

*2016 Adirondack Park Local Government Day Conference
April 13 & 14, 2016*

*Tentative Session Descriptions
Subject to Change
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WEDNESDAY

- I. Adirondack Forum – Presented by AATV & LGRB
- **Constitutional Amendment –Land Bank**
 - **Aquatic Invasives – Pilot Program**
 - **Attracting the Next Generation of Adirondack Visitors & Residents**
- II. **Grant Opportunities at the NYS Department of State**
- **Informational Session**
The Department of State administers multiple grant programs designed to assist local governments in developing projects that promote community and economic development and municipal efficiency. This session will provide attendees with specifics about programs housed within DOS, including: the new Municipal Restructuring Fund; the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program; the Appalachian Regional Development Grant Program, the Northern Border Regional Development Grant Program and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.
 - **DOS CONSULTATION CENTER**
The Department of State, Division of Local Government Services will have staff available for individual consultations with local government leaders interested in discussing resources available to address specific areas of concern. Conference attendees can drop in or pre-schedule an appointment to meet with staff and discuss how the Department of State may be able to assist them; technical assistance, liaison to other State agencies or potential funding. We will have information and technical assistance available regarding specific funding opportunities, including the new Municipal Restructuring Fund. We encourage those interested in this service to call the DLGS before the conference to schedule a time and to discuss potential projects. The contact number is 518-473-3355.

THURSDAY

A. TRACK

1. **Community Forests**
2. **Utilizing Volunteer Groups**
3. **Spotlight on Projects & Events from around the Adirondack Park**
4. **EFC Infrastructure Grants**

Attendees will receive details on how to apply for loans and grants available through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for sewer and drinking water infrastructure projects. EFC representatives will also summarize programmatic changes for 2016 and provide an update on the NYS Water Grants Program.

EFC administers the largest and one of the most successful water infrastructure financing programs in the nation, providing low-cost financial assistance to hundreds of municipalities throughout the state to fund major improvements to wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. This investment in water and sewer infrastructure helps ensure the availability of clean water, protects public health and the environment, and is the foundation necessary to create jobs and economic development

B. TRACK

1. APA 101

Adirondack Park Agency Staff will provide background on the APA and more detailed information on permitting requirements and procedures of the Agency. In addition Agency staff will be available in the Sky Room to provide general information and answer questions about Agency jurisdiction and the project review process.

2. DEC 101

3. AATV & LGRB 101

A primer on the roles and services provided by the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

C. TRACK – Training for Planning & Zoning Boards

1. Ethical Considerations and Proper Planning & Zoning Decision-Making

Join Mark Schachner, attorney with Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC for a training session on the Ethical Considerations for Decision Making by Planning and Zoning Boards. Mark has extensive experience and knowledge and represents many Adirondack Towns in their land use actions.

2. Adopting & Amending Zoning

An examination of the origins of zoning and the purposes for adopting regulations; the role of the municipal comprehensive plan; specific steps a municipality must take to prepare their first set of zoning regulations; procedures for the adoption and amendment of zoning laws and ordinances, including referral to the county planning board, public hearings, and filing requirements. [Code Enforcement Officers may receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.](#)

3. Form Based Zoning Part 1

This course is an overview of an alternative approach to zoning that considers design over use. It is based on many of the principles of Smart Growth and New Urbanism. Form-based zoning is helping to establish mixed use, neighborhood structure, and walkability as the new standard for development. The advantages of form-based zoning, how it differs from conventional zoning from development to administration, and some of the challenges local officials might encounter in implementing form-based zoning will be discussed.

4. Form Based Zoning Part 2

A continuation of the prior DOS session on Form- Based Zoning. [Code Enforcement Officers may receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.](#)