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Announcements

1. Cornell Local Roads Program Summer Webinars

Join Cornell Local Roads for a new, ongoing series of free foundational webinars focused on the important principles key to local highway agency operations and management. Focusing on *why* we do what we do - “*Why* do we put three signs in advance of a work zone?” Each webinar offers a convenient way to learn the basics of a particular topic. Taken together, they cover the foundation of local highway issues.

Many webinars will be repeated yearly or every other year to give attendees the opportunity to attend the full series. Below is a listing of the current plan of webinars or find them at cals.cornell.edu/nysltap-local-roads/training-events/webinars-online-training. Foundational webinars are held most Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. EST. Click the topics below to register

Summer 2022 NYSLTAP-CLRP Foundational Webinars

July 12 Emergency Preparedness
July 19 Ethics *
July 26 Alignment & Intersections *
August 2 Communication Tools
August 9 Gravel and Base Materials *
August 16 Managing the Fleet
August 23 Snow & Ice Overview *

*Anticipated to be worth 1 PDH for engineering continuing education.

All online webinars and virtual workshops are worth [Road Master](#) credit based on the length of the session.

2. Leasing to Solar Developers Webinar Series

As utility-scale and community solar projects are increasingly proposed, greater numbers of landowners, including many farmers, are being approached by land agents, working for solar companies, interested in leasing their land. “Leasing Your Land for Solar Energy Development” will give participants an overview that prepares them to more beneficially discuss leasing issues with developers and with the attorneys who would preferably advise landowners on specific leasing language before a lease is negotiated or signed.



In conjunction with New York and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Penn State Extension and Cornell Extension are offering the series on leasing land for utility-scale and community solar in the region. It is important for anyone considering leasing their land to understand the implications of the leasing process.

Each of the programs will include a Question and Answer session.

July 12 - This webinar will give participants an overview that prepares them to more beneficially discuss leasing issues with developers and with attorneys who would preferably advise landowners on specific leasing language before a lease is negotiated or signed.

To register: www.bit.ly/solarJuly12

July 26 - This webinar will focus on how to structure and manage the financial, and most importantly, the tax implications of solar lease income, should it become available to the landowner. We will cover a number of key estate planning, trust structuring, LLC formation, and other multigenerational wealth preservation options.

To register: www.bit.ly/solarJuly26

There will be two additional webinars in the series, with the links to each forthcoming.

These webinars are being offered at no charge to participants. Registration is required to receive the link to access the webinar. Registrants will also receive access to the webinar recording.

3. NY Conference of Mayors Fall Training School September 12-16

The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) is holding its fall training school at the Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs September 12-16, 2022. Complete information available at www.nycom.org/2-uncategorised/1053-fall-school-agenda There are both full program and one-day registration rates available.



Early bird rates are good until August 18.

Topics to be covered include accounting and finance; terms of office, including vacancies, resignations and removals; first amendment hot topics; various employee and employment topics; emergency services; and more.

Municipal Benefits of GPS (Global Positioning System) Mapping

GPS mapping services are offered to the municipalities of the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG) at no charge. NOCCOG contracted employees will work with department heads or representatives to determine what data is to be collected and mapped. Collected information will then be provided digitally and can be updated at any time.

Features measured with GPS can be displayed on maps that store and display geographically referenced data, which will be provided to the municipalities making use of this service.

Public works departments routinely manage many of the following items, such as streets and roadways, parks, traffic signs and signals, street lighting locations, the maintenance, age, and replacement schedules, of infrastructure equipment and facilities, etc. GPS service enables municipalities to efficiently collect and store this information, manage, analyze, and deliver data on-demand for a streamlined workflow. This offers municipalities the ability to integrate this information, making their record keeping accurate and up to date.

Governments, scientific organizations, and commercial operations throughout the world use GPS and GIS, (Global Information Systems), technology to collect, analyze, and facilitate timely decisions and wise use of resources. Any organization or agency that requires accurate location information about its assets can benefit from the efficiency and productivity provided by GPS positioning.

GPS mapping is not bound by constraints such as line-of-sight visibility between survey stations but uses satellite technology for pinpoint accuracy. The stations, items to be identified, can operate anywhere with a good view of the sky.

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, the following are additional benefits this system can provide. GPS can be used to find the exact location of the following, just to name a few.

- Register the precise locations of critical shut-off valves, storm drains and culverts
- Identifying seasonal roads/ends of roads
- Mapping water mains and laterals
- Mapping fire hydrants and dry hydrants
- Identifying utilities
- Offers real time access to information
- Identifying road repair locations
- Registering and managing pavement cuts performed by third parties
- Managing parking meters and signage
- Managing street furniture and trash cans
- As-building new sewer/storm/water installations
- Tracking sewer lines
- Mapping subsurface assets such as streetlight electrical components
- Managing real estate inventory
- Inventorying and managing trees and horticultural assets
- Reporting/mapping/tracking invasive species
- Mapping and recording sensitive habitat areas
- Mapping and reporting condition of park benches and playground equipment
- Mapping subsurface assets such as sprinkler lines

For more information on the benefits of GPS mapping in your municipality, please contact John Healt, 315-941-2818, or jhealt@tughill.org