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Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority Wins 2005 Smart Growth Award

Bayonne, May 4, 2005 - The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA) has recently been selected for a 2005 Smart Growth Award by New Jersey Future.

New Jersey Future's Smart Growth Awards honor town officials, developers, contractors, architects and corporate leaders who have the courage to resist status quo growth patterns and instead adopt smart growth values and design principles.

The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority along with its consultants, Clarke Caton Hintz, Ehrenkrantz Eckstut and Kuhn Architects and with its development partner, Fidelco Bayonne Realty share the award. The award recognizes the collaborative effort undertaken by the parties to enhance the Redevelopment Plan for The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor, formerly the Military Ocean Terminal (MOTBY). The Plan envisions a 430-acre vibrant mixed-use community with residential, commercial, civic, maritime, recreation/entertainment and public transportation facilities. The Plan was adopted by the City Council in December 2004 and is available for free download on the BLRA's website at <http://www.bayonnenj.org/blra/> or by calling the BLRA at 201-823-0333 and ordering a copy for \$15.

The redevelopment plans aim at creating jobs, increasing the City's tax ratable base and improving the quality of life of the citizens of Bayonne.

Other honorees include PSE&G, winner of the 2005 Smart Growth Leadership Award; the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Commissioner Jack Lettiere; The Cordish Company and Casino Reinvestment Development Authority; HANDS, the City of Orange, the Township of West Orange; New Jersey Community Development Corporation; the Borough of Princeton, Princeton Future, Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Princeton University and Nassau HKT Associates; Westminster Communities and the Township of Cranford for Cranford Crossing.

The 2005 Smart Growth Awards Celebration was held on Wednesday, May 4 at The Newark Club. For more information about New Jersey Future visit their website at www.njfuture.org.

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