

The 5th Annual Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit

PLANNING TO STAY Strengthening our Communities through Resilient Affordable Housing for All Ages

May 12, 2022
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New York's population is aging and the climate is changing—causing regular and devastating extreme weather events. The Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit will consider these realities in the context of creating and ensuring livable communities and affordable housing. Panel discussions from planners, advocates, developers, government officials and funders will explore best practices, lessons learned and available resources for increasing and improving affordable housing. There will be a light Breakfast and time to network.

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:45 **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

8:45 – 9:00 **Transition to Meeting Space**

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome & Introduction**

Jason Labate, Esq., *Partner, Goldstein Hall PLLC*

Tiffany Zezula, Esq., *Deputy Director, Land Use Law Center*

9:15 – 9:45 **Resilient, Equitable, Age-Friendly Communities—Weaving a Complex Web**
(0.5 Practice)

New York State has several policies, statutes and programs that support resiliency, affordable housing, and age-friendly communities. New York, for example, became the first state in the nation to become certified as “age-friendly” by AARP and the World Health Organization. This led to the issuance of the Age-Friendly NY/Health Across All Policies Executive Order, which requires agencies to incorporate public health and health aging into all programs and policies. The State is also implementing the Community Risk and Resiliency Act of 2014. And Governor Hochul has announced in her State of the State message the creation of a statewide Aging Master Plan. Sometimes, it's simply a matter of weaving the pieces together to most effectively achieve the desired outcome—resilient, affordable housing and communities for all ages. Mr. Beyer will discuss the individual pieces and how they fit together through both a top-down state and bottom-up local government lens.

Paul Beyer, Esq., *State Director of Smart Growth, New York State Department of State*

9:45 – 10:45

Senior Housing (1.0 Practice)

Communities throughout the region are working to develop a range of creative and effective policies and regulations to address the challenges in providing and encouraging a range of appropriate and affordable housing options for older adults, and as necessary, their caretakers. Understanding where and how older adults currently live is important in promoting more aging-supportive communities. This panel will discuss regional trends, policies, options and zoning techniques that can create more senior housing simply by allowing more flexibility within the context of existing land use patterns.

Carolyn Grossman Meagher, *Director of Regional Planning, NYC Department of City Planning*

Rick Morrissey, *Deputy Supervisor, Town of Somers*

Marcel Negret, *Senior Planner, Regional Planning Association*

MODERATOR **Tiffany B. Zezula, Esq.**, *Deputy Director, Land Use Law Center*

10:45 – 12:00

Resilient Housing (1.5 Practice)

Communities throughout the Hudson Valley (and across the globe) are experiencing severe weather events with frightening regulatory. Flooding, extreme wind, extreme heat and tornadoes are now regular threats to which we in the Hudson Valley must respond. Our infrastructure, neighborhoods and homes are at great risk. Affordable housing properties and low- and moderate-income tenants and owners are at particular risk during severe weather, because of the age of buildings, location of properties, and limited assets and income. This panel will discuss the local, state and federal efforts to promote climate risk reduction and provide insight into the practical efforts' developers can take, and obstacles they face, in future proofing existing and newly constructed affordable properties.

Andrew Germansky, *Senior Vice President, Real Estate, Westhab, Inc.*

Adam Salgado, *Commissioner of Development, City of New Rochelle*

Laurie Schoeman, *Director of Climate and Sustainability, Enterprise Community Investment*

MODERATOR **Jason Labate, Esq.**, *Partner, Goldstein Hall PLLC*

12:00 – 12:30

Summit Wrap-Up / Networking