

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.

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, Opportunities and Efficiencies in 2011

Brian Towers, Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages President, moderates a discussion with Curt Stiles, Adirondack Park Agency Chairman; Bill Farber, Adirondack Partnership; Garry Douglas, Governor's Committee for Economic Development and Labor; Jennifer Congdon, Deputy Director, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation; Joe Martens, Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; and Darrin Derosia, Associate Counsel, NYS Department of State; to examine the challenges facing governmental organizations in 2011, the opportunities for change, and the future for the Park's environment, economy and communities.

Refreshment Break with coffee and tea -- 2:30 to 3PM

A forum with State and Local Leaders

Bill Farber, Adirondack Partnership and Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors, facilitates a forum-style question and answer session with State and Local Leaders. Senior staff from the State agencies will also be available to answer questions.

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...

Agenda - Wednesday, March 23, 2011

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

Sky Room

Join APA staff John Barge and Matt Kendall 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 data sets if you have them to facilitate assistance on specific projects. Walk-ups welcome, or you can request a specific appointment time by stopping by the help desk to schedule a time.

8:45 - 10 AM

(3 Concurrent Sessions)

A. AATV, the LGRB, and APA 101.

Olympic Room #

Moderator: Jean Raymond. 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.

Olympic Room #

Moderator: Mark Hall. 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.

Olympic Room #

Moderator: Linda Kemper. 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.

Olympic Room #

Moderator: Bill Farber. 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. Sean Maguire, from Department of State, Division of Local Government Services will explain the grants opportunities, implementation process, and tools available for local governments. He will also highlight success stories that have benefited other communities in the State.

B. Building Sustainable Small Business Communities in the Adirondack Park.*Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Mark Hall. 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.*Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Gerald Delaney. Catherine Hamlin and Patricia Burke from the Department of State, Division of Local Government Services 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. Robyn Burgess from the Adirondack Park Agency Planning staff will describe 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.**Moderator: Jean Raymond.***Olympic Room #*

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. Rob Davies, Director, DEC Division of Lands & Forests, John Frey, Supervisor, Town of Inlet and Barry Hutchins, Supervisor, Town of Indian Lake will present a joint State and local government partnership to maintain recreational facilities in the Moose River Plains. Ted Blazer, CEO & President, Olympic Regional Development Authority, Randy Preston, Supervisor, Town of Wilmington and Joe Lamb, President, Lamb Lumber Company will present the State, local government and private enterprise partnerships that allowed the Empire State Winter Games to continue this year. Mark Hall, Supervisor, Town of Fine will present the local government partnerships the Towns of Clifton and Fine have developed to bring efficiencies and services to their communities.

B. Hamlets 3 Final Report.*Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Bill Farber. 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.*Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Linda Kemper. Catherine Hamlin and Patricia Burke from the Department of State, Division of Local Government Services 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. *Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Cathy Moses. 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. Dave Wick, district manager for the Warren County SWCD is joined by Kenneth Smith and Stephanie Wojtowicz from the Department of State in the presentation. 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.***Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Cathy Moses. A presentation by Stephen Lewis, Director of Snowmobiling at NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), Karyn Richards, Special Assistant at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and James Connolly, Deputy Director, Planning, at 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.*Olympic Room #*

Moderator: Gerald Delaney. 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. Jamie Whidden, Executive Director of Saranac Village at Will Rogers where the adaptive re-use of a historic building serves 75 older adults living independently in their community, will co-present. Working with Mercy Care and other community partners, Mr. Whidden has been a leading member of the task force currently working to implement the Aging in Place Action Plan in the Tri-Lakes.

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