



POST-SANDY WATERFRONT PLANNING IN NEW YORK CITY: *What's Happening?*

Join us for this discussion of work completed and underway to address profound changes in land and water uses on the City's 520-mile waterfront. While important efforts will be celebrated, the City stands at a threshold of critical decisions. With new executive leadership, post-Hurricane Sandy realities, and the complex work of implementing comprehensive planning, the session frames the primary policy documents guiding the City's waterfront development and how they fit together. The moderated dialogue will focus on what is happening now and the next steps for the City in implementing policies, both in terms of tasks called out in the documents, and more broadly, as expressions of the City's views on waterfront development in an environment of shifting populations and rising seas.

- Conference:** Shaping the New York Metropolitan Region: Planning Innovations and Disruptors
- Sponsors:** NY Metro Chapter American Planning Association (APA), Waterfront Committee
- Speakers:** Kate Dineen, Deputy Executive Director, New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
Carrie Grassi, Deputy Director for Planning, Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency, City of New York
Michael L. Marrella, AICP, Director, Waterfront and Open Space Division, New York City Department of City Planning
Stephen Whitehouse, Partner, ASLA, AICP, LEED AP, Partner, Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners
- Moderator:** Bonnie A. Harken, APA, AIA, President, Nautilus International Development Consulting, Inc. and former Co-Chair, Waterfront Committee, APA NY Metro Chapter
- Location:** Columbia University, Lerner Hall, 115th Street & Broadway (By subway: #1 to 116th Street)
- Date & Time:** Friday, October 30th, 2015, 4:30-5:45 pm; Conference registration begins at 8am
- Cost:** Free with conference admission
- Registration:** Please go to www.nyplanning.org to register for the conference
- Credits:** 7 CM credits for the conference



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About the speakers:

Kate Dineen is Deputy Executive Director of the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR). Prior to joining the Governor's team in 2013, she served as US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Policy Director, covering environmental, energy and economic development issues. She previously worked for the Australian federal government evaluating the world's first national scheme to regulate the creation and trade of carbon credits, and for the BMW Guggenheim Lab, a mobile think tank on urban sustainability issues. She graduated from Williams College and holds a Masters in City Planning from MIT.

Carrie Grassi is Deputy Director for Planning, NYC Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR). She leads interagency collaboration and community coordination for implementation of neighborhood-based climate change resiliency efforts, such as HUD's Rebuild by Design program and its resulting \$335M East Side Coastal Resiliency project, and the State's NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program. She is also leading the City's appeal of the FEMA flood maps and serves on FEMA's Technical Mapping Advisory Council. After Hurricane Sandy, Carrie was a member of the Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR), the result of which is the City's comprehensive climate resiliency plan, *A Stronger, More Resilient New York*. Carrie has worked in both government and non-profit institutions focused on project implementation, civic engagement and environmental stewardship. She holds a Masters in City Planning from MIT.

Bonnie A. Harken AIA, APA, is President of Nautilus International Development Consulting, Inc., a multi-disciplinary firm which consults for government agencies and private businesses about strategies for planning and implementing successful, sustainable developments. Nautilus International has been lead consultant for the PANYNJ on a multi-year study about revitalizing port areas and responsible for projects addressing economic development, environmental sustainability, infrastructure investments, and climate change. Nautilus is also consulting for the World Water Council on the role of water resources in "green growth" for developing countries experiencing rapid urbanization. Early in her career, Ms. Harken led urban design and architectural teams on a wide number of projects at Battery Park City in NYC. Other waterfront projects include strategic planning for General Motors' 5.5M sf riverfront headquarters in Detroit. Ms. Harken served as APA-NY Metro Chapter's representative on the Mayor Bloomberg's Waterfront Management Advisory Board. She also represented APA-NYM on advisory groups for "Vision 2020: New York City's Comprehensive Plan" and NYC's Waterfront Revitalization Program revisions. Ms. Harken's work has won numerous awards for design excellence as well as awards for meritorious service to the profession from APA. Recently, Ms. Harken co-chaired the Post-Sandy Initiative's Waterfront Working Group, which won AIA's 2014 National Honors Award for Collaborative & Professional Achievement. Ms. Harken grew up in Asia and Latin America, and holds a Master of Architecture from Columbia University.

Michael L. Marrella AICP is the director of waterfront and open space planning for the NYC Department of City Planning. Marrella is responsible for directing waterfront land use policy for the agency. He also advises the chair and members of the City Planning Commission on planning and land use issues affecting waterfront and open space areas, manages the staff of the Waterfront and Open Space Division, and acts as primary liaison to a wide range of stakeholders including elected officials, community organizations and private sector entities on matters of land use, zoning and economic development related to waterfront and open space. Mr. Marrella previously served as project director for "Vision 2020: the New York City Comprehensive Waterfront Plan," the document that provided a new long-range vision for a 21st century waterfront. He oversaw all aspects of the plan's creation, including public outreach, policy analysis and plan writing. Mr. Marrella oversees city planning's role in implementing Vision 2020, including revisions to the Coastal Zone Management program that regulates public and private projects on the waterfront and in the waterways. Mr. Marrella is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and served as vice president of the APA NY Metro Chapter from 2006 -2010. Born in NYC, Marrella holds a master's in city planning from MIT and a BA from Vassar College.

Stephen Whitehouse ASLA, AICP, LEED AP is a partner of Starr Whitehouse Landscape Architects and Planners, whose diverse pursuits as a planner and designer over the last 30 years have advanced the environmental quality and social vitality of places. His public and private sector work spans a continuum of policy development, planning, plan implementation, and landscape architectural design. Mr. Whitehouse was formerly Chief of Planning for the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. In 2006 he and Laura Starr founded Starr Whitehouse, which is committed to making urban density livable. Recent projects include Bushwick Inlet Park on the East River in Williamsburg, numerous urban residential projects, and urban design strategies for revitalizing the Water Street district in Lower Manhattan. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Starr Whitehouse has developed design strategies for Manhattan and Staten Island for the Mayor's SIRR, and, through the Rebuild by Design competition, helped create the "BIG U" concept for Manhattan's flood protection, which secured a \$355 million HUD award to NYC. Mr. Whitehouse is a graduate of Harvard University (English), City College of New York (Landscape Architecture) and Columbia University (Urban Design).