

Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference

March 25 & 26, 2008

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Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Special Sessions at APA and DEC Conference Rooms in Ray Brook, NY

No registration fees for these sessions - Open to all who are interested

APA Jurisdiction and Project Review Trail

10 AM to Noon at APA Headquarters, Ray Brook

Meet Agency staff and follow a project proposal from the moment it gets submitted to the Agency for a jurisdictional determination, through initial resource identification, to project review, impact analysis, permit issuance and compliance checks. This will be a hands-on guided tour of the Agency's project review process involving the Agency's project review officer, engineer, soils scientist, legal staff, wetlands scientist and economic analyst.

Introduction to GIS Web Services

1:30 to 4:30 PM at DEC Headquarters, Ray Brook

This workshop is sponsored by NYS Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC). John Borst of CSCIC and Larry Spraker, Vice President of Fountains Spatial will introduce attendees to the fundamental concepts of GIS web services and raise awareness of the means of leveraging the Internet to utilize geographic data without having to host the GIS data and/or develop necessary tools. Topics to be incorporated in this workshop include explanation of the web services and the basics of data use via web service platforms. Demonstrations will cover the existing methods of integrating GIS data with web services as well as various web service types and their application. In addition, attendees will learn about current New York State programs and available resources for use in the integration of web service and GIS technologies.

Energy: It's New Building Codes, Policies and Programs – And They All Will Affect You!

1:30 to 4:30 PM, 3 sessions, APA Headquarters, Ray Brook

1. The NYS Energy Code – Updates, Issues & Importance for the Adirondack Community

Mike DeWein, Technical Director, Building Codes Assistance Project/Alliance to Save Energy

Mike will give an update on aspects of the New York State Energy Code and why this is important to Towns and Villages in the Adirondacks. He will address problems with code implementation and discuss some proposed solutions, including increased training opportunities for code officers.

2. Energy Policies: Challenge, Change and Opportunities for Adirondack Communities (Panel)

Sue Montgomery Corey, Executive Director, Community Power Network

This panel will explore energy policy changes and how those affect Adirondack families and communities. As energy costs remain high and the state and federal government work to meet the challenge of climate change, Adirondack towns and villages will need to understand how energy policy is changing and develop effective strategies for meeting that challenge. The panel will discuss the Governor's 15 by 15 energy goals, New York's new Energy Efficiency and Renewable Portfolio Standards as well as state and federal efforts to help low-income citizens meet their energy burden.

3. NYSERDA Programs to Help Your Community Save Energy

Ann Heidenreich, Executive Director, Community Energy Services/North Country Energy Smart Communities Coordinator

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) offers technical and financial assistance in the residential, commercial, and institutional sectors, including to local governments. This presentation offers an overview of programs and incentives available from NYSERDA to assist New Yorkers meet the challenges we face in the energy sector and achieve new efficiency and carbon reduction mandates established by the State government.

Social & Reception - Crowne Plaza Resort Great Room, 5:30 pm to

Join APA Chairman Curt Stiles, DEC Commissioner Alexander "Pete" Grannis, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board Executive Director Fred Monroe, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages President Bill Farber and local government officials, colleagues and staff from State Agencies for an informal get-together.

Also invited will be the announced recipients of the Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Program Grant Awards and members of the Common Ground Alliance of the Adirondacks. It should be a great evening a wonderful kickoff to the 11th annual Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference.

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Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Crowne Plaza Conference Center, Lake Placid, NY

Registration begins at 7:30 AM in the Glass Hallway - Coffee and Tea provided

8:30 AM - Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Curt Stiles, Chairman, NYS Adirondack Park Agency

8:45 to 9:15 AM - Keynote Presentation: DEC Commissioner Alexander "Pete" Grannis

Pete Grannis, Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Refreshments will be served in the Great Room - 9:15 - 9:45 AM

All Day Events: Exhibitors in the Library and in the Pre-function Lobby

AES Northeast, PLLC
Barton & Loguidice, P.C.
Bernier Carr & Associates, P.C.
C.T. Male Associates, P.C.
ELAN Planning & Design, Inc.
Engineering Ventures
Laberge Group
Lamont Engineers
NY Municipal Insurance Reciprocal
Saratoga Associates
The LA Group

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages
Adirondack Park Institute
Community Energy Services, Inc.
Empire State Development
NYS Adirondack Park Agency
NYS Department of State
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.
NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal
NYS Office of Cyber Security and Critical
Infrastructure Crdn. (CSCIC)

All Day Events: GIS Help Desk: all day 9:45 am – 4:30 pm in the Birch Room (across from the main lobby)

Join John Barge and Matt Kendall, APA planning 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. A sign-sheet for scheduling an appointment is available at the entrance for the Birch Room and walk-ins are welcome as opportunities exist.

Concurrent Sessions: 9:45 – 11:00 AM

A. Community Housing

meeting room: Olympic Room 4

Moderated by Lani Ulrich. For the past few years, we have presented forums, workshops and training programs which focused on the need for workforce or community housing in the Park. Now, in its first year of existence, the Adirondack Community Housing Trust (ACHT) has projects planned for four Adirondack Park communities. Hear about ACHT's goals, its emerging programs, and its initial projects in this presentation by ACHT Executive Director Alan Higgs and Board Members, Bill Johnston, Joe Kelly, Gregg Wallace, Leilani Ulrich, Deanne Rehm, Bill Hotaling, Chris Rediehs, Cali Brooks, Susan Waters, Jeff Donahue and Beverly Burnett.

B. Shoreline Development - Minimizing Impacts

meeting room: Sky Room

Moderated by Richard Hoffman. Shoreline development and redevelopment continues to be a major issue in many communities. Is the stormwater plan adequate? Will the septic systems impact the lake water quality? Will the new structure be too visible? Will it block the neighbors view? Should there be more trees on the shoreline....? The toolbox of readily available measures to mitigate impacts to the natural resources is well established. But, do you know your authority to require those measures? What Planning Boards and ZBA's can do to ensure the approval for shoreline developments will address impacts to water quality and protect the visual characteristics of the shoreline. Join Michael Hill, attorney with Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC and APA staff Brian Grisi and Larry Phillips as they, and the audience, will review a shoreline project.

C. Enforcement of Zoning Laws

meeting room: Grandview

Moderator: Riele Morgiewicz, Esq., Senior Attorney, DOS. Municipalities make all sorts of rules, including junk car laws, site plan review, subdivision regulations, and zoning. At this session we will discuss the role of the enforcement officer in enforcing these regulations, from receiving complaints to sentencing or fining of violators. The session will address the relationship of the enforcement official to the zoning board of appeals. Enforcement actions will also be addressed, including responding to complaints, inspections of private property, and interaction with violators. We'll also discuss the effect of a zoning appeal on the enforcement action, as well as judicial enforcement of violations. Paul Van Cott, Associate Attorney with the Adirondack Park Agency will outline the Agency's Subdivision Initiative to prevent unauthorized subdivisions. Attorneys will receive 1.5 hour of Continuing Legal Education in the area of Professional Practice.

Break with Coffee and Tea in the Great Room – 11 to 11:15 AM

Concurrent Sessions: 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

A. Broadband & Telecommunications – Park-wide Accessibility

meeting room: Olympic Room

Moderator: Steve Erman. Ready access to high speed, quality telecommunications is typically mentioned as important to quality-of-life and community welfare throughout the Adirondack Park. This session will discuss the latest available broadband and cellular telephone technologies and a range of issues affecting their deployment in the Adirondacks. The panel will include: Howard Lowe, Project Director, CBN Connect and Director of Economic Development, Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at SUNY Plattsburgh; Dan Corcoran, Acting Director of IT Infrastructure Delivery Services, NYS Office for Technology; Michael Cusack, Esq for Verizon Wireless; and, Mark Sengenberger, Deputy Director for Regulatory Programs, NYS Adirondack Park Agency.

B. Smart Growth - Planning & Design

meeting room: Grandview

Moderator: James Connolly. This session will examine local land use tools which lead to improved development using "Smart Growth" principles. The principals of Conservation Subdivisions with specific examples of zoning ordinances that provide benefits to the community while saving costs for the developer will be discussed by Brad Birge, City of Saratoga Springs Planning Department. Mike Winslow from the Lake Champlain Committee will present ideas for developing "Water Smart" community infrastructure which enhances open space while providing for improved control of non-point source pollution.

C. Outdoor Wood Boilers – A Joint DOS and the DEC Presentation

meeting room: Sky Room

Moderator: John-David Wood. Outdoor wood boilers (also known as outdoor wood-burning furnaces) have recently become a popular alternative to traditional methods of home heating. However, the increasing number of these units across the state has prompted environmental and health concerns. Balancing this type of use with the quality of neighborhood life presents new challenges for local governments. In this session, we will explore a variety of tools and tips to assist local communities in meeting these challenges. This will be a co-presentation by Dept. of State and James Coutant, DEC. Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit from the Office of Fire Prevention & Control.

Lunch: 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Presentation of Recognition Award

Concurrent Sessions: 1:45 to 3 PM

A. Smart Growth - Supporting State Programs

meeting room: Grandview

Moderator: Keith McKeever. New York State and the Adirondack Park need to grow in a responsible, efficient, and sustainable manner that enhances economic competitiveness, environmental protection and quality of life. In order to achieve this goal the State is committed to implementing "Smart Growth" principals. These principles encourage mixed land uses, create a range of housing opportunities, direct development to areas best suited to sustain growth, foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place, preserve open space, agricultural land and critical environmental areas and encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.

State policies, practices and capital investments have and will continue to shape land use patterns and economic development throughout the Park. State officials including Dwight Brown, NYS Environmental Facility Corporation on the Revolving Loan Fund; Roseanne W. Murphy, Empire State Development, Plattsburgh Regional Office on the Restore Program; Andrew Labruzzo, Coastal Resources Specialist, NYS Department of State, on the Waterfront Revitalization Program; and Christopher Leo, Senior Community Developer for Policy and Programs, Office for Small Cities on the CDBG - HUD program; will discuss grant programs and creative strategies that address aging infrastructure, main street revitalization, affordable housing, energy conservation, green buildings and waterfront revitalization.

B. SHPO: Addressing Significant Historic And Archeological Resources In Land Use Decisions m/r: Olympic

Moderator: Lynn Garofalin. What is an historic resource and how do you identify it? Understanding the need for archaeological review? The SEQRA process & SHPO/OPRHP's role. How SHPO/OPRHP and local planning and zoning boards interact in the land use and development review process. Julian Adams, James Warren, Michael Schifferli, and Lucy Breyer from the State Historic Preservation Office of OPRHP will provide a workshop on addressing significant historic and archeological resources in zoning actions and offer ways to benefit communities through Historic Preservation and the Heritage Tourism Industry.

C. Mock Planning Board Meeting - Act I

meeting room: Sky Room

Moderator: Erin Thomas and Christopher Eastman. Now that we have site plan review, what do we do with it?" At this session we will take the audience through the site plan review process from the first meeting with the enforcement officer, through meetings with the board, the public hearing, and finally to the vote and filing of the decision of the board. We will review an application for a convenience store with fuel pump. Come prepared to participate. *Please plan on attending both Act I and Act II later this afternoon as the information carries from one to the other.*

Break with Refreshments in the Great Room – 3 to 3:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions: 3:30 – 4:45 PM

A. Energy Smart Park Initiative

meeting room: Olympic Room

Moderator: Mike DeWein. The Energy Smart Park Initiative (E\$PI) is a partnership of over 20 agencies, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, academic institutions, and businesses formed in 2006 to address issues related to energy production and use in New York's Adirondack Park region. E\$PI promotes reliable, affordable, environmentally sound energy options that benefit all Adirondack residents and visitors by working to increase energy efficiency and local energy production from renewable resources. Mike DeWein will give an overview of E\$PI's work plan and current activities, including the Advanced Codes Project in Lake Placid; Sloane Crawford, DEC Biomass Energy Project, on the efforts at building capacity in local governments for energy management; and Shanna Ratner, Yellow Wood Associates on activities focused on assisting Adirondack towns and villages control their energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by assessing, benchmarking, and reducing energy consumption.

B. Adirondack Issues - An Open Forum

meeting room: Granview

Moderator: Richard Hoffman. You got questions....we got answers! This past fall, when we sent out a survey seeking topics to present at the conference, many officials wrote in specific issues to be addressed. While we did not have space to devote a session to each topic mentioned, we wanted to provide you the opportunity to discuss those issues in an open forum. William Faber, President of the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages; Curt Stiles, Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency; Fred Monroe, Executive Director of the Adirondack Park Local Government Review; Chris Amato, Assistant Commissioner for Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of State; Roseanne W. Murphy, Empire State Development will be available to ask questions of and listen to your concerns for the future of the Park.

C. Mock Planning Board Meeting - Act II

meeting room: Sky Room

Stay tuned for the exciting continuation of Act I!