



## July **COTE-NY NOTES** News on the Environment

### editor's note

In an effort to streamline communication with the membership, we will be producing a monthly newsletter that will include all AIA COTE events as well as other lectures / events of interest to the committee and local environmental news. You are encouraged to contact us about items for inclusion in the newsletter. **Per tradition, we will be on vacation for August; we look forward to seeing everyone in September and have listed a partial list of fall activities to get everyone excited. Submission deadline will be one week before end of each month.**

### aia cote ny events

#### **LEED – A Critical Discussion**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 27th, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
**Location:** Lecture hall, Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members, 1.5 HSW units  
**Registration:** [rsvp@aiany.org](mailto:rsvp@aiany.org) or 212.358.6111

**Speakers:** Bruce Fowle, FAIA, senior principal, FXFowle Architects  
Hussain Alikahan, New York Times  
Mark MacCracken, USGBC board member, CALMAC manufacturing  
Scott Frank, PE, Assoc. Partner JBB, Engineer for 7 World Trade Center  
Additional speakers to follow

**Description:** As the Architectural Community has become accustomed to the LEED rating system, some people have become avid supporters while others are outspoken critics, tonight we will hear from both sides in order to see a clearer picture of LEED's value and its weaknesses. In addition, we will also hear about the future of the LEED system as it continues to evolve.

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#### **AIANY-COTE Fall Calendar (in development)**

- Sept 21 – (To Be Confirmed) – ‘Town Hall’ meeting on Local Law 86 Implementation
  - Sept – Fall movie – The Making of the Gerkin – a documentary on Foster & Partners latest Green skyscraper
  - October 19 (@ Hafele) – Harvard Green Campus Initiative with Leith Sharp
  - Oct 26 – Lars Danielsson – Co-housing and ecological building in Sweden
  - November 30 – event to be determined
  - December – Green Party with Green Drinks, USGBC, GreenHomeNYC, etc.
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#### **National COTE Forum list serve**

JOIN the COTE Forum ... a list serve for AIA Committee on the Environment members, leaders, and friends.

To join, send an email to [lyris@lyris.aia.org](mailto:lyris@lyris.aia.org) and type "subscribe coteforum" in the subject line. You will receive an auto-reply asking you to confirm, which you must do in order to subscribe. This email will also include details about the list serve.

## other green events

### 1st Annual USGBC NY Picnic and Social

**Date:** Saturday, July 15th 2006, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Location:** Staten Island Ferry Terminal  
**Fee:** \$10 for members + USGBC partners / \$25 non-members. (limited to 100 people)

**Registration:** online registration: <http://www.acteva.com/booking.cfm?bevoid=113186>

**Description:** 1st Annual USGBC New York picnic. Tour the Staten Island Bluebelt, an urban oasis, water reclamation system, estuary, and the first major sustainable infrastructure project of the 21st Century. Followed by a picnic and social at Conference House Park.

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### HP Green Building Salon: THE GREENING OF NYC'S FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE: The Innovative Staten Island Bluebelt Program

**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2006 5:30pm-7:30pm  
**Location:** The Center for Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
**Fee:** \$15 members/\$25 non-members/\$30 at the door, 2HSW offered  
**Registration:** required, <http://go2buildings.com>

**Sponsored by:** NYSERDA (This is a CEEP event)

**Speaker:** Dana Gumb, Staten Island Bluebelt, NYC-DEP  
Sandeep Mehrotra, PE, Senior Associate, Hazen and Sawyer

**Description:**

- Overview of the Staten Island Bluebelt program, an effort by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to provide storm water management for about two-thirds of Staten Island by utilizing streams, ponds and other wetland areas.
  - Initiated in the early 1990's, the Bluebelt provides a case study of how proper "green" engineering of storm water infrastructure can actually encourage the functioning of natural processes to meet human needs within the City.
  - The lecture will feature a discussion of the special drainage facilities employed by the Bluebelt, known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Special attention will be given to constructed storm water wetlands, designed for sustainability. The Bluebelt is the first large-scale application of BMPs in New York City and is one of the largest continuous systems of BMPs in the country.
  - Engineering criteria for the green drainage system will be discussed along with BMP costs and lessons learned over the years that the Bluebelt team has designed, built and managed over 35 BMPs.
  - The ongoing major expansion of the Bluebelt system into new watersheds in the middle part of Staten Island will be presented, especially the proposed man-made wetlands that will work with the tidal cycles to control flooding.
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### Green Drinks June 13th at 'THE PARK'

**Date:** Tuesday July 11, 2006, 7:00pm-10:30pm  
**Location:** 'The Park' – 118 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Penthouse  
**Fee:** \$5 suggested donation  
**Registration:** To subscribe to green drinks contact [nyc@green-links.org](mailto:nyc@green-links.org)

**Description:** Green Drinks NYC is a lively group of people who work in the areas of: architecture, energy, film, finance, writing, publishing, fundraising, graphic design, sustainability in

business, eco-materials, interior design, fashion design, law as well as folks in the non-profit and for-profit world.

If you like to be social and learn more about what other green folks are doing in the city, come on down! We are an informal, networking group with an average attendance of around 110 people. Contact Margaret Lydecker at: [nyc@green-links.org](mailto:nyc@green-links.org) to confirm your attendance and get on the reminder list for future sessions in Manhattan. This event is open to everyone.

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## GreenHomeNYC – Summer Fun with Interiors

### Monthly Green Building Forum

**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2006, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Solar One – Stuyvesant Park – East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street at the East River  
**Registration:** Web site: <http://www.greenhomenyc.org>

**Description:** Of course building orientation, insulation, and stormwater management are important to consider during the design and construction phase of a building, but what about the inside the spaces that occupants experience every day? It's time to focus on them, not for one, but for two forums. For our July forum, **David Bergman** of Fire & Water and **Jesse Johnson** of Q Collection will demonstrate how furniture can be good for you, good for the environment, and still stylish and fun. Please RSVP by email to: [rsvp@GreenHomeNYC.org](mailto:rsvp@GreenHomeNYC.org). View the notes and related information from all our past forums [here](#).

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## SOLAR 2006

**Date:** Saturday, Jul 8, 2006 @ 8:00 am - Thursday, Jul 13, 2006 @ 4:00 pm  
**Sponsored by:** *American Solar Energy Society (ASES)*  
**Registration:** <http://www.solar2006.org>; Phil von Hake 303-762-8547  
[phil@pvhccc.com](mailto:phil@pvhccc.com) )

**Description:** The Annual Conference of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) Climate change and increasing instability of energy supplies are in the news more and more. In an effort to showcase Renewable Energy as the key to both Climate Recovery and Energy Independence, the American Solar Energy Society ([www.ases.org](http://www.ases.org)) will hold its "SOLAR 2006" Conference ([www.solar2006.org](http://www.solar2006.org)), July 8-13 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Downtown Denver, Colorado.

More information is available at the conference website ( [www.solar2006.org](http://www.solar2006.org) ), or by contacting either or Becky Campbell-Howe ( 303-443-3130, x103 / [bchowe@ases.org](mailto:bchowe@ases.org) )

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