

Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Eco-industrial Parks Through the Eyes of a Real Estate Developer A Conversation with Tom McKittrick, President & Founder of Forsite Development, Inc.

Burke Auditorium, 195 Prospect St. New Haven CT Lecture 1:00-2:00PM, April 22, 2013 Free and Open to the Public, Light Refreshments Provided

Tom McKittrick, President and Founder of Forsite Development, Inc., will speak at the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies on Monday, April 22nd at 1:00PM in the Burke Auditorium, 195 Prospect St. The talk, entitled "Eco-industrial Parks Through the Eyes of a Real Estate Developer" is organized by the Industrial Environmental Management (IEM) Program.

In its 22nd year, the IEM Lecture Series brings speakers from companies and organizations to the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies to discuss the relationship between business and the environment. This year the lecture series explores *Industrial Ecology as a Source of Competitive Advantage*. Concepts such as loop-closing, by-product exchange, and sustainable supply chain management and tools such as life cycle assessment (LCA) and, material flow analysis are characteristic of the field of industrial ecology. The lecture series will bring business executives to campus to discuss how their use of these approaches affects their strategy, profitability and their position in the market.

Tom McKittrick manages all aspects of Forsite Development's operations. Forsite is a commercial real estate development firm focused exclusively on acquiring corporate surplus industrial real estate for the purpose of redeveloping these properties in an economically and environmentally responsible way.

Forsite's most ambitious project to date is "ReVenture Park", a 667 acre re-development of a shuttered chemical plant located in Charlotte, NC, was formerly listed as a Federal Superfund site into an "Eco Industrial Park". The sites extensive infrastructure is being repositioned to attract clean energy projects including renewables, alternative fuel, and recycling projects. Additionally the sites excess acreage is being enhanced with wetland, stream restoration, and nutrient mitigation banks. Once complete, it is projected to create over 700 "green collar" jobs and \$500 million in new investment.

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