

Policymakers and Experts Gather for
2010 Regional Assembly, New York City

PANELISTS DISCUSS BUILDING A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

New York City – On April 16, 2010, several hundred top business, civic, professional and government leaders from across the New York Metropolitan Area and nation attended the annual Regional Plan Association 2010 Regional Assembly “Innovation & the American Metropolis”. As one of the few expert consultants invited to participate as panelist, **Jeffrey Raven**, AIA, LEED AP was panelist for “Building a Green Infrastructure”, focusing on innovative approaches to sustainable design and management in metropolitan regions along with moderator James S. Polshek, Senior Design Counsel, Polshek Partnership Architects LLP; David Burney, Commissioner, New York City Department of Design and Construction; Helena Durst, Assistant Vice President, The Durst Organization; Caswell F. Holloway, Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection; and Guy Nordenson, Partner, Guy Nordenson & Associates.

In his presentation, Jeffrey Raven emphasized that “Green Infrastructure’ is about integrating eco-system services into the built environment across spatial scales, and it is a prototype for integrated design and planning. It is inherently cross-disciplinary and encourages collaboration between jurisdictions”.

Since transferring the Sustainability + Urban Design practice from the Louis Berger Group, the former Berger Director of Sustainability + Urban Design continues to provide pragmatic, sustainable urban

solutions for municipal and regional clients, including on-going work as Technical Advisor for *STAR Community Index* and the Clinton Climate Initiative's *Climate Positive Program*. Both frameworks are intended to shape sustainable buildings and cities in the US and internationally. Consulting services include green building design, integrated urban design and planning, and sustainable policy guidelines.

Cooling the Public Realm: Climate-Resilient Urban Design white paper and *Portfolio* of work can be downloaded at www.jeffraven.com.



Panel (left to right): Guy Nordenson, Partner, Guy Nordenson & Associates ; Jeffrey Raven ; Helena Durst, Assistant Vice President, The Durst Organization; David Burney, Commissioner, New York City Department of Design and Construction; Caswell F. Holloway, Commissioner, New York City Department of Environmental Protection; James S. Polshek, Senior Design Counsel, Polshek Partnership Architects LLP