

Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference

Wednesday Afternoon, March 21, 2007

APA & DEC Conference Rooms
Ray Brook, New York

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Crowne Plaza Conference Center
Lake Placid, New York

*Supervisors • Mayors • Clerks • Town Boards • Village Boards • Planning Boards • Zoning Boards
Code Enforcement Officers • Zoning Administrators*

Agenda

(final agenda to be furnished at registration)

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APA & DEC Conference Rooms
2 to 4 PM

Open House in Ray Brook

Registration starting at 1 PM in the APA reception lobby

Open House at APA & DEC

Please join us for an Open House with APA and DEC staff at the APA office in Ray Brook. Staff will provide brief presentations followed by a question and answer period. A session on State Lands will be held at the DEC conference room starting at 3 PM. Bring your questions, we'll provide the staff.

Informal Social: 5:30 pm to

At the Crowne Plaza Resort Great Room. Come join local government officials, colleagues, and staff from State Agencies in an informal get-together (registration also available during social).

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3-concurrent sessions plus GIS 1:1 session

Registration starts at 7:30 AM

**Welcome
and
Introductory Remarks
8:30 AM**

GIS Help Desk: 8:45 am – 4:45 pm

Join APA staff for a 1 to 1 help and training session on GIS. Arc 9 and ArcView 3 assistance provided for general questions and for specific projects. Bring along

projects or data for tips or a list of questions you have. Best to call ahead with your needs so staff can prepare and schedule a time with you. Walk-ups welcome, but call if you would like to setup a specific appointment time: Call Laurie: (518) 891-4050 to arrange.

8:45 am - 10 am

A. Affordable Housing

-- Projects Underway:

This session will focus on specific examples of innovative housing development projects that are being undertaken in the Adirondacks to accommodate local residents. Alan Hipps will discuss the emerging program for the Adirondack Housing Trust (AHT), an initiative using funding provided by the State of New York through the offices of Sen. Betty Little. Tom Both will discuss a proposed housing project in the Town of Keene which will likely be the first AFT project in the Park. Gregg Wallace, Town of Long Lake Supervisor, will discuss efforts to develop an affordable housing project in his Town. Finally, Mike Mitchell, a developer from Old Forge, will focus on his effort to build affordable housing "one unit at a time."

B. Creating Quality Communities:

Tools and Strategies:

This course defines Smart Growth and illustrates its key principles within the context of New York's Quality Communities Initiative. Examples of county planning that encourage inter-municipal cooperation and healthy patterns of community change are also featured. A review of several innovative land use tools allows municipalities to consider approaches of implementing the principles of Smart Growth and Quality Communities. Tools reviewed include official maps, incentive and performance zoning, planned unit development (PUD), cluster subdivision, and transfer of development rights.

C. Lakefront Camps – Demolition and Replacement Structures.

Out with the old, in with the... Those quaint shoreline camps are getting bought, torn down and replaced with someone's idea of a new Great Camp. Since many of these camps fall within the shoreline setbacks, variances and site plan review permits may be needed. Hear about the authority of Planning Boards and ZBA's in providing approvals that address concerns of neighbors and the impacts to the lake. Also Drew Monthie, Ecologic Consultant, will provide tips for maintaining a vegetative shoreline.

10:30 am - 11:45 am

A. Affordable Housing

-- Local Laws and Park Issues:

The density provisions in the APA Act and the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan create both special challenges and opportunities for developers seeking to create affordable housing. In this session, APA staff will detail how the Agency's density rules work and how knowledgeable developers can take advantage of density bonus and clustering provisions. The interplay between the Agency's land use programs and those of local government will also be discussed. The session will identify specific examples of how available density can be clustered and how community housing can otherwise be facilitated through State/local partnerships.

B. Communication Towers;

a joint DOS/APA Presentation:

In 1996 Congress enacted a sweeping telecommunications act that included restrictions on the municipal regulation of wireless communication facilities. This session will address APA jurisdiction and permitting together with the adoption of local laws to regulate wireless facilities, aesthetic issues in the siting of wireless communication towers, and the Federal

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preemption in the area of the health effects of radio frequency emissions.

C. Community Wildland Fire

Protection:

Increasingly homes, second homes and businesses are being constructed in areas just within or abutting the forests of the Adirondacks, raising the risk of loss of life and property from wildland fires. DEC Forest Rangers will provide information on basic practices homeowners, homeowner associations, and municipalities can take to reduce the risks from wildland fires. What can you do when designing and constructing homes? What materials should you use? What landscaping design and techniques should you practice? How do you make your property accessible for fire fighting equipment? How can communities assist residents in undertaking these practices?

Also: Protect Your Community - An Action Plan for Invasive Plants:

Hilary Oles presents steps local governments can take to prevent introductions of invasive plants and limit their spread.

Lunch: Noon to 1:30 pm

**Guest Speaker
To Be Announced**

1:45 to 3 pm

A. Thinking of an APA Approved Local Land Use Plan? Think first with a Comprehensive Plan:

This session will begin with a discussion by DOS staff on the practical and legal reasons for adopting a comprehensive plan. Included will be the importance of involving the public in the development of the plan, steps leading to the adoption of a comprehensive plan, plan contents and sources of information. So, how do you get a Comprehensive Plan for you community? The presentation will also include information from the private sector on the services available to assist communities in funding and implementation of a Plan. APA staff will provide the basics of an Agency approved local land use program and the process to achieve it.

B. State Funded Community Enhancement Projects – GRANTS!

Tourism – Visioning - Master Plans - Housing Rehabilitation: Hear from Adirondack Communities on their DOS, GOSC and HUD grants:

Clifton and Fine: Using funds from the Environmental Protection Fund - Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, the Towns of Clifton and Fine are working with the Wildlife Conservation Society's Adirondack Communities and Conservation Program to develop a revitalization strategy for the Oswegatchie River and Cranberry Lake waterfront area. The project is a comprehensive approach to promote sustainable tourism-based economic development by increasing opportunities for water-based recreation while protecting water quality.

Horicon: With assistance from the Laberge Group, the Town of Horicon received a U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development grant to commence a community visioning program and develop a new Master Plan.

Willsboro: With funding received from the Governor's Office of Small Cities, the Town of Willsboro in conjunction with the Housing Assistance Program of Essex County is able to continue their community housing rehabilitation projects to benefit local residents.

C. Adirondack Park Regional

Assessment Project:

The AATV and ANCA will present plans now underway for a regional assessment of infrastructure and economic development issues faced by towns and villages in the Adirondack Park. In the project, community infrastructure considered important for economic development—such as water, sewer, electric, road, solid waste, storm drainage, recreational amenities, and communication facilities—will be inventoried and compared across the Park. The study will culminate in a survey of community leaders early in 2008, but your input is needed now. Your views on ways to measure community health will be an important part of the project. Tough issues and bold initiatives will be explored.

3:30 – 4:45pm

A. Still have Questions?

APA staff will be available for an open question and answer period.

B. SEQRA - Introduction to the State Environmental Quality Review Act

A joint presentation by DOS and DEC: Have you been wondering what this "seeker" thing is, or what a Type I, Type II or Unlisted Action is? This session will include a review of the regulations and the role of municipal boards in complying with SEQRA. It will also address how SEQRA relates to municipal planning. Current case law will also be reviewed.

C. Applied Information Needs for the Adirondacks:

The Adirondack Research Consortium along with its partners, ANCA, APA and the Adirondack Ecological Center, is working with local governments, regulatory agencies, consultants and academic researchers to bridge the disconnect between information producers and information consumers. The project is designed to bring these stakeholders together in an ongoing forum to identify information needs, focus research, build research partnerships, leverage funding, interpret research results, and provide training in practical applications of the research. This session will advance efforts begun at the November RCAPS Workshop by reviewing the goals, a presentation of the initial list of information needs, description of future actions, and solicitation of additional items of use to local governments.

Registration Form

on the

following page,

or

available on website:

www.apa.state.ny.us

Please register early!

***We look forward to seeing you
at Local Government Day!
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