

cilwoman, Town of Hempstead; Susan Berland, Councilwoman, Town of Huntington; Tom Dwyer, Councilman, Town of North Hempstead; Henry Tobin, Village of Northport; John Durkin, Mayor, Village of Roslyn;

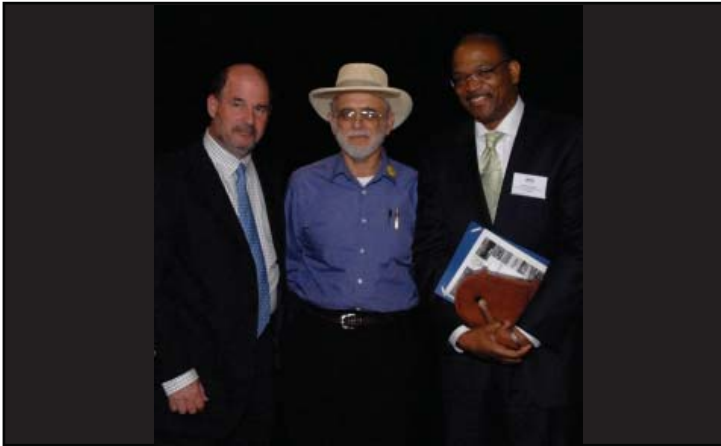
County: Lianne Altmann, Roger Corbin, Wayne Wink, and David Denenberg, Nassau County Legislature; Vivian Vilorria-Fisher, John Kennedy, and Steven Stern, Suffolk County Legislature

State: Andrew Raia, Rob Walker, New York State Assembly

Civic Leaders: Tom Talbot, ABCO; Carol Meschow, Concerned Citizens of Plainview - Old Bethpage; Matthew Meng, East Norwich Civic Association; Tawaun Whitty and Gerry Lake, Gordon Heights Civic Association; Roy Smitheimer, Greater Port Washington BID; Beth Wahl, Montauk Highway Project; Francesca Carlow, Plainview-Old Bethpage Chamber of Commerce; Diane Burke, Rocky Point Civic Association

Other Guests: Richie Kessel, LIPA; Michael White, President, Long Island Regional Planning Board; Michael Harrison, Office of Governor Eliot Spitzer

Honorees Included:



From left: VISION President Ron Stein, RPA President Robert Yaro, LIPC's David Sprintzen, Nassau County's Patrick Duggan, and VISION Executive Director Eric Alexander

Robert Yaro, President of the Regional Plan Association, for his *Regional Leadership*. Mr. Yaro has been on the forefront of regional planning over the last two decades.

Patrick Duggan, of the Nassau County Department of Economic Development, for *Housing Opportunities and Choices for a Range of Household Types, Family Sizes, and Incomes*. Mr. Duggan has made large strides for the County in helping people find places to live.

Dr. David Sprintzen, of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, for *Sustainable Development*. Dr. Sprintzen is a sustainable pioneer on Long Island and his work with the LIPC was the first to plan for sustainable development in the region.



Peconic Land Trust's John Halsey with Beechwood Organization's Michael Dubb

The Peconic Land Trust for Preserving Open Space, Farmland, Natural Beauty, Historical Buildings, and Critical Environmental Areas. The organization works tirelessly towards conservation of land while protecting property rights of farmers and other property owners.

The Beechwood Organization & The Benjamin Companies for Arverne by the Sea in Rockaway Beach, for *Creating a Mix of Uses*. Arverne by the Sea is a large-scale mixed-use project that has successfully been constructed.



Suffolk Community College, for Reinvesting in and Strengthening Existing Communities. The College has created two downtown campus centers, one in Sayville and one in Riverhead, utilizing existing structures and adding to the appeal of the already vibrant downtowns.



Oak Street Plaza in Copiague, in the Town of Babylon, for *Taking Advantage of Compact Building Design*. These mixed-use structures exemplify compact building design principles as well as a larger adjustment to public transportation.



Sustainable East End Development Strategies (SEEDS), for *Providing a Variety of Transportation Options*. SEEDS has worked tirelessly to improve public transportation on the East End of Long Island for years by coordinating land use and transportation planning systems.



Andreus 13 of the Afrikan American Media Network, for *Encouraging Citizen and Stakeholder Participation in Development Decisions*. Andreus has used his fame to better his community of Roosevelt, with the development of a community center, a public access TV show, a comedy club and fosters for major community events.



Village of Roslyn's Mayor John Durkin with Green Architect Bill Chaleff

The Village of Roslyn, Master Plan, for *Making Development Decisions Predictable, Fair & Cost Effective*. The efforts of the Village of Roslyn have turned out a pro-Smart Growth Master Plan incorporating housing that has gained governmental and public support.

Bill Chaleff, of Chaleff & Rogers, Architects, for *Clean Energy & Green Building*. Mr. Chaleff has been at the forefront of the green building movement on Long Island for many years.

Four Star Variety Store in Northport, East Northport, and Farmingdale, for ***Fostering Distinctive, Attractive Communities with a Strong Sense of Place***. The local chain store successfully exemplifies the Smart Growth principle of locating a business in downtown settings.

Now in its 6th year, VISION's Smart Growth Awards has grown exponentially. VISION has more partners, with a wider base of support, than ever before.

Together with these 2007 honorees, a tally of Smart Growth Awards given by Vision Long Island includes:

- **Ten community organizations and nine business and community leaders**
- **Eleven government officials and twelve government sponsored plans, policies or regulations**
- **Six projects that are in planning, seven are in construction, and twelve that have been built**

On a lighter note, developer Jack Kulka, of Kulka Contracting, and Civic Leader Tawaun Whitty provided a humorous roast of "Vision's Greatest Misses" and included tales of projects gone wrong and tangles of red tape, with a message of hope for the future.

The much-anticipated "Dumb Growth Award" was left unawarded this year, as a sign of hope, though it did remain on the podium to serve as a warning that VISION is still paying attention to bad development.

Despite the significant accomplishments of these honorees, there remains a clear gap between what's being built and what Long Islanders desire. According to the Long Island Builders Institute, **3700 building permits** are being issues in 2007. Of those, VISION has identified **only sixty that are pure Smart Growth** projects. It is estimated that **only 15% even begin to reflect Smart Growth principles**.

Still, support is growing, along with understanding of what it really means to be "Smart Growth". VISION has also garnered diverse and growing support for its evolving **Blueprint for Smart Growth**, and its regional **Smart Growth Agenda**. They are forming a **Smart Growth Leadership Task Force**, and look forward to November, when they will reconvene their annual **Smart Growth Summit**. This major event will measure progress and pull together the projects, policies and constituencies needed meet the needs of Long Island.

For more information on VISION or the honorees, visit our newly redeveloped website, www.visionlongisland.org, or call

2007 SMART GROWTH AWARDS



Honorees Tom Neely of SEEDS and NYMTC's Nancy O'Connell, with Brian Dolan of HDR



Representatives from First Sterling Financial



Elissa Ward, Iva Dokonal, Tom Calabro, Ela Dokonal, and Catie Ferraris of ADL III Architecture



Diana Coleman of the EOC, Judy Panullo of the Suffolk Community Council, and members of the Long Island Progressive Coalition join honoree David Sprintzen



Below: Patrick Duggan and Nassau County Councilman David Denenberg



David Daley of The Benjamin Companies, with Amber Court Assisted Living's Raphael Weiss and Robert Snyder



Ken Langone and Jim Graham of Eschbacher Engineering with Brookhaven Town Clerk Pam Bethel



Ron Stein and Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto



Mark Strauss of FX Fowle, Larry Rosenbloom of Urbitran, and Brookhaven Planning Commissioner David Woods



VISION President Ron Stein with Verizon's Susan Hayes



Larry Feldman of Lighthouse LI, and Kathy Eisman and Chic Voorhis of Nelson, Pope & Voorhis



Eric Alexander with Master of Ceremonies, News 12 Long Island's Trish Bergin



Keith Samaroo of P S & S, Stephanie Silveri of Globo In Verde, and Town of North Hempstead Councilman Tom Dwyer



Glen Cove CDA's Myralee Macol and Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's Francine Ferrante

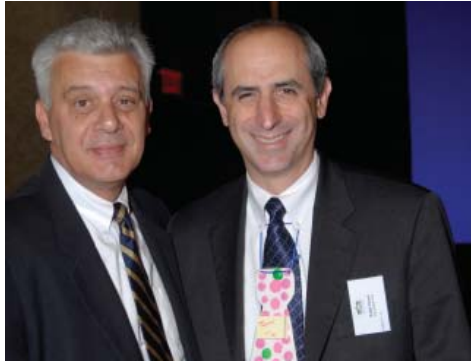


Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian Foley, Neighborhood Network's Neal Lewis, and LIPA's Richie Kessel

2007 SMART GROWTH AWARDS



Suffolk County Councilwoman Vivian Fisher



Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto with Glen Cove Mayor Ralph Suozzi



Stephen Hart of H2M, Patrick Duggan, Orchard Park's Mark Mediavilla, and Bill Kuhl of Saratoga Associates.



Long Island Regional Planning Board Executive Director Michael White with Nassau County Legislator Lisanne Altmann



VISION President Ron Stein



African American Media Network's Andreaus 13 with Gordon Heights Civic Association's Gerry Lake and Tawaun Whitty



Beechwood Organization's Michael Dubb, Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto, Posillico Group's Michael Posillico and Marc Herbst



John Burke and Thomas Gahan, Vintage Group



Michael Harrison, of Office of Gov. Eliot Spitzer, presents a certificate of recognition to Ron Stein



Eric Alexander with Delano Stewart of Point of View



Energia Partnership's Nancy Englehardt with John Durso of the LI Federation of Labor



Eric Alexander and Rob Dromerhauser of Cool Water



Gene Murphy of The Town of Islip and Chris Nicholson of Island Associates



Michael Posillico of The Posillico Group, Maria Rigopoulos of Trammel Crow Residential, and Keith Samaroo of P S & S



Vision Long Island's team, from left: President Ron Stein, Assistant Director Kathryn Laible, Communications Director Michelle Dutchen, and Executive Director Eric Alexander. Not pictured: Daune Iqbal and Juliana Roberts