

## Today's News - July 15, 2002

Today's lead news story about downtown NYC is loaded with hyperlinks to better keep us all "in the loop." The redevelopment of Lower Manhattan raises practical and symbolic issues that can - and will - affect us all as a global community.

While the summer months do not usually see anything more high profile than blockbuster movies, this is not a typical summer - especially this week in New York City as we near the first anniversary of 9/11. Tomorrow, the six proposals for downtown redevelopment prepared by Beyer Blinder Belle/Parsons Brinckerhoff and team will be released. It is a starting point, and will hopefully be followed by meaningful public debate, starting with the Listening to the City town meeting at the Javits Center next Saturday. Inspiration can also be gleaned from "Imagine New York: An Exhibition of Ideas" opening Wednesday (and already on the Web).

Elsewhere: Sasaki Associates strikes gold (and silver) in Olympic design competition; Athens strikes down antiquities to make a new home for the Elgin Marbles (that may or may not be returned); Renzo Piano scores in San Francisco with four headlines; New Urbanism goes truly urban; London is going to get greener, and much more...

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