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## **Brownfields Forum, BOA EXPO, Award to Suffolk County Executive-Elect Steven Bellone**

New Partners for Community Revitalization (NPCR) has announced an extraordinary list of speakers and presenters for its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brownfields Forum. In addition, the group will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at a post-Forum reception.

**Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

**Location: New York University Kimmel Center's Eisner and Lubin Auditorium**

**Time: Forum, 1pm – 5pm**

**Reception, 5pm – 7pm**

**For information on agenda, registration and sponsorship, visit: [www.npcr.net](http://www.npcr.net)**

The Forum will feature the first-ever BOA EXPO, a chance for municipal and other community development leaders to promote and showcase Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) projects to developers, lenders, insurers, lawyers, architects and planners. The highlight of the Reception will be the presentation of the group's first Excellence in Public Service Award to Suffolk County Executive-elect Steve Bellone for his leadership in the redevelopment of Wyandanch, part of the Long Island town of Babylon, through the state's landmark BOA program.

The Forum will take place from 1pm to 5pm at New York University Kimmel Center's Eisner and Lubin Auditorium. The reception and awards presentation will follow from 5pm to 7pm at the same location.

The Forum will focus on emerging trends and issues in federal, state and New York City brownfield programs and policies. The EXPO will feature presentations of key sites, priority development opportunities and challenges that are emerging from the pre-development, planning and feasibility studies being conducted via the BOA program. Government representatives, lenders, risk management and other professionals will identify programs, funding, model projects, key staff and other resources to advance priority projects. Presentations will be followed by an hour-long open session for one-on-one project discussions. In addition, panelists will discuss the alignment and growing synergies between BOA community revitalization strategies and the strategic plans produced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Councils.

“We are breaking new ground with this Forum,” says NPCR Executive Director Jody Kass. “This will be the largest gathering yet of representatives from New York’s 110 BOA communities and a real chance for community development leaders to interface with a wide range of development industry professionals and government officials to build new relationships and advance project deals.”

For more information on confirmed speakers, agenda and registration costs, visit: [www.npcr.net](http://www.npcr.net).