

**CUNY INSTITUTE FOR URBAN SYSTEMS. E-NEWSLETTER. 2nd EDITION**  
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***Greetings CIUS Board Members! This is our second bi-weekly e-newsletter, as we reach the last week of the lazy hazy summer, we find that CIUS is poised for action!***

**REVIEW**

*Again to review the August 2 board meeting, the main subject was the big opening event we are planning, most likely to be held this fall. This is to be the event via which we announce ourselves to the world and we want to make sure it is a big splash. The theme is tentatively set to be "Energy." We are still ardently seeking suggestions for guest speakers. Currently Richard Hanley is working on a tentative outline for the conference.*

*In addition we are still seeking additional members for our Board of Directors, specifically CUNY faculty who are involved in "Information Technology." Also we now need to begin constructing our Advisory Board. This Board is not limited to CUNY faculty and we need your suggestions. Traditionally, Advisory Board members help lead to funding.... so think along those lines.*

*Victor Goldsmith is trying to rally the by-laws committee. Anybody who has a sample set of by-laws from an existing institution that they think would serve as a good model should please contact him. [vfg@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:vfg@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu)*

**RECENT NEWS**

- *Currently Richard Hanley is working on a paper that will outline a **proposed degree program in "Community Technology."** to exist at New York City Technical College in Brooklyn. This program is of course precisely the kind of effort CIUS wants to see at CUNY and we are elated to have a description in the works as soon as possible!*
- ***The City College Architectural Center** (Under CIUS board member Ethan Cohen) in conjunction with CIUS has presented an open space concept plan to Baruch College for it's campus area that includes ideas for landscaping, streetscaping and pedestrian and vehicular traffic control.*
- ***John Jay College** will be hosting a meeting about natural and man-made disasters, called "Urban Hazards Forum" to be held January 22-24, 2002. There will be three sessions of speakers, Terrorism, Catastrophic Events, and Mitigation. Victor Goldsmith has been asked the Chair the Mitigation Session.*

For more information, look at the web site:

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/urbanhazardsforum>

Or call (212) 237-8049

*The event is still in the process of soliciting speakers, so you may respond via the website. For more information, contact the organizer, Charles Jennings, or Victor Goldsmith. [vfg@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:vfg@hejira.hunter.cuny.edu)*

- Jim Cohen is currently working on a “white paper” of great relevance to our work at CIUS

**TITLE/SUBJECT:**

***The political economy of credit and its effects on funding and implementation of large-scale public infrastructure projects.***

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Fundamental to provision of infrastructure in any □  
economy is adequate supply of credit. However, the U.S. differs from other Western industrial economies in the ways in which credit is supplied for public infrastructure. By contrasting the U.S. and French systems, this paper will analyze the key economic and financial factors that make available an adequate supply of credit for investment in large scale infrastructure projects. Case material will focus primarily on transportation infrastructure.

- *From Aug 7-9 the EPA held a conference in Philadelphia to promote its **Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT)** program. Richard Hanley and Laurence Frommer attended. The program assists communities in monitoring their environmental health particularly via technology. CIUS is currently in negotiations to be a regional coordinator for such efforts and we are looking forward to a fruitful partnership.*
- CIUS is working with the new Aviation Institute at York College to help develop their programs.
- Dr. Anthony Perl, Professor of Political Science, Calgary University,. will be spending a sabbatical at CIUS starting in October. He is an expert on aviation and passenger rail and we look forward to having him here with us.
- We have been in preliminary discussion with the New York Metro Chapter of the APA about participating in a special conference to be held December fourth. The theme is tentatively set to be “Fair Growth, Who

Pays? Who suffers? etc. etc.” It is possible that we will convene a panel and we are open to suggestions from all of you as to what might be a really attention grabbing topic.

- *Finally, much of our efforts in the last two weeks have been directed to our joint project with the Citizens Union “**20/20 Vision: SMART GROWTH FOR THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION AT THE START OF THE 21ST CENTURY.**”* This is an exciting effort to promote the notion of “smart growth” in the planning process for the New York metropolitan region. It will involve the creation of a planning handbook and promotion of the inclusion of smart growth in all discussions in the upcoming political campaigns. Attached is a document which explains this project in more detail.

***No doubt many of you can contribute to this project by pointing out relevant information from your research, leading us to relevant contacts and of course by leading us to important sources of funding! We hope to hear from you!***

***That’s all for this edition! Remember, if you have information for the CIUS bi-weekly E-newsletter please email it to:***

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