

17th Annual Adirondack Park Local Government Conference

*Crowne Plaza Resort, Lake Placid, New York
April 9-10, 2014*

revised: April 4, 2014-11 AM

Adirondack Forum Agenda

*Wednesday Afternoon, 1 PM, April 9, 2014
Olympic Room 1/2*

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Brian Towers, President, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages

Adirondack Economic Strategy Report

Margaret Irwin, Owner and Principal, River Street Planning & Development

Adirondack Mapping Project Update

Brian Towers, President, AATV

Adirondack Recreation Plan Update

Changed TBD

Adirondack Web Portal Demonstration

Kimberly Finnigan, Esq., Cooper Erving & Savage LLP.

Ronald Ofner, Executive Director, Adirondack Regional Tourism Council

Darcy Norfolk, Executive Director, Adworkshop

State Agency Discussions

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, Chairwoman, Adirondack Park Agency

Joe Martens, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

Mark Pattison, Director, Local Government Services, NYS Department of State

Roseanne Murphy, Regional Director, Empire State Development

Social & Reception

5 PM to ...

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SEQR Training Agenda

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Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Brian Grisi, Local Government Services, Adirondack Park Agency

State Environmental Quality Review Act - SEQRA

The Basics - Part 1

This introduction to the State Environmental Quality Review Act includes an overview of the environmental assessment form (EAF), Type I, Type II, and Unlisted actions and the sequence of making a positive or negative declaration on a project's potential to have an adverse impact on the environment. The relationship between the administration of local regulations and SEQRA will also be discussed. Code Enforcement Officers may receive 2 hours of In-Service Credit.

- *Cathy Hamlin, Land Use Training Specialist, NYS Department of State*
- *Jack Nasca, Director, Division of Environmental Permits & Pollution Prevention, DEC*

The New Forms - Part 2

New EAFs , discussion, and on-line forms demonstration.

- *Cathy Hamlin, Land Use Training Specialist, NYS Department of State*
- *Jack Nasca, Director, Division of Environmental Permits & Pollution Prevention, DEC*
- *Stu Baker, Chairman, Ticonderoga Planning Board & Senior Planner, Town of Queensbury*
- *Laura Moore, Warrensburg Planning Board & Land Use Planner, Town of Queensbury*

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Updated Agenda for Thursday, April 10, 2014

Registration begins at 7:45 AM - Coffee and Tea with exhibitors provided in Sky Room
All sessions at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center, Lake Placid, NY

8:30 AM

Welcome & Introductory Remarks

Terry Martino, APA Executive Director

Leilani Crafts Ulrich, APA Chairwoman

Municipal Efficiencies and Living within the Cap

Olympic Room 1-2

Municipalities face operational and efficiency questions in the development of budgets that are within the property tax cap rules. Local leaders discuss the cap and its effects on future municipal budgets and delivery of essential services.

- *William Farber, Supervisor, Town of Morehouse*
- *TBD*

Motions, Criteria and Decision-Making

Guidelines

Olympic Room 3

Join Mark Schachner, Esq., for this training session on sound decision-making practices for Planning Board and ZBA members. Mark has extensive experience with and knowledge of the subject and provides guidance to many Adirondack municipalities in their land use actions.

- *Mark Schachner, Senior Principal Attorney, 'Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC, Glens Falls, NY*

Morning Sessions 9 to 10:15 AM

DEC Regulations & Municipal Operations

Olympic Room 4

DEC staff offer information and answers questions regarding some of the typical challenges municipalities face when clearing roadsides, storing petroleum fuels and operating wastewater facilities.

- *Michelle Crew, Regional Attorney, DEC Region 5*
- *Marc Migliore, Regional Permit Administrator, DEC Region 5,*
- *Rich Wagner, P.E., Regional Engineer, DEC Region 5*
- *Tom Martin, Regional Supervisor of Natural Resource Programs, DEC Region 5*

Refreshment Break

Visit with Exhibitors

10:15 to 10:45 AM

Sky Room

Morning Sessions ***10:45 to Noon***

The Best Return on Investment Invasive Species Prevention

Olympic Room 3

Invasive plants and animals are on the move. The Adirondack region has an important opportunity to stop invasive species before they spread. Hear the latest news on efforts underway in our communities to protect our waterways and local economies.

What's on tap for Lake George ramps in 2014?

- **Dave Wick**, Executive Director of the NYS Lake George Park Commission

Loon Lake takes control of its boat launches.

- **Fred Monroe**, Supervisor, Town of Chester

Boat inspection and decontamination for aquatic invasive species prevention -- recommendations for the Adirondack region

- **Hilary Smith**, Director, APIPP

The "State" of aquatic invasive species - DEC's aquatic invasive species plans

- **Lance Durfee**, Wildlife Manager, DEC Region 5,

Locally Unwanted Land Uses

Olympic Room 4

A quick survey of land uses not everyone wants next door to their homes and the extent to which local governments may regulate them. Mining, home businesses, big box retail, adult uses, religious uses, telecommunications facilities, and billboards are among the uses discussed. Code Enforcement Officers may receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.

- **Cathy Hamlin**, Land Use Training Specialist, NYS Department of State

Community Improvements that Benefit Visitors and Residents

Olympic Room 1/2

Many community improvement projects come to fruition because of a dedicated group of citizens - volunteers, community action groups and/or local officials - who rally to make them happen. In this session, an array of successful projects from around the Park will be described. Some of the people behind these efforts will offer insights as to how they developed the concepts and implemented and funded the projects, as well as provide summaries of the outcomes for their communities.

Wanakena - Public Bathroom Priority Access Improvement Project

- **Annette Craig**, Co-chair, Smart Growth Committee, a subcommittee of the Clifton Fine Economic Development Corp

Saranac - New Land Trust

- **Hal Moore**, Owner, Saranac Hollow Woodworking and Adirondack Hardwoods

Bolton - Public Beach Kayak Launch

- **Tracey Clothier**, Planner, The LA Group

Thurman - White-Space Broadband Update

- **Evelyn Wood**, Supervisor, Town of Thurman

Newcomb - Marketing Their Town

- **Bob Lilly**, Chairman, Planning Board
- **Paul Cummings**, Planner, The Chazen Companies
- **Amanda Magee**, Partner, Trampoline Design

Moderated by Evelyn Wood

Luncheon Program

Noon to 1:45 PM

Keynote: Richard Newman, EVP of State Marketing Strategy, ESD

Conference Annual Recognition Award

Adirondack Park Excellence Awards - "Best Community Events"

Financial Analysis of Shared Services and Intermunicipal Cooperation

Olympic Room 1-2

Working cooperatively with neighboring communities can help local governments implement shared solutions to common problems and generate new service delivery capacities. Cooperation enables local governments to reduce the cost of services without compromising the quality of service delivery. This course will examine the benefits of cooperation through case studies and analysis of the financial implications of actual cooperative projects funded by the New York State Department of State's Local Government Efficiency Program.

- **Sean Maguire**, *Land Use Training Specialist, NYS Department of State*
- **Tracy J. Eldridge**, *Hamilton County Highway Superintendent*

North Country Health Systems Redesign Commission

Olympic Room 4

The North Country Health Systems Redesign Commission proposes a plan to create an effective, integrated health care delivery system for preventive, medical, behavioral, and long term care services to all communities throughout North Country. Dr. John Ruge, Co-Vice-Chair of the NCHSRC will provide an overview of the commission's work and its recommendations for health care services in the region. Dr. Michael Pond, Medical Director Mountain Medical Urgent Care in Lake Placid will offer his perspectives on local health facilities to serve rural communities.

- **Dr. John Ruge**, *Co-Vice-Chair of the NCHSRC*
- **Karen Madden**, *Director of the Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health.*
- **Dr. Michael Pond**, *Medical Director Mountain Medical Urgent Care*

Moderated by Fred Monroe

Afternoon Sessions 2 to 3:15 PM

Publicly Available Aerial Photography and Data

Olympic Room 3

Tools to assist land use planning activities

- **John Barge**, *Mapping Technologist 3, APA*
- **Matt Kendell**, *Associate Natural Resources Planner, APA*

NYS Emergency Stream Intervention Program

Birch Room

An introductory overview of repairs to stream damages following a major storm, including priority repairs that address immediate threats to public health and safety. This introduction will provide attendees a better understanding of the concepts involved in stream restoration techniques. Work done during or immediately after a flood event which is completed following the practices identified in this session will lessen the need for additional stream work weeks or months after the flood event. Following the recommended practices will also reduce the impacts of future flood events on municipal and private infrastructure. As future flood events of increased magnitude and frequency are predicted, these practices will save time, money and resources.

- **Dave Reckahn**, *District Manager, Essex County Soil and Water Conservation District*

Refreshment Break

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3:15 to 3:30 PM

Sky Room

Keeping Heating Dollars at Home: The Opportunity of Biomass Heat for North Country Communities *Olympic Room 1-2*

With Governor Cuomo's recent announcement of the Renewable Heat NY Initiative interest and support is growing in New York for wider use of local wood fuel and modern wood heating technology to heat homes, businesses, and community facilities. Northern Forest Center Executive Director Joe Short, ANCA Executive Director Kate Fish, North Country School Director of Facilities and Sustainability John Culpepper and Town of Chester Supervisor Fred Monroe, will introduce some of the technologies available, describe specific installations in place or developing in the Adirondack North Country, and highlight the community economic development potential of substituting wood for imported heating fuels.

- **Joe Short**, Executive Director, Northern Forest Center
- **Kate Fish**, Executive Director, ANCA
- **John Culpepper**, Director of Facilities and Sustainability, North Country School
- **Fred Monroe**, Supervisor, Town of Chester
- **Sloane Crawford**, Forest Stewardship and the Forest Utilization Program, DEC

Moderated by Gerald Delaney

***Afternoon Sessions
3:30 to 4:45 PM***

The Value of Not-for-Profits

Olympic Room 4

Adirondack Foundation will highlight examples of partnerships between local governments and nonprofit organizations that positively impacted Adirondack communities, economically and otherwise. This session will feature a brief presentation of the Adirondack Nonprofit Network's Economic Impact Study, followed by three speakers--Nick Rose of CAP-21, Sharon Reynolds of PRIDE of Ticonderoga, and Valerie Ainsworth of Mental Health Association of Essex County--who will talk about how their nonprofit works effectively with local government.

- **Cali Brooks**, Executive Director, Adirondack Foundation
- **Nick Rose**, Executive Director, CAP-21
- **Sharon Reynolds**, Executive Director, PRIDE of Ticonderoga
- **Valerie Ainsworth**, Executive Director, Mental Health Association of Essex County

Thank you for your participation and support !

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