

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy presents

The First Annual Robert A. Catlin Memorial Lecture

Environmentally Sensitive Urban Redevelopment and Economic Growth in New Jersey

Hon. Joseph Vas, Mayor of Perth Amboy

Tuesday, October 5, 2004
5:00 P.M.

Special Events Forum, Civic Square Building, New Brunswick

Mayor Joseph Vas

Since taking over as mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, Joseph Vas has tackled the challenge of rebuilding a city and rectifying many of the physical and economic challenges brought on by urban decline. He has reversed a shrinking tax base, attracted new businesses and industry, cleaned up contamination in the water supply, restored a crumbling infrastructure, and successfully fought a sewer ban that had brought economic development to a standstill. As part of his redevelopment plan for the city, Mayor Vas conceived the \$600 million “Landings at Harborside” waterfront redevelopment project, the largest public-private partnership of its kind in U.S. history.

The Robert A. Catlin Memorial Lecture

This annual lecture has been established to honor the legacy of Robert A. Catlin, Bloustein School professor, who passed away in July 2004.

Born and raised in Chicago, **Robert A. Catlin** began his career as a staff planner for governmental agencies and community organizations in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and New York City. In his academic career, Professor Catlin served as dean of the College of Social Science at Florida Atlantic University; dean of the Camden College of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University; and provost and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Bakersfield. He concluded his career as a professor at Rutgers' Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, where he specialized in urban revitalization and the impact of race in public policy decision making. Professor Catlin was a charter member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and was elected to the AICP College of Fellows in 2001.

A reception will follow the lecture. Please RSVP by *September 30th* to Renee Douge by phone, 732/932-5475, x638; or email douge@rci.rutgers.edu. For additional details, visit the Bloustein School Web site, www.policy.rutgers.edu.



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