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Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
Carter Strickland, Commissioner

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Today Mayor Bloomberg appointed **Carter Strickland** to serve as Commissioner of DEP. Strickland previously served as Deputy Commissioner for Sustainability, overseeing DEP's environmental planning, analysis, permitting, policy, and enforcement programs and charged with importing sustainability principles to build on PlaNYC, Mayor Bloomberg's sustainability blueprint for New York City.

"Carter has all the right experience and qualities to be a very successful DEP commissioner," Mayor Bloomberg said. "He has deep roots in the environmental community, having represented citizen groups in numerous regulatory and litigation matters. He has also represented the State Department of Environmental Conservation while at the Attorney General's Office. Going forward, Carter will be respon-

sible for guiding DEP to even greater heights. That includes implementing the agency's strategic plan, which was released in February and which Carter himself helped to draft."

"It is an honor to be selected to lead this talented and dedicated agency and to be able give back to the city where I live and raise my family," said Commissioner Strickland. "The work that DEP does on a day to day basis is remarkable. Our often unheralded workforce of nearly 6,000 employees is the backbone of our city, supplying more than one billion gallons of the best drinking water every day and ensuring that the city's surrounding water bodies like Jamaica Bay continue to make their resurgence. I want to thank Mayor Bloomberg and Deputy Mayor Holloway for showing their confidence in me. With PlaNYC and our strategic plan as a roadmap, and with continued partnerships with environmental and community groups and state and federal agencies, we can and will accomplish great things."

Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway was on hand at appointment ceremony at Lefrak and Commissioner Strickland recognized his leadership in guiding DEP "through a transformative period that produced Strategy 2011-2014, our 100-point agenda.

That remarkable plan, produced through a year-long process that drew upon the deep expertise throughout this agency, demonstrates what an exciting and innovative place this is to work."

Mr. Strickland's work on sustainability initiatives was developed through his extensive regulatory and litigation practice at the New York Attorney General's Office and the Rutgers Environmental

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Before joining DEP, Commissioner Strickland was the Senior Policy Advisor for Air and Water with the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, where he was responsible for the implementation of PlaNYC across all agencies and departments, with a focus on water, air, and natural resource issues. The foundation for

Law Clinic, where he taught environmental law and policy and directed the clinic's litigation of numerous ground-breaking natural resource and pollution control cases on behalf of local and national environmental groups. Commissioner Strickland is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia University School of Law.

