The 14th Annual
Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference

Crowne Plaza Resort, Lake Placid, New York

March 22 & 23, 2011

Presented by the: Adirondack Park Agency, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board, NYS Department of State, NYS Department of Economic Development, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

Draft Agenda - Tuesday Afternoon, March 22

Open to all who are interested

There is no fee for the Tuesday session, however please complete the registration form available at: www.apa.state.ny.us

1 to 5 PM, Crowne Plaza Resort, Grandview Room

Partnerships Leading to Opportunities and Efficiencies in Government

A discussion with local and state officials on pertinent issues in the Adirondacks. In a two-part session, Garry Douglas, appointed to the Governor's Committee for Economic Development and Labor along with APA and DEC senior staff will first discuss transition policies of the new administration. This will be followed by a facilitated forum style question and answer discussion with local and state leaders.

5 PM to ..., Crowne Plaza Resort, Great Room

Social & Reception

Join Adirondack Park Agency Chairman Curt Stiles and Executive Director Terry Martino, Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board Executive Director Fred Monroe, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages President Brian Towers and local government officials, colleagues and staff from State agencies for an informal get-together.

Detailed Agenda for Wednesday's program follows…

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Registration Forms & Updated Information are available at: www.apa.state.ny.us

Registration begins at 7:45 AM - Coffee and Tea provided
All sessions at the Crowne Plaza Resort, Lake Placid, NY

Welcome & Introductory Remarks
8:30 AM

Local Government Day Conference Sessions

GIS Help Desk: all day 9 am – 4:45 pm
Join APA staff for a one-to-one help and training session on GIS. Arc 9 and ArcView 3 assistance will be provided for general questions and for specific projects. Bring along projects or data for tips or a list of questions you have. Please 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 request a specific appointment time. Call Robyn: (518) 891-4050 to schedule.

8:45 - 10 AM
(3 Concurrent Sessions)

A. AATV, the LGRB, and APA 101. A primer on the Park's three regional entities: the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and the Adirondack Park Agency. Presented by AATV President, Brian Towers; LGRB Executive Director, Fred Monroe; and APA Chairman, Curt Stiles.

B. Transformational Change in the Adirondacks. David Fraser addresses the PROCESS of CHANGE and the importance of Leadership, Communication and Shared Values to Transformational Change that are valuable for cultivating skills to guide Adirondack Park Local Officials into the future. It is about PEOPLE and LEADERSHIP framed in a global tech world. David is owner and chief counsel of Paradigm Options, an International Leadership training company. He brings a unique approach and program dedicated to assisting others reach higher levels of professional performance through participation in synergized teams.

C. Open Government Issues in Planning and Zoning. Mark Schachner, attorney with 'Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC' offers this training session on Open Government Issues in Planning and Zoning. Mr. Schachner will discuss provisions of the Open Meetings Law and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) including conduct of public meetings, the public right to attend meetings and availability of documents under FOIL. Mark has extensive experience with and knowledge of the subject and provides guidance to many Adirondack Towns in their land use actions and decision-making.

10:30 - 11:45 AM
(3 Concurrent Sessions)

A. Local Government Efficiency Grant Program. The LGE grant program provides technical assistance and competitive grants to units of local government for the development of projects that will achieve savings and improve municipal efficiency through shared services, cooperative agreements, mergers, consolidations and dissolutions. NYS DOS staff will explain the grants opportunities, implementation process, and tools available for local governments. They will also highlight success stories that have benefited other communities in the State.

B. Building Sustainable Small Business Communities in the Adirondack Park. Marc Compeau, Director of Clarkson's Entrepreneurial Center, will focus on what Clarkson University has learned about Adirondack Park entrepreneurs and the efforts of the "Adirondack Business Center" to play a productive role in collaborating with existing organizations and providing new resources in an effort to enhance the sustainability of the vibrant Main Street communities of the Adirondacks.

C. Comprehensive Planning. NYS Department of State staff will present training on the practical and legal benefits of adopting a comprehensive plan. Included will be the importance of involving the public in the development of the plan early on; strategies for compiling essential data to set the direction of the plan; plan contents; and steps leading to the adoption of the plan. There will be a review of comprehensive plan statutes as well. APA staff will participate to answer questions on the role of the Agency in the review of local plans. Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.

Lunch and Keynote Presentation: Noon to 1:30 pm

Dede Scozzafava

Deputy Secretary for Local Government
NYS Department of State

1:45 to 3 PM

(4 Concurrent Sessions)

A. Shared Services and Creating Public/Private Partnerships in a Time of Limited State Resources. At a time when popular camping areas and events faced closure or were scheduled to be discontinued, local governments and private and NPO organizations intervened. The session will examine examples of how communities have stepped up to reopen state facilities and restore discontinued events by sharing services and building new partnerships with private enterprises, other local governments and State agencies.

B. Hamlets 3 Final Report. Roger Trancik, Urban Design Consultant, and Bill Johnston, former Essex County Planning Director, will describe the design elements incorporated into Phase 3 of the newly published report "Hamlets of Adirondacks." "Hamlets 3" examines three case studies to illustrate ways to design growth areas by building on existing community centers. It demonstrates how communities can integrate land suitable for development into the fabric of the existing hamlet, thus availing themselves of the benefits of smart, green growth. It also illustrates how the avoidance of visually unappealing and resource inefficient sprawl and strip development complements the protection of forests, farmlands and other forms of open space. The study was a DEC-funded Adirondack Community Smart Growth Project sponsored by the Adirondack Community Housing Trust.

C. Site Plan Review. The NYS Department of State staff will present training on the statutory authority local governments have to review site plans. They will address the scope and content of a site plan and the important role of the site plan in municipal review of development projects. A discussion of design and the reasons some approaches might be preferable to others will be included in the course. Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.

D. Community-Based Watershed Planning: The Schroon Lake Watershed Plan. The Schroon Lake Watershed Management Plan is the culmination of years of water quality monitoring, invasive species management, and stewardship practices accomplished through a partnership between the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Schroon Lake Association, and the East Shore Schroon Lake Association. The SLWM Plan assesses water quality and other conditions in the watershed that contribute to water quality and ecosystem health and provides specific project recommendations for watershed protection and improvement. The plan also includes an implementation strategy that identifies actions needed to advance water quality improvements, including development of regulatory requirements and pursuit of funding sources. The presentation will include discussion of the public outreach process that targeted watershed residents in order to build support for water quality improvements.

3:30 – 4:45 PM

(2 Concurrent Sessions)

A. Snowmobiling in the Park. A presentation by NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). The New York State Snowmobile Program involves funding administered by OPRHP to support a snowmobile trail system on private lands, State lands and conservation easement lands in the Park. Trails on State lands and conservation easement lands are managed by DEC with the trails on State lands managed pursuant to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan administered by the APA. State policies on the snowmobile trails in the Park will be outlined and trail connections made possible by the recent Finch Pruyn conservation easement purchase will be discussed.

B. Empowering Communities for Successful Aging. New York's most rural and scenic communities offer both promise and challenge for an aging population. Donna Beal, Executive Director of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks presents a model and innovative action plan for communities that have been empowered by actively engaging older persons, local governments, agencies serving elders, business persons, and individuals to create communities where older adults can 'age in place' more successfully. Also hear about the Saranac Village at Will Rogers where the adaptive re-use of a historic building serves 75 older adults living independently in their community. Working with Mercy Care and other community partners, the Aging in Place Task Force is currently working to implement the Aging in Place Action Plan in the Tri-Lakes.

Wednesday's Session Overview						
7:45 AM	**Registration begins - Coffee and Tea provided**					
8:30 AM	**Welcome & Introductory Remarks**					
	Adirondack Issues	A	**Community Planning**	B	**Training**	C
8:45 AM	*AATV/LGRB/APA 101*		*Transformational Change in the Adirondacks*		*Open Government Issues in Planning and Zoning*	
10:30 AM	*Local Government Efficiency Grant Program*		*Building Sustainable Small Business Communities in the Adirondack Park*		*Comprehensive Planning*	
1:45 PM	*Shared Services and Creating Public/Private Partnerships in a Time of Limited State Resources*		*Hamlets 3 Final Report*	*Community-Based Watershed Planning: The Schroon Lake Watershed Plan* D	*Site Plan Review*	
3:30 PM	*Snowmobiling in the Park*		*Empowering Communities for Successful Aging*			

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Register by March 9th for early registration discount

We look forward to seeing you at the Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference!
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