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Planning Federation Dinner Meeting to Discuss Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement Project

POMONA – **The Rockland Municipal Planning Federation** will host its 25th Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at 7 pm at the New York Country Club, located at 103 Brick Church Road in New Hempstead. A special presentation about the "New NY Bridge" project that will replace the Tappan Zee will be given by Brian Conybeare, Special Advisor to the Governor.

Mr. Conybeare will present an overview of the bridge project, and will provide details regarding the construction phasing and staging areas and what commuters and municipalities should expect during construction. Time will be allotted for a question/answer discussion.

Mr. Conybeare was appointed by Governor Cuomo in July 2012 to help lead the project's community outreach team. To that end, Brian has been presenting the Governor's plan for the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement to community groups, business associations, and elected officials to help make this project transparent and accessible to all residents and other stakeholders. Prior to his appointment, Brian spent 16 years as the three time Emmy Award winning reporter and anchor at News 12 Westchester.

During the dinner, the Federation will also present its Distinguished Service Award to Charles K. Frankel, Chairman of the Village of New Hempstead Planning Board, and outgoing President of the Planning Federation, in recognition of his commitment to land use and zoning issues.

During the dinner meeting, the Federation will also elect its President, First Vice-President, Treasurer, two Directors and an Associate Director.

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 \$45 per person and includes a buffet meal 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.

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