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# “Bridging the Gap”

*How planners and communities can work together*



The purpose of the workshop is to “**bridge the gap**” between planners and community based organizations (CBOs). The workshop will provide a platform for CBOs to better understand the role of city and regional planners in community development, and acquire access to information that can help them become strong and sustainable entities within their target populations. It will also give planners an opportunity to learn more about CBO’s, what they do, and their needs.

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Presentations from CBOs that have used planning to advance their work.
- Panel Discussion – *How to Find Planners and the Resources to Pay for Them.*
- One-on-one discussions with planning experts from throughout the State.
- Each participant receives a *NJ Planning Resource Guide*.



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**Date:** January 17, 2013  
**Time:** 8:30 am – 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, 33 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, NJ  
**Cost:** \$20 includes breakfast, lunch, and planning resource guide

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## **Planning and CBOs Conference – “Bridging the Gap”**

### **Purpose/Mission**

The purpose of the workshop is to “bridge the gap” between planners and community based organizations and make them more aware of APA-NJ’s Community Planning Assistance Program. The workshop will provide a platform for community based organizations to better understand the role of city and regional planners in community development, and acquire access to information that can help them become strong and sustainable entities within their target populations. It will also give planners an opportunity to learn more about CBOs, what they do, and their needs. Workshop is co-sponsored by Rutgers-Bloustein, Housing and Community Development Network of NJ, American Planning Association-NJ, and the HUD Sustainable Communities Project.

### **Workshop Agenda**

**8:00 – 8:30** - Registration/Networking/Breakfast

**9:00 to 9:30** - Welcome from co-sponsors HCDN, APA-NJ and Rutgers-Bloustein. An overview of planning and the types of planning support that is available.

**9:30 to 10:30** – Presentations by three CBOs that have used planning to advance their work – including the planning and how they accessed and paid for the work.

**10:30 to 10:45** - Break

**10:45 to noon** – Panel Discussion: **How to Find Planners and the Resources to Pay for Them.**

**Noon to 1:00** – lunch and speaker - *to be announced*

**1:00 until they finish** – Stations where attendees can get more information, have their questions answered, etc. Each station will be staffed by speakers from the morning sessions to be available for more questions/discussions.

#### **Stations:**

- Community Planning Assistance Program (CPAP) RFP
- General Planning Resources
- Three CBO Presenters
- Funding Panelists
- Disaster Planning