

## **Biographic Sketch for Daniel C. Walsh**

Dr. Daniel Walsh is the founding Director of the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER). In 2011 OER launched the New York City Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP), the nation's first municipal brownfield cleanup program, and the NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant (BIG) Program to deliver more than \$9 million in City investment in private brownfield investigation and cleanup. In its first three years of operation, the BCP has engaged over 230 projects, bringing new businesses, over 6,400 permanent new jobs and over 3,900 units of affordable housing to properties that were vacant for an average of almost 20 years. Seventy percent of these projects are in historically disadvantaged communities, including Harlem, South Bronx, and North and Central Brooklyn. In 2008, he founded the NYC Brownfield Partnership, an association of more than 50 community based organizations and companies from the brownfield industry that is dedicated to providing community service. He recently established the NYC Clean Soil Bank, a soil exchange to lower development costs for brownfield developers and City agencies and improve the city's resilience to climate change. He was recently named the 2013 Person of the Year by Brownfield Renewal Magazine and received the 2013 Environmental Stewardship Award from the American Bar Association.

Dr. Walsh formerly served as the Chief of the New York City Superfund and Brownfield Program for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and as the Chief of Operations for NYSDEC's civilian response to the World Trade Center disaster. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor and environmental historian at Columbia University and earned his doctorate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in geophysics and contaminant geochemistry.