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This seminar is provided by the Suffolk County Planning Federation with the assistance and cooperation of the following entities:

Suffolk County Planning Commission - Support and guidance in the planning and delivery of the program has been provided by the Suffolk County Planning Commission (David L. Calone, Adrienne Esposito, Vice Chair, Michael Kelly, Vice Chair).

Suffolk County - Staff assistance is provided by the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning. The Division of Planning & Environment (Sarah Lansdale, AICP, Director) provides research and planning services to the County Executive, the Legislature and the Suffolk County Planning Commission, including advice on open space acquisitions, farmland preservation, demographic trends, municipal land use and affordable housing.

American Planning Association (APA) - The APA represents over 30,000 planners, elected and appointed officials and citizens concerned with land use planning. The [Long Island Section](#) of the NY Metro Chapter of APA offers programs for private and municipal planners and planning and zoning board members. Receive their monthly e-newsletter by sending your contact information to LongIslandSection@nyplanning.org.

New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) - The NYS Department of State (Governor Andrew Cuomo) provides training to municipal officials who are seeking basic information about local government powers and duties in relation to the land use review and approval process. Basic land use management training courses are offered for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members, elected officials, and zoning enforcement officers.

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) - One of ten national laboratories overseen and primarily funded by the Office of Science of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Brookhaven National Laboratory conducts research in the physical, biomedical, and environmental sciences, as well as in energy technologies and national security. Brookhaven Lab also builds and operates major scientific facilities available to university, industry and government researchers. Six Nobel Prizes have been awarded for discoveries made at the Lab.

The **Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA)** is an independent public-benefit corporation operating under the authority of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York. Serving approximately 1.2 million Suffolk County residents, the Authority, which was founded in 1951, operates without taxing power on a not-for-profit basis. The Authority is the largest groundwater supplier in the country.

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From the LI Expressway (Route 495), take Exit 68 north (CR46) approx. 1.7 miles. Turn right into the Lab's Main Entrance

Stop at the booth. **Valid photo identification is required.** Proceed to the light, turn left onto Upton Road, right onto Brookhaven Ave., and Berkner Hall Auditorium is on the left. Free parking is available adjacent to Berkner Hall.

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North to BNL**



Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone

Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone took office on January 1, 2012. Previously, he served since 2001 as Babylon Town Supervisor.

In Babylon, County Executive Bellone kept that town in excellent fiscal standing even as the recession put governments at all levels in deep financial trouble. He reduced the town's debt every year he was in office, eliminated red tape to attract new businesses to Long Island, and delivered a \$4.3 million dollar tax cut to residents.

Bellone is committed to using that same approach to reduce Suffolk's debt, improve Suffolk's business environment and keep taxes low. Bellone is serious about property tax reforms to reduce the burden on homeowners which is why

he supports Governor Cuomo's property tax cap. And Bellone thinks it's a shame that young people are leaving Long Island at record rates due to the high cost of housing and the lack of good-paying jobs. That's why he will incentivize businesses to move to Suffolk County and help young people stay by creating good jobs and making it less expensive to live here.

An Army Veteran, Steven Bellone feels strongly that we have an important obligation to our returning veterans. He has helped to raise nearly half a million dollars for wounded soldiers by sponsoring annual Soldier Rides with the Wounded Warrior Project and Run for the Warriors in partnership with RWDSU Local 338 to benefit Hope for the Warriors. He placed a banner across the pillars of Town Hall that reads "Thank you to our Veterans, God Bless America" at the start of the war in Iraq. He rejected efforts by two different organizations to force the town to remove the banner and pledged to keep it in place until all of our troops have returned home. Bellone also led a campaign in the Town of Babylon to support the building of the National World War II Memorial that raised more than \$25,000. He organized and escorted three busloads of WWII veterans down to Washington, DC for the dedication of the memorial in 2004.

Bellone's environmental and community revitalization initiatives have been nationally recognized for their pioneering and innovative approaches. In 2006, Babylon was the first Town on Long Island to adopt Energy Star standards for new home construction, saving residents money on their energy bills. Later that same year, Babylon adopted the most comprehensive green building code in the nation. In 2008, Bellone created the first property assessed clean energy (PACE) efficiency program in the country, Long Island Green Homes. He has lectured around the country and in Canada about this groundbreaking program that has been featured on CNN and in the NY Times and Washington Post.

In 2002, he launched Wyandanch Rising, a comprehensive, community based approach to revitalizing the most economically distressed community on Long Island. In 2009, the NYS Department of State named Wyandanch one of just three "Spotlight Communities" in the state. Wyandanch Rising was also selected in 2010 by the United States Green Building Council as one of ten projects in the nation to showcase the new LEED for Neighborhood Development standard.

Quality of Life issues have been a major focus of Bellone's career. In Babylon, he targeted serial code offenders and slumlords by creating the Quality of Life Taskforce and naming a special prosecutor for quality of life cases. He created the first Suburban Community Court in New York State in an historic partnership with the Office of Court Administration and the Suffolk County District Court. These two programs have had dramatic results: illegal businesses that were opened in residential communities have been closed, illegal rooming houses have been shut down and abandoned buildings that have sat vacant for years have been leveled.

Bellone has been a leader in using innovative solutions to solve challenges. As a father of two young daughters and a son, Bellone believes that the foremost obligation of government is to protect the most vulnerable members of our society and so, using GIS mapping technology, Bellone implemented a first-of-its-kind system to enforce residency restrictions on sex offenders. Five years ago, Bellone was the first leader in the region to use GPS technology to increase efficiency in the town's snow plows and car fleet and later he successfully implemented free Wi-Fi internet access in all parks for Babylon residents.

Steven Bellone is a graduate of North Babylon High School and he earned a BA degree at Queens College in 1991. Enlisting in the US Army in 1992, County Executive Bellone served as a Communications Specialist stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. During his service in the Army, he was awarded commendations for meritorious service and earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration by attending night classes at Webster University. Bellone earned his Law degree from Fordham University and was admitted to the New York Bar in 1999.

He has received numerous awards for his leadership. In 2010, Bellone was named "Government Official of the Year" by the Association for a Better Long Island, one of the region's largest business groups. In 2009, he was named "Environmental of the Year" by the Sierra Club on Long Island and Government Official of the Year by the USGBC LI Chapter. Babylon was also selected as one of 15 international cities - a list that includes New York, London, Copenhagen, San Francisco and Vancouver - to participate in the Carbon War Room that same year, Babylon was the recipient of a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Excellence Award.

County Executive Bellone resides in West Babylon with his wife, Tracey and their two daughters, Katherine Ann and Mollie Elizabeth, and son Michael Jack.

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November 29, 2012**



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 1:00 **Mobile Workshop** - The Process Of Elimination: Tour The BNL State Of The Art Sewage Treatment Plant
- 2:30 **Registration**
- 3:00 **General Session I**
 - Municipal Regulation of Signs (a) (b) (e)
 - “It Takes a Village – Economic Development on Long Island; Small Business and the Department of Energy” (e)
 - Out of Sight, Out of Mind - The Challenge of Source Water Protection for Groundwater (e)
- 4:40 **Dinner Buffet Reception** (Sandwiches, Salads)
Sponsored by SCWA
- 5:15 **Plenary Session**
Welcoming Remarks
 - Sarah Lansdale, Director, *Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Planning & Environment*
 - Doon Gibbs, *Deputy Director for Science & Technologies, BNL*
 - David L. Calone, *Suffolk County Planning Commission*
 - Keynote** – Joanne Minieri, Deputy Suffolk County Executive and Commissioner of Economic Development & Planning
- 6:00 **General Session II**
 - Enforcement of Zoning and Other Laws (a) (b) (e)
 - Why Regional Planning Matters: A Suburban Context (e)
 - Recovery and Resiliency: Why Infrastructure Matters (e)
- 7:40 **Break with refreshments**
- 8:00 **General Session III**
 - SEQRA Update (e)
 - Successful Projects; Directors Roundtable (e)
 - Planning and Zoning Case Law (a) (b) (e)

The Suffolk County Planning Federation invites you to attend its annual training conference to be held this year at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton. A selection of nine courses will be offered ranging from Sign Control to SEQRA. In addition, the conference includes a mobile workshop. The workshop will provide a tour of the BNL State Of The Art Sewage Treatment Plant.

Participation in the program is recommended for planning and zoning board members, town and village board members, practicing planners, architects, environmental specialists, attorneys and other land use professionals, as well as civic and community representatives. A Suffolk County Planning Federation certificate of completion will be provided to all attendees and may serve as proof of training required.



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PLENARY SESSION

Moderator:
Sarah Lansdale AICP, Director, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, Division of Planning & Environment

Welcoming Remarks:
Doon Gibbs, Deputy Director, Science & Technologies, BNL
David L. Calone, Suffolk County Planning Commission



Keynote: Joanne Minieri, Deputy County Executive and Commissioner of Economic Development & Planning

Joanne Minieri, CPA, is the Deputy County Executive and Commissioner for Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning, and is responsible for attracting and retaining business, promoting new industries, fostering transit-oriented development, managing land use, preserving open space and expanding affordable housing options for one of the largest counties in the United States. In her first public sector role, Ms. Minieri is leveraging her private sector experience to improve Suffolk County's business climate, build consensus and commitment for development projects, and retain and create jobs in the region.

Under her leadership, the Department of Economic Development and Planning is charged with implementing *Innovate Suffolk* and *Connect Long Island* – two initiatives that are central to the vision Ms. Minieri and County Executive Steven Bellone have to drive Suffolk County's transformation as an economic powerhouse. Currently, in the formative stages, *Innovate Suffolk* will create innovation zones for small companies and graduates of technology business incubators, while *Connect Long Island* will coordinate land use, transit-oriented development and rapid transit options to further economic expansion.

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Ms. Minieri is a member of Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency Board. She is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Real Estate Board of New York, Urban Land Institute, Women's Forum, Inc. and is on the Board of the Brooklyn Museum, the Brooklyn Children's Museum and NEW (Non-Traditional Employment of Women). Ms. Minieri has received several awards for her accomplishments and leadership. She was honored in 2009 as one of Crain's 50 Most Powerful Women in New York. In 2008, Ms. Minieri was the recipient of the National Italian American Foundation's (NIAF) Special Achievement Award and was honored by the Special Olympics New York at its 9th Annual Real Estate & Construction Gala. She received an Alumni Achievement Award from Hofstra University, as well as a citation from Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi after receiving the Women in Housing Development Award from the New York Housing Conference and National Housing Conference. Ms. Minieri has also been honored by the Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) organization.

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REGISTRATION

Autumn Planning Conference
Brookhaven National Laboratory
Upton, NY - Thursday November 29, 2012



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c/o Suffolk County Division of
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General Session I 3:00 - 4:40 (choose one)

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- ☐ I Plan to earn AICP CM (Certification Maintenance) credit.**

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General Information

*CLE credit requires a \$25.00 check made out to the Albany Law School Institute of Legal Studies and given to the instructor.

For additional information contact Andrew P. Freleng
Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning, 631-853-5191.

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Internet Access Only (Available from most conference rooms on-site)

Quick Steps for Internet Access:

Configure your client for DHCP

Set DNS server to be obtained automatically

For information on how to connect to the BNL network, view the document entitled "Connecting to the BNL network - Getting Started" in the User Info section of the internal ITD homepage.

FROM THE SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

On behalf of the Suffolk County Planning Commission, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2012 Suffolk County Planning Federation Autumn Planning Conference.

Suffolk County faces many challenges: we need to encourage economic growth while protecting our natural assets; we need to promote a more diverse housing stock while ensuring that we don't overburden our transportation systems and other critical infrastructure; and we need to prepare for a clean energy future through more energy efficient buildings and renewable energy generation.

These regional issues and others play out day by day and project by project across Suffolk's 43 municipalities. This planning conference provides an opportunity for decision-makers from across the county to learn about the latest trends and to exchange ideas about the land use issues that are critical to Suffolk County's future.

Particular thanks to the Suffolk County Water Authority for sponsoring today's event and to **Brookhaven National Lab and the APA's Long Island Chapter** for their support. This conference also would not be possible without the leadership of Suffolk County Planning Director Sarah Lansdale and the County Planning Department staff.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,

David L. Calone

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The 13th Annual Seminar on Planning Board and Zoning Board Fundamentals



Mobile Workshop 1:00 p.m.

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General Session I - 3:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF SIGNS (a) (b) (e)

The regulation of signs isn’t just a zoning issue— when regulating signage, municipalities must be careful not to violate free speech. This course reveals what municipalities may and may not regulate in commercial or non-commercial signage and explores how signage can be regulated for community aesthetics. The session also addresses the drafting of a sign control law; the content of local sign control regulations; regulating billboards and other off-premises signs; and eliminating nonconforming or undesirable signs.

Participants: Christopher Eastman, Land Use Training Specialist, NYSDOS; Natasha Esther Phillip, Esq., Senior Attorney, NYS DOS
Moderator: John Paul Whelan, Suffolk County Planning Commission

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON LONG ISLAND; SMALL BUSINESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY” (e)

Brookhaven National Laboratory management will discuss the Laboratory’s role in transferring research and technology into regional economic development.

Participants: Walter Copan, Manager, Office of Technology Commercialization and Partnerships, Robert Gordon, Acting Deputy Site Manager, U.S. Department of Energy Site Office
Moderator: John Finn, Suffolk County Planning Commission

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND - THE CHALLENGE OF SOURCE WATER PROTECTION FOR GROUNDWATER (e)

Long Islanders rely on a sole source aquifer system to meet all of their water needs. Because that aquifer system is underground and therefore unseen, most Long Islanders never think about the source of their drinking water. They fail to realize that human activities on the surface can and do have serious negative impacts on groundwater quality. That is why implementing a comprehensive source water protection program in Suffolk County is so critical.

The proposed Suffolk County Water Authority Source Water Protection Program (SWPP) will serve to improve the county’s groundwater quality and ensure its protection for years to come. The program will evaluate existing contamination problems and potential future threats to our aquifer system utilizing a vast array of resources; and then partner with local government, business, academia and the civic and environmental communities to execute activities that will resolve these issues. With the assistance of proactive local planning and identified source water protection activities, this program will help guarantee the quality and safety of our drinking water for future generations.

The purpose of the SWPP is to help improve and protect water quality through a series of action items, each targeted at specific activities harmful to groundwater quality. We must address the issue of groundwater protection at its origin: the surface. We will work towards resolving the pollution at its source, rather than remediating it after the fact. All the action items will help reduce or stop contaminants from seeping into our aquifer system. Currently, 14 action items have been proposed to be included in the SWPP.

Participants: Carrie Meek-Gallagher, Chief Sustainability Officer, SCWA
Moderator: Adrienne Esposito, Suffolk County Planning Commission

Dinner Break 4:40

Plenary Session 5:15

General Session II– 6:00 p.m.

ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING AND OTHER LAWS (a) (b) (e)

Municipalities have various regulations that are an extension of their police power that aren’t necessarily enforced by the police-zoning, property maintenance, and noise regulations, for example. This session reviews how these regulations are enforced, with discussion of the relationship between the enforcement officer and the review boards, the effect of an appeal of an enforcement action to the zoning board of appeals, and judicial enforcement of violations.

Participants: Christopher Eastman, Land Use Training Specialist, NYSDOS; Natasha Esther Phillip, Esq., Senior Attorney, NYS DOS
Moderator: Tom McAdam, Suffolk County Planning Commission

WHY REGIONAL PLANNING MATTERS: A SUBURBAN CONTEXT (e)

Tom Jost, AICP, LEED AP and Sean Sallie, AICP will be providing an overview of the Nassau County Infill Redevelopment Study being conducted in partnership with the New York – Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium. The discussion will place emphasis on the role of the Consortium and the County as a regional planning resource and community development partner. Mr. Jost will provide several examples from around the Northeast of regional and multi-jurisdictional planning collaborations that, due in part to the effective cooperation and coordination, carried community planning initiatives into the implementation phase. The presentation will conclude with some of the preliminary strategies and reforms that have been identified by the Consortium to address the hurdles faced by communities looking to address sustainability goals such as transit-oriented development, walkability, access to housing and jobs and environmental protection.

Participants: Tom C. Jost, Senior Urban Strategist at Parsons Brinckerhoff, Sean E. Sallie, Senior Planner, Nassau County Planning Commission and the Nassau County Department of Public Works
Moderator: Kevin G. Gershowitz,Suffolk County Planning Commission

RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY: WHY INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS (e)

All disasters are local. Long-term disaster recovery requires resiliency. Join us for a discussion on resiliency for our County - it isn’t just about building “back”; it is building forward and stronger. It is about consciously considering each of the emergency management phases when making day-to-day decisions and determining long-term strategies.

Participants: TBA
Moderator: David L. Calone, Suffolk County Planning Commission

General Session III - 8:00 p.m.

SEQRA UPDATE (e)

NYS has proposed the first comprehensive update to the SEQRA statute since 1992. Michael Levine, Commissioner of Planning, Town of North Hempstead will discuss the details and how they will affect the manner in which environmental review is conducted on Long Island.

Participants: Michael A. Levine, AICP, Commissioner, Town of North Hempstead Department of Planning and Environmental Protection
Moderator: Michael Kaufman, Suffolk County Planning Commission

SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS, DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE (e)

The Long Island Section of the American Planning Association will bring together Commissioners and Directors of Suffolk County local municipal planning offices to discuss the successful projects in their respective towns and how these projects demonstrate the latest principals of planning including, TOD, TDR and smart growth.

Participants: ; Suffolk County Local Municipal Officials
Moderator: Michael Kelly, Suffolk County Planning Commission

PLANNING AND ZONING CASE LAW (a) (b) (e)

Recent cases that pertain to land use will be summarized and the implications of them on land use regulation at the local level explored. Opinions by the New York State Attorney General, Office of State Comptroller, and Committee on Open Government that pertain to land use and local governance will also be reviewed.

Participants: Natasha Esther Phillip, Esq., Senior Attorney, NYS DOS
Moderator: Jennifer Casey, Suffolk County Planning Commission

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