

LIVABLE NEW YORK

Sustainable Communities for all ages



A resource manual for:

- future-based, inclusive planning
- livable communities
- aging-in-place
- sustainable neighborhoods



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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to make this *Liveable New York Resource Manual* available to community leaders, residents, organizations, businesses, professionals, and officials in municipalities across New York State. The *Resource Manual* was developed under the State's *Liveable New York* initiative, and is meant to serve as a source of information and technical assistance.

The manual includes 126 articles—each devoted to a successful or innovative model, approach, or strategy related to *Liveable New York's* focus areas: housing, planning, zoning development, universal design for homes and the community, energy efficiency and alternatives, green building, mobility, and transportation.

New York's communities are changing significantly . . . due to the aging of the baby boomers; increasing longevity; the shifting proportional balance between the elderly and non-elderly populations; loss of specific population groups to other states; and the increasing diversity of our residents, which stems from our robust immigration and migration patterns, increasing numbers of people with disabilities, growth in the proportion of cultural and ethnic groups, and expanding numbers and types of non-traditional families and households.

The intent of *Liveable New York* is to help communities in their efforts to respond to these social and demographic shifts and to help them create *liveable* neighborhoods that reflect the diverse, evolving needs and preferences of *all* community residents. The *Resource Manual* is a tool to help municipalities achieve the goal of making New York the best place for *everyone* to live, work, grow up, and grow old.

We wish to acknowledge the many authors who wrote the articles for the *Resource Manual* and thank them for their excellent work in contributing to this valuable community resource.

The manual is intended to be a "living" document. Articles will continue to be updated, and new articles, as well as material for the Appendix, will continue to be added. Please send us any comments you may have about the manual; in addition, we will be pleased to consider any offers to contribute additional articles.

Sincerely,



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