

State of New York Cities: Creative Responses to Fiscal Stress

Tuesday March 25th 2014

King-Shaw Hall (ILR Conference Center)



Cornell University

Please join us for a productive dialogue as we explore innovative practices in four communities and discuss creative strategies for the future

Agenda

8:45-9:30 **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:30-10:00 **Welcome – Setting the Context**

Mildred Warner, Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University

10:00-11:00 **A Tale of Four Cities: Case Studies of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse & Utica**

Overview - Fiscal Realities and Constraints

Clint McManus, Masters Candidate, City & Regional Planning

Buffalo: Rebuilding the Economy & Quality of Life after the Control Board

Nidhi Subramanyam, Masters Candidate, City & Regional Planning

Rochester: From an Industrial City to a Knowledge-Based Economy

Patience Milrod, Masters Candidate, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs

Syracuse: Collaboration with Anchor Institutions and the County

Katelin Olson, PhD Candidate, City & Regional Planning

Utica: Refugees and Urban Revitalization

Clint McManus, Masters Candidate, City & Regional Planning

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-12:30 **Reflection and Responses - City Representatives/Case Study Participants**

Buffalo

Lou Jean Fleron, Partnership for the Public Good, & Cornell ILR Emeritus Extension Faculty

Rochester

Delmonize Smith, Commissioner of Neighborhood & Business Development

Syracuse

Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor, City of Syracuse

Utica

Robert M. Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica

12:30-1:15 **Lunch**

1:15-2:30 ***Trends & Opportunities Moving Forward***

Economic Development

Susan Christopherson, Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University

Demographic Trends

Robin Blakely-Armitage, Community & Regional Development Institute, Cornell University

Pensions

Abigail Rivin, Masters Candidate, Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University

Revenue and Funding

John Sipple, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Discussant

Svante Myrick, Mayor, City of Ithaca

2:30-2:45 **Break**

2:45-4:00 ***Identifying Promising Strategies – Discussion Sessions***

Sustainable Community & Economic Development Strategies

Paul Beyer, Director of Smart Growth, NYS Department of State

Rod Howe, Executive Director of CaRDI & Assistant Director Cornell Cooperative Extension

Alternative Service Delivery Strategies

Joe Mareane, County Administrator, Tompkins County

Mildred Warner, Department of City & Regional Planning, Cornell University

John Sipple, co-faculty Director, CaRDI, & Dept. of Development Sociology, Cornell University

Data & Tools for Proactive Planning

Janet Mayo, Manager of Monitoring & Analysis, Office of the NYS Comptroller

Robin Blakely-Armitage, CaRDI, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University

4:00-4:30 ***The State-level Context***

Peter Baynes, Executive Director, New York Conference of Mayors

4:30-5:30 ***Reception***

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