



**CivicAlliance** To Rebuild Downtown New York  
 Convened by Regional Plan Association



**Lower Manhattan Plan**  
 New York

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**Complete** March 2003  
**Size** Approx. 5 square miles  
**Cost** n.a.  
**Scope** Provide architectural, urban design, urban planning and transit planning expertise in an intensive five-day and design workshop.

In the fall of 2002, Doug Suisman was invited to participate in a major 5-day planning and design workshop organized by the Civic Alliance to Rebuild Downtown New York. The Alliance is a coalition of more than 80 groups which convened to provide a civic voice in rebuilding plans for Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. For the workshop, the Alliance brought together three interdisciplinary teams of ten planners, designers, academics and others from the region and across North America. Suisman co-chaired the team focused on a vision of Lower Manhattan as a "Livable Community", emphasizing new housing, neighborhoods, transit, pedestrian facilities, and mixed use

development. The goal was to examine a range of alternative visions for the entire downtown district, not just the 16-acre World Trade Center site. The results were published by the Civic Alliance in the spring of 2003.