

2022 G/FLRPC Spring Local Government Workshop; Genesee Community College, Batavia Campus

8:00-9:00	Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Exhibits	
9:00-10:00	<p>A1 - Planning Board Overview. <i>NYSDOS Division of Local Government Training Staff</i></p> <p>This basic course addresses the powers and duties of town, village, and city planning boards and commissions. The administrative and regulatory roles of the planning board, including its review of site plans, special use permits, and subdivision plats are discussed, along with the planning board's role in the municipal comprehensive plan. The importance of board procedures, referral to the county planning agency, and making findings are also covered.</p>	<p>B1 - Panel Discussion: Fleet Electrification and Supporting EV Charging Station Infrastructure for the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region <i>Matt Hegarty, Village of Fairport, Rick Hauser, Village of Perry, Jim Bittker, Value Stack Energy, Joe Bovenzi AICP, Genesee Transportation Council, Jenny Loewenstein, GFLRPC, Haylee Ferington, EDF Renewables</i></p> <p>Learn more about who is working on fleet electrification in the G-FL region, federal programs that support alternative fuel vehicles, what funding sources are available, what actions are happening in the region, and why now is a great time to act to future proof your community's fleet energy supply.</p>
10:00-10:30		<p>B2 - Solar Law: How to Empower Municipalities in the Development of Solar Projects <i>Drew Reilly AICP, Wendel, Haylee Ferington, EDF Renewables.</i></p> <p>We have gathered two experts in the field of Solar (one representing the municipalities perspective and one representing the solar industry) to discuss how municipalities and the solar industry can work together to make the most out of solar projects and provide municipalities with some input and structure when going through this process. This discussion (based on actual experiences) will focus on solar laws including processes and requirements, equipping municipalities to build the best law for fitting solar projects into their communities, and how to stay in the conversation through the process to deliver what the community wants</p>
10:30-11:00	<p>A2 - "What if..." Planning to Increase Community Resilience. <i>Mary Austerman, NYSea Grant, Jayme Breschard AICP, Barton & Loguidice</i> Understanding the impacts of climate change, extreme weather and/or other future disruptive events is complex, uncertain, and can be daunting. This interactive session introduces and demonstrates the utility of 'What if...' planning as a participatory tool to explore potential futures, identify resilient responses, and inform decision-making.</p>	<p>B3 - NYS ConnectALL Broadband Initiative. <i>Scott Rasmussen, Acting Director, ConnectALL, Empire State Development</i></p> <p>As part of Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State address, the Governor outlined an ambitious plan to connect all New Yorkers to affordable, and accessible broadband. The new ConnectALL initiative will invest over \$1billion – the largest ever investment in New York's digital infrastructure – to deliver affordable broadband to New Yorkers and transform the state's digital infrastructure to lead the 21st-century connected economy. ConnectALL will bring internet access to New Yorkers in rural and urban areas statewide, foster competition among internet providers, boost economic development, and bolster digital equity.</p>
11:00-12:00		
12:00-1:00	Lunch and Exhibits	
1:00-2:00	<p>A3 - Zoning Board of Appeals Overview. <i>NYSDOS Division of Local Government Training Staff</i></p> <p>This introductory course to the zoning board of appeals focuses on the statutory tests boards must follow to grant use and area variances and proper handling of zoning interpretations. Meeting procedures and notice requirements will also be discussed, along with the ZBA's relationship with enforcement officials and the planning board, and the importance of making good findings.</p>	<p>B3 - NYS ConnectALL Broadband Initiative. <i>Scott Rasmussen, Acting Director, ConnectALL, Empire State Development</i></p> <p>As part of Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State address, the Governor outlined an ambitious plan to connect all New Yorkers to affordable, and accessible broadband. The new ConnectALL initiative will invest over \$1billion – the largest ever investment in New York's digital infrastructure – to deliver affordable broadband to New Yorkers and transform the state's digital infrastructure to lead the 21st-century connected economy. ConnectALL will bring internet access to New Yorkers in rural and urban areas statewide, foster competition among internet providers, boost economic development, and bolster digital equity.</p>
2:00-3:00		<p>B4 - Moving the CEC Needle. <i>John Wadach, Deputy Mayor, Village of Lima</i></p> <p>Over the last several years, Deputy Mayor John Wadach has found successful ways to address these concerns in the Village of Lima, a community of about 2,200 in Livingston County. Join us as he discusses his strategy, approach, challenges, and the resources/programs he utilized to get his residents and board members to support clean energy initiatives while transforming his community into one of the State-Wide Leaders in the Clean Energy Communities Program.</p>
3:00-3:15	Break and Exhibits	
3:15-4:30	<p>A4 - Short Term Rentals. <i>NYSDOS Division of Local Government Training Staff</i></p> <p>Short-term rentals have been around for years, but the availability of online booking sites and the growth of local management companies has had dramatic effects on neighborhoods big and small across the state (and around the world). A number of cities, towns, and villages in New York have come up with a variety of means to permit or restrict short-term rentals consistent with the character of the respective communities. This session looks at the problems short-term rentals posed for several of those municipalities and summarizes the regulations with which they responded to the challenge.</p>	

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A2 - "What if..." Planning to Increase Community Resilience – 1 hour

Mary Austerman, NY Sea Grant; Jayme Breschard AICP, Barton & Loguidice

A community's resilience hinges on its ability to respond to and recover from a disturbance, and as we've experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic, disturbances are often unexpected and vary in scale, timing, and who they impact. 'What if...' planning provides planners with a structured method for considering how a community can proactively manage the uncertainty of future disturbances, and when integrated into participatory planning processes, it can help stakeholders distill the implications of science and data, understand the impacts of decisions on other systems, and build consensus around a desired future vision and the course of action for achieving that vision.

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B4 - Moving the Clean Energy Needle in a Small Community – 1 hour

John Wadach, Village of Lima

With the adoption of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) of 2019, New York State codified ambitious energy goals that have accelerated the need for municipalities of all sizes and demographics to make the transition to Clean Energy practices. How can small, conservative, and/or rural communities with limited resources begin to move the needle on these agenda items? What resources and programs exist to help communities start their transition?

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