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**PREVIEW FUTURE OF THE CITY IN "LIVE WORK SKYLINE STREET" EXHIBIT
AT OPENING OF THE NEW CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE**

Featuring Multi-media Presentation by the Department of City Planning

October 3, 2003 - New Yorkers can get a preview of the future as the Department of City Planning (DCP) presents a multi-media exhibition of selected planning initiatives at the opening of the Center for Architecture in Manhattan on Tuesday October 7, 2003. The Department's "**Live Work Skyline Street**" is the inaugural exhibit at the American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York Chapter's new Center at 536 LaGuardia Place, between Bleecker and West 3rd Streets. It showcases DCP's master urban design plans for business districts and residential neighborhoods including Hudson Yards in Manhattan, Queens Plaza, Downtown Brooklyn and West Harlem among other exciting projects. The exhibition runs through January 18th, 2004.

"These Departmental initiatives, while broad in scope and far-reaching in locale, share fundamental planning goals and values essential to securing New York City's dynamic future. Each project reclaims dormant urban assets, captures and directs private investment, shapes opportunities for new and emerging neighborhoods and creates an enduring vitality through a healthy mix of land uses," said Amanda M. Burden, DCP Director. "And they reflect the Bloomberg Administration's continued commitment to revitalizing each part of New York City through economic development and investment in the public realm."

The blueprints for what these New York neighborhoods can become are presented in a variety of lively visual formats, including renderings, computer images, a three-dimensional model, slide shows and video animations that bring the visitor into the planners' visions for the areas.

George H. Miller, FAIA, president of the AIA New York Chapter, said, "The Center for Architecture is a place for the exchange of ideas and information about what is happening in the urban landscape of New York City. We are especially gratified that the DCP is displaying its thoughtful vision for the future of our city as one of the inaugural exhibits of the Center."

DCP is working with the respective community and elected officials on each of the seven featured initiatives to incorporate input and build consensus.

One recent proposal, for a Special West Chelsea District, includes not only much-needed housing and zoning protection for the thriving art gallery district, but also contains an innovative plan for reclaiming the High Line as an elevated park, linking neighborhoods on Manhattan's west side in a network of open space.

Detailed information on these projects and on the work of the Department can be found on this website. For information on the Center or the exhibit, contact Pamela Puchalski (212) 358-0754 ext 116.