



Summer Institute on Community–Based Planning: *Working Through The Challenges*

Day 1 (June 16)

Discovering Techniques for Community Engagement

Learn the basic concepts and proven techniques for engaging neighborhood residents and local institutional leaders in all phases of organizing, planning, and implementing a neighborhood plan.

- [Photos](#)
- [PowerPoint](#)
- [Breakout Groups exercise on how to engage the community](#)
- [Recommendations from breakout groups on community engagement techniques](#)
- [Resource List](#)

Instructors

Dennis Brunn — Director of Community Building Support Initiative, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (HCDNNJ)

Michael Powell — Community Planning Specialist, HCDNNJ

Working with City, County and State Government During the Planning Process

Gain insight into how planning agencies and related government offices function and make decisions. Explore the constructive ways in which government can support the community–based planning process.

- [Photos](#)
- [Session Notes](#)
- [State Agency Contacts for Community Development](#)

Instructors/Facilitator

Robert Cotter, PP, AICP — Director, Jersey City Division of City Planning

Robert Kull, PP — Principal, Planygy LLC, Burlington County Regional Planning Coordinator

Stephen Finn — Director, Community Development Institute (CDI), Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy



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Day 2 (June 23)

Resolving Conflict: An Introduction to Using a Problem–Solving Approach

Examine a framework for understanding and approaching negotiations to reconcile diverse and, frequently, conflicting community needs. Take the opportunity to gain experience and skills in a specific collaborative approach to make the planning process more effective.

- [Photos](#)
- [Session Notes](#)

Instructors/Facilitator

Sanford Jaffe and Linda Stamato — Co–Directors, Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Bloustein School

Lalitha Kamath — Project Coordinator, CDI, Bloustein School

Acquiring and Redeveloping Abandoned and Underutilized Properties

Understand the tools, techniques, and best practices, including state incentive programs such as the NJ Abandoned Properties Act, which communities are employing to convert problem properties into productive uses.

- [Photos](#)
- [PowerPoint](#)
- [Abandoned Property Toolkit](#)

Instructors

Wayne Meyer — Director of Housing, HANDS, Inc.

Diane Sterner — Executive Director, HCDNNJ

Leonard Robbins — Director of Housing, HCDNNJ