysis of closed auto dealership properties throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The other divisions of NP&V perform environmental impact analysis, wetland assessment and permitting, environmental site assessments, due diligence, site testing and brownfield remediation.



MODERATOR

Jody Kass, Executive Director, **New Partners for Community Revitalization**

Jody Kass co-founded and directs New Partners for Community Revitalization. Jody is responsible for managing the overall organization and the day-to-day activities of NPCR, including fund raising, operations of the board of directors, and conceiving and implementing a broad range of program activities. Prior to NPCR, Jody was Vice President of the nonprofit NYC Housing Partnership, where she worked from 1989 to 2001. During her 12 years at the Housing Partnership, Jody helped coordinate the construction of over 16,000 affordable housing units, representing over \$1.5 billion in private investment in 50 low income communities around New York City. Jody managed the extraordinary regulatory issues that arose on development projects in the Partnership New Homes Program, Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Program, and Partnership Plaza/ ANCHOR Neighborhood Retail Program. Her expertise covers coordinating the intersection of regulatory, financing and marketing issues; hazardous materials issues; sewer, highway and building permits; landmarks, archaeology, and historic rehabilitation tax credits; lead-based paint and asbestos issues; and zoning.



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Rabi Kieber, Sustainability Coordinator, EPA Region 2



Ms. Rabi Kieber is currently the Sustainability Coordinator for EPA Region 2. In this capacity, she has developed several far-reaching programs to increase sustainable development throughout the region, including the Green Building Competition for New York City. This competition is a national competition that attracts professionals from around the country to present their innovative New York City green building design projects and ideas. Ms. Kieber has worked with the USDA Forest Service, Columbia University, and the New York City Department of Health and Department of Parks and Recreation on an innovative pilot project in Harlem, New York, designed to transform the landscape in Harlem by increasing canopy cover, revitalizing community gardens, creating green "cultural tourism" corridors, and assuring proper repair and maintenance of existing parks. She has worked with Pace University to develop a green roof research strategy and with several universities in Puerto Rico to promote sustainability.

Gary Rozmus, P.E., Vice President, Gannett Fleming



Gary Rozmus, P.E. is a Vice President of Gannett Fleming where he leads a firm-wide team that provides nation-wide turnkey Sustainable Brownfield redevelopment consulting services. He was the First Chairman of the Board for the NYC Brownfield Partnership. He has been involved in the Brownfield marketplace for many years and worked on a wide variety of Brownfield projects including projects for private and public clients. Mr. Rozmus has obtained a BS in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College and an MS in civil engineering from Polytechnic Institute of NY. Mr. Rozmus has more than 36 years of experience in the environmental consulting services field. He directs a broad range of services including site investigation and remediation, pre-purchase/pre-sale assessments and due diligence, hazardous waste materials management, underground storage tank programs, rapid response to hazardous materials spills, and environmental compliance. He directs construction, demolition, and facility decommissioning/infrastructure rehabilitation services; and develops and manages risk-based corrective action (RBCA) programs at closed or abandoned industrial sites.

Jaime Stein, Head of Program, Urban Environmental Systems Management Pratt Institute



Jaime directs the Urban Environmental Systems Management program at Pratt Institute, a Master of Science in sustainability studies with a curriculum at the nexus of environmental design, science and policy. Ms. Stein has 11 years experience in advocating for sustainable communities, beginning as a Peace Corps volunteer in the West African nation of Burkina Faso and ranging as wide as solid waste management in biomedical research at The Wistar Institute of Philadelphia. After leaving Sustainable South Bronx as their Environmental Policy Analyst in 2011, Ms Stein has focused on revamping the Environmental Systems curriculum to train environmental professionals with a systems thinking approach to solid waste, energy and water quality management. She has also lead the creation of a professional certificate in Green Infrastructure at Pratt's Center for Continuing and Professional Studies. Ms. Stein's extracurricular consulting work is focused around the influence of the urban environment (both built and natural) on public health.

