

## Green Assets: Linking Active Living and Economic Development in Rockland County

Rockland County is an active-living paradise. Only 12 miles north-west of New York City, it offers a host of spectacular destinations for residents and visitors alike. Outdoor attractions include Bear Mountain State Park, Esposito Trail, the Hudson River Water Trail, and a string of picturesque villages along the Hudson River. It has become a destination spot for those who like to cycle, hike, antique, enjoy culinary delights, and small-town life.

The question is, how can Rockland's business and civic community promote and enhance our region's natural assets, while preserving our quality of life and creating another kind of \$green\$? The planning process for the Tappan Zee Bridge and I-287 corridor has helped to spur our communities to re-think the connection between transportation and economic development. Now is the time to develop that conversation beyond the bridge, and to create a new, balanced approach to developing our green infrastructure. After brief presentations, a moderated discussion and an optional tour of the "lid" park site will follow.

**Jeff Olson**, Principal, Alta Planning "Linking Active Transportation and Economic Development"

**Jeff Anzevino**, Director Of Land Use Advocacy, Scenic Hudson "Strengthening Connections to Green Assets & Waterfront Revitalization"

Jerry Ilowite, Chairman, Village of South Nyack Planning Board "The 'Lid' Park: Our New Green Asset"

Where: South Nyack Firehouse, 90 Depot Place

**When:** Thursday, May 26, 2:00 – 5:00 **RSVP:** AM Jaffee's Office, 845–624–4601,

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**Co-Sponsors:** Ellen Jaffee, NYS Assemblymember, 95th District;

Tri-State Transportation Campaign; Village of South

Nyack; Scenic Hudson; Rockland Municipal Planning Federation, and Rockland Riverfront Communities Council. Planning and zoning board

members will receive training hour credits.