



Session One, Panel One:
Evolving Public Policy and Funding

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Bio: Linh Do is a principal and senior vice president of AKRF, responsible for environmental and land use planning. She has managed comprehensive environmental impact assessments for many of New York City's most important public and private urban development projects, cultivating a deep familiarity with the city's physical geography, social fabric, public policy, and land development and governance processes. Linh has successfully overseen large, complex projects through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure. She is an expert in the city, state, and federal environmental review processes as they pertain to New York City real estate, transportation, and infrastructure initiatives. She is a board member of the Citizens Housing Planning Council and member of the Urban Land Institute's New York Chapter Housing Council. Linh earned a BS from Columbia University in applied physics.

Presentation Information: Sustainable infrastructure takes on many forms in New York City, having evolved from a conventional understanding of 'green' sustainability to address a broad series of physical, social, economic, and intellectual considerations in urban planning and development. In this session, Linh Do of AKRF will look at each of these four fabrics of sustainable infrastructure and discuss how the public and private sectors have come together with public policy and funding strategies to cultivate a more equitable and sustainable society.

This has been a year of change that will inform land use and community development for the foreseeable future. From physical infrastructure solutions like the approval of a zoning text amendment to promote the design of more resilient buildings throughout current and future floodplains; to social infrastructure in adopted legislation that requires the city to assess the racial impact of land use proposals; to economic infrastructure seen in a city-sponsored solicitation for innovative shared-equity models that promote collective ownership of neighborhood assets; and, finally, to the Universal Solicitation for Broadband, an innovative intellectual infrastructure measure to close the digital divide in broadband access.

Moreover, the application of sustainable infrastructure solutions must be fair and equitable, such as resiliency solutions to sea level rise and heat vulnerability in disadvantaged communities, and job opportunity and workforce development among the underprivileged and underrepresented. A balance of holistic citywide planning and targeted, context-sensitive mitigations for neighborhoods in need is the best way to ensure New York City rebounds socially and economically to the benefit of all its citizens.