



John Calvelli

John F. Calvelli is the Executive Vice President of Public Affairs for the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), a global conservation organization headquartered at the Bronx Zoo dedicated to saving wildlife and wild places. John serves on the Executive Management team that manages the overall organization and he specifically oversees the work of WCS in Government and Community Affairs, Public Policy, Communications and Digital Space.

Prior to joining WCS in 2000, Calvelli served as the senior staff person to Congressman Eliot Engel (D-Bronx) in Washington, DC. As Administrative Assistant/Counsel, he had oversight responsibility for Congressional administrative office functions and oversaw, directed and supervised all legislative initiatives of Rep. Engel during his tenure on the House Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, Science and Education and Labor Committees.

John was a founder and currently serves as Chair of the International Conservation Partnership (ICP), comprised of senior public affairs representatives from the major global U.S. conservation organizations. The ICP helps to coordinate policy initiatives with a focus on educating the U.S. Congress and appropriate governmental agencies on global conservation needs.

John serves on the Board of New York City and Company, New Yorkers for Culture and Arts, the National Italian American Foundation, Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the Preserve Plum Island Coalition and Chairs the New York City Cultural Institutions Group and the Italian American Forum. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Association for a Better New York (ABNY). On October 15, 1999, the Republic of Italy bestowed the honorific title of Knighthood in the Order of Merit to Calvelli for his work promoting stronger US-Italy relations.