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Planning Federation Dinner Meeting to Discuss Rockland County Comprehensive Plan Project

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POMONA – The Rockland Municipal Planning Federation will host its 22nd Annual Dinner Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 at 7 pm at the Town & Country, located at 922 Route 9W in Congers. The keynote address will be given by Frank Fish of BFJ Planning (Buckhurst, Fish and Jacquemart, Inc.) – the firm working with Rockland to create the County's new Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Fish will describe the steps that are being taken in compiling the plan, the differences between a county plan and other municipal plans, how the plan will interface with local municipal goals and plans, the steps involved in the plan process and the status and timeline for the project.

Frank Fish is an urban planner with both public and private sector experience. A major focus of his work has been in comprehensive planning, development advisory services, land use controls, zoning approvals and implementation techniques, neighborhood studies, and real estate feasibility in municipalities throughout the tri-state region. He holds a Master of Science degree in Planning from Pratt Institute, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Boston College and an Associate of Arts degree in the Classics from St. Thomas Seminary.

Mr. Fish is a Commissioner of the American Institute of Certified Planners and serves on the Board of the American Society of consulting Planners. He has served as a Past President of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the American Planning Association, and is a member of the Connecticut Chapter. Mr. Fish is also on the Board of the New York Planning Federation, is an Adjunct Professor of Planning at New York University's Robert Wagner School of Public Service and is an Assistant Professor of Planning at Pratt Institute's School of Architecture.

The Planning Federation is comprised of Town and Village Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members, plus members of the Rockland County Planning Board and the Rockland County Department of Planning. The staff, attorneys, consultants and building inspectors for the boards are also members. Any individual interested in the purposes of the Federation may become an Associate Member.

The Federation serves a number of purposes, including creating and maintaining a forum to discuss common land use planning and regulation, zoning and related issues. The Federation also offers education and training in planning and zoning methods and land use issues, as well as certification for municipal planning and zoning board members.

Attendees can earn one hour towards the State mandated 4-hour annual training for municipal land-use board members. The event is \$37 per person and includes a buffet meal (kosher plates by advance request), and cash bar. Advanced registration is requested. To make a reservation, please call Arlene Miller at 845-364-3448, or send an e-mail to millera@co.rockland.ny.us. Checks should be payable to the Rockland Municipal Planning Federation and should be sent in care of the Rockland County Planning Department, Building T, Pomona, NY 10970.