

***THE RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, May 29, 2013.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich, CT.***

***DR.FLOYD LAPP AND ALEX KARMAN,OF THE SOUTH
WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY***

***SWRPA'S ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR STUDY, AND OTHER CRITICAL
REGIONAL ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY SWRPA***



People's eyes glaze over at the myriad of acronyms for governmental agencies, assuming that the agencies' work impacts them little at all. That would be the absolutely wrong way to approach SWRPA, the government agency most directly involved in, and responsible for, this region's economic vitality and quality of life.

With no county government in Connecticut, SWRPA was founded in 1962, when local municipalities in lower Fairfield County (Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport and Wilton) recognized the need for regional cooperation and coordination. SWRPA focuses on inter-municipal issues of transportation, housing, community development, environment, open space, and whatever else is needed by its constituent municipalities.

Our speakers will explain issues of most immediate significance. Dr. Lapp will discuss SWRPA's Climate Change Study, and an update to the municipalities Geographic Information System programs. Mr. Karman, as Project Manager, will present the Route 1 Corridor Study, which was completed and presented to the public last year. The purpose of the Study was to develop and improve traffic operations and safety on U.S. 1 in the Greenwich-Stamford corridor—pedestrian friendliness, manage access, minimize congestion, accommodate transit, and generally enhance the corridor's economic character and community potential.

Dr. Lapp has been the Executive Director of SWRPA since 2006. He has more than 50 years of planning experience in the tri-state area, including serving as New York City's Planning Director for a decade, and twelve years on the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission. He has taught at many colleges and universities including Yale and Pratt, and is currently an adjunct professor at Columbia University. He has an M.A. and Ph.D. in public administration from NYU. Mr. Karman is a Senior Transportation Planner at SWRPA.

RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.