

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Friends of Hudson, Southampton town Councilman Dennis Suskind to be honored at Pillar of New York Gala**

ALBANY, NY (October 12, 2005) — The Preservation League of New York State is presenting Friends of Hudson and Southampton Town Councilman Dennis Suskind with their most prestigious award, The Pillar of New York, in recognition of their contributions to preservation.

Past honorees of the League's "Pillar of New York" Award include Governor George Pataki, Ronald Lauder, Mrs. Vincent Astor, the architect Hugh Hardy, and Peggy and David Rockefeller.

Friends of Hudson co-founders Sam Pratt and Peter Jung will accept the award on behalf of the 4,000-member citizens group based in Columbia County. The organization fought a successful 6-year battle to block a massive, coal-fired facility proposed by the largest cement company in the world, which spent \$58 million to promote its failed project.

Each year the League presents The Pillar of New York Award to those who have demonstrated a keen understanding of the value of New York's historic resources by taking extraordinary actions to protect, preserve, and promote those assets.

On October 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf=Astoria in New York, the League will honor Mr. Suskind and Friends of Hudson for their vision and leadership in using historic preservation to promote community revitalization.

Tickets start at \$600 for individuals, and tables of 10 are available starting at \$10,000. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Thomas Martin Events at 212-972-2268.

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