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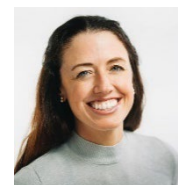
NOCCOG Annual Fall Dinner Meeting, October 23



Invitations have been emailed for the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments Annual Fall Dinner and Meeting, which will be held Thursday, October 23th, at the Woods Valley Ski Area in Westernville. A cash bar and social hour will start at 5:30 pm, with a buffet dinner and meeting to follow. Sarah Foster Calero, President of Oneida County Tourism, is the scheduled speaker.

The cost is \$35 per person, and reservations are requested by Friday, October 17.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, check out the NOCCOG website, reach out to your current Municipal Advisor, or contact John Healt, 315-941-2818 or jhealt@tughill.org.



Local Law Webinar, October 2

Join the NYS Town Clerks Association and the NYS Association of Towns on Thursday, October 2nd, at 10:30 am, as they present a no cost webinar designed to help understand the local law process. Designed to benefit everyone, this session is designed to gain a better understanding of local law procedures and to help clarify legal responsibilities and authorities.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.



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Water Filtration and Removal Processes Webinar, Oct. 7

Join the Environmental Finance Center Network and presenter, Greagory Pearson, on Tuesday, October 7th, at 1:00 pm in an hour long, no cost webinar that covers filtration concepts used to remove contaminants from drinking water sources.



Explained will be how surface water plants remove turbidity from drinking water sources and how oxidation-filtration plants function to remove contaminants such as iron and manganese. The filtration mechanisms of adsorption and straining will be discussed, as will how ion exchange and sorption media types can be used to remove drinking water contaminants. Additionally, water quality impacts will be analyzed prior to, and after, filtration treatment processes.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward Funding Available



Department of State
Planning, Development
& Community Infrastructure

\$200 Million in funding is now available through Round 9 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and Round 4 of NY Forward. Municipalities have an opportunity to apply for funding that can catalyze economic growth, enhance quality of life and

strengthen their local downtowns.

The Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward program are cornerstones of the State's economic development policy. Led by the Department of State, with assistance from Empire State Development, Homes and Community Renewal and NYSERDA, DRI was created in 2016 to accelerate and expand the revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods in all ten regions of the state. NY Forward works with the DRI to accelerate and expand the revitalization of smaller and rural downtowns throughout the State so that all communities can benefit from the State's revitalization efforts, regardless of size, character, needs and challenges.

- **October 17** is the deadline to submit an *Intent to Apply Form* to receive technical assistance from the DOS.
- **November 7, at 4 PM** is the deadline to submit applications through the [New York State Consolidated Funding Application Portal](#).

For more information on how to apply, please visit [Downtown Revitalization Initiative](#) or [NY Forward](#), which is Specifically for New York's smaller and rural communities

To Receive DRI or NY Forward Funding, localities must either have a submitted Letter of Intent or be Pro-Housing Certified prior to application and be fully certified prior to award announcements.

Planning for Solar Energy Issue Paper Updated

The Tug Hill Commission recently completed an update to their *Planning for Solar Energy Projects* issue paper. This is the third version of the paper, which is done in collaboration with several organizations across Tug Hill's four counties.

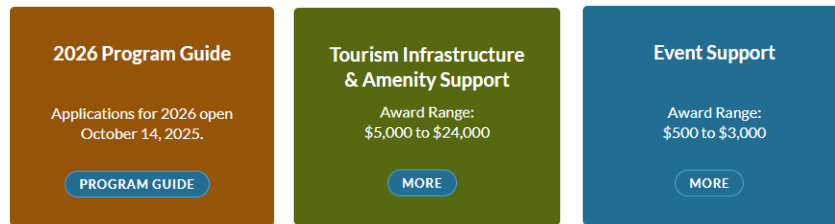
The paper describes the different scales of solar energy systems, where they are often sited, and land use considerations. Planning tools and financial impacts on municipalities are also discussed. Language and document examples and templates are provided for use in Tug Hill and other rural communities.



The paper is available to read on the Commission's [website](#). If you have any questions, please contact Maria Covey at maria@tughill.org or 315-785-2384.

NYS Canal System Tourism and Infrastructure Grants

The New York State Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor offer competitive grant funding to support tourism and recreation along the New York State Canal System, including canal waterways and Canalway Trail.



Applications open Oct. 14th and are due Nov. 21st, with awards being announced in February of 2026.

The program prioritizes support for tourism infrastructure and amenity improvements, as well as events. Projects and events that are accessible to all community members, with a particular focus on addressing service and amenity gaps, will be prioritized in 2026. Click on the above squares for more information.

31st Statewide Conference on Local Bridges, Oct. 22 & 23



The largest conference in NYS dedicated to bridge issues for local governments will be held October 22 and 23, with a training day on the 21st, at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga, in Saratoga Springs, NY. Registration rates increase after October 3rd.

Anticipated training sessions are worth 4 PDHs and include Engineering the Federal Process and Bridges over Water: Navigating Wetlands and Scour Planning. The conference is worth 7.5 PDHs and covers topics such as Emergency Response, Reconstruction & Rehabilitation, and Hydraulics.

Full details are available on the NYSLTAP-CAP conference [webpage](#). To register, click [here](#).

Advancing Watershed Health: How Partnerships and Planning Can Strengthen Local Water Quality Webinar, Oct. 23

Join the Environmental Finance Center Network and various presenters on Thursday, October 23rd, from 11:00 am to Noon, in this no cost webinar that explores how collaboration and adaptive strategies can drive long-term watershed success. Discussed will be the key takeaways and lessons learned from over 15 years of coordinated watershed management under the Black River Initiative. With notable water quality improvements, this effort shows how sustained partnerships, data-driven strategies, and locally led implementation can deliver measurable results.



Presenters, Nichelle Swisher, District Manager of the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District, Sarah Trick, an Environmental Resource Specialist for the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Emily Fell, the Eastern Great Lakes Watershed Coordinator with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, will highlight the value of monitoring nutrients, sediment, and phosphorus loading, how Nine Element (9E) Watershed Plans help support these efforts, and how these planning tools complement long-term watershed management goals and help sustain local water resources.

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

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Short-Term Rentals Webinar, October 23

AirBnB, VRBO, Craigslist...everywhere you turn, there's a platform to provide for short-term rentals of everything from a 10-bedroom house to an antique steam engine. What powers do local officials have to regulate these facilities, and who's doing it best? This session will focus on the impacts of short-term rentals in the housing and lodging markets, and the tools your community has at its disposal to address possible conflicts around the neighborhood.



On Thursday, October 23, from 6 -7 pm, the MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook will present *"Short, but Not Too Short: How Short-Term Rentals are Changing the Development"* their 9th session of their no cost annual training program, geared to assist local governments, town officials, and planning and zoning boards.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#). For more information, or to view the 2025 Municipal Bootcamp Program, visit the MRB Group Bootcamp [webpage](#).

NYAOT 2025 Planning & Zoning School, October 27



The New York State Association of Towns Planning and Zoning school comes to the Johnson City Meeting Room at the Holiday Inn, 2-8 Hawley Street, in Binghamton on Monday, October 27th. Join presenters Sarah Brancatella, Katie Hodgon, and others from 8 am to Noon as they cover topics such as, What Planning & Zoning Officials Need to Know About Open Meetings Law and Foil, New York's New Freshwater Regulations and Home Rule Meets the (Affordable) Housing Rule.

Click here for [more](#) information, or to register.

MVCC Breaks Ground for New Applied Technology Center on Utica Campus



Mohawk Valley Community College broke ground at its Utica Campus for its new Applied Technology Center (ATC), a two-story, 63,760-square-foot building to house science and technology programs. The ATC should help to address the region's major workforce gaps in enduring and emerging STEM fields, as well as sectors such as semiconductor and advanced manufacturing. Its potential for transformational learning will have an extensive impact on students, employer partners, incumbent workers, apprentices, and pre-apprentices in the

Mohawk Valley and across the state.

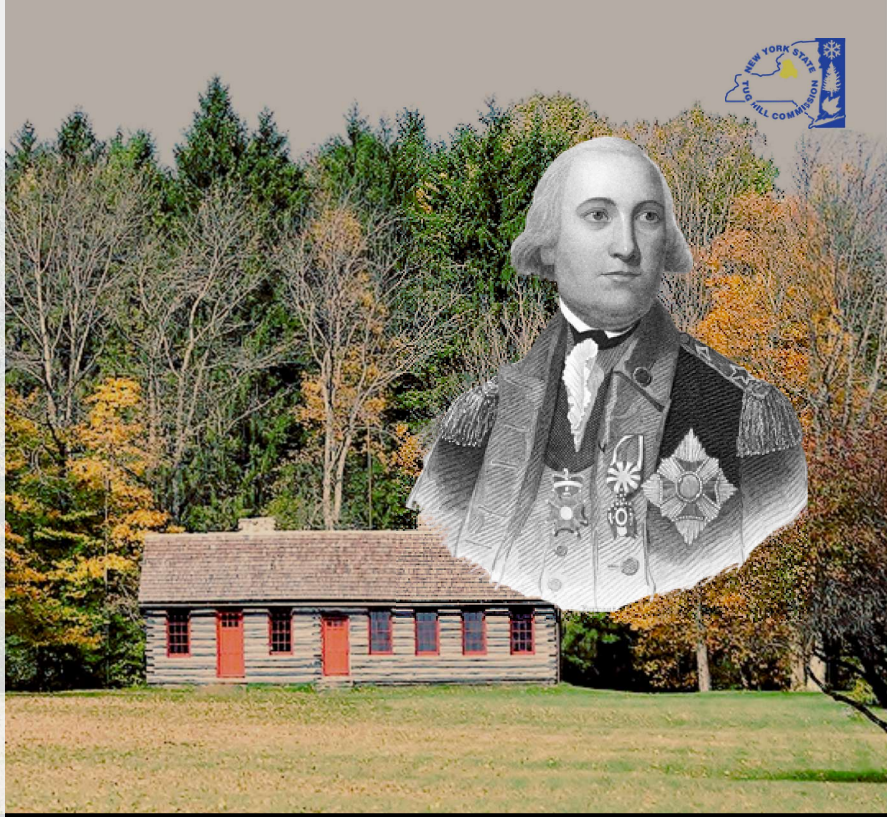
MVCC's new Applied Technology Center is made possible through funding from Oneida County, the State of New York, SUNY, the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), and Fabmatics USA. Oneida County committed \$18 million toward the "state-of-the-art facility" giving access to the skills and training needed in advanced manufacturing, semiconductors and other emerging industries that are growing in the Mohawk Valley.

Construction will begin later this fall and is scheduled for completion by late December 2027.

WELSH RAMBLE

*Hosted by the Remsen-Steuben
Historical Society and the NYS Tug
Hill Commission.*

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.**



Location

The event will begin at the Steuben Memorial State Historic Site.

**9957 Starr Hill Road,
Remsen, NY 13438**

Speakers

The tour will be hosted by members of the Remsen-Steuben Historical Society, with guest speakers from the Remsen Performing and Visual Arts Center and the Remsen Depot.

Event Details

This event is free to attend, but pre-registration is required.

Attendees will need their own vehicle. Carpooling is highly recommended!

A GPS-friendly map will be provided upon registration.

This fall, the Remsen-Steuben Historical Society will be lending its expertise for an exploration and appreciation of its local history. The "Welsh Ramble" will feature a driving tour of the community's hidden historical gems, explore its strong Welsh ties, and directly connect its local heritage to Baron Von Steuben, a former Prussian military captain and key figure in the American Revolutionary War.

The tour will begin at the Steuben Memorial State Historic Site and end at the Stone Meeting House, formerly known as Capel Cerrig, or the "Stone Church," where the Remsen-Steuben Historical Society maintains one of the largest archives of Welsh and Welsh-American records in the nation. In between these two locations, the driving tour will include several stops of sites of local historical and cultural significance: the grounds of the former Capel Isaf and Capel Ucha, the Remsen Performing and Visual Arts Center, the Remsen Depot, and Capel Enlli.

REGISTER BY CLICKING [HERE!](#)

OR

tinyurl.com/welshramble

Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals Land Use Training Event

*A seminar hosted by Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP)
and presented by New York Department of State*

Monday, November 10, 2025
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Mohawk Valley Community College
Wilcox Hall - Room 225
1101 Sherman Dr. Utica, NY 13501

Sign-in & Refreshments

5:00 - 5:30pm

Training

5:30 - 8:00pm

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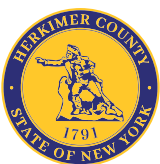
This land use training event provides municipal officials with critical knowledge and tools for informed decision-making in planning and zoning. We'll explore strategies to address the need for affordable housing and legal requirements to provide it. The course also dives into the rise of short-term rentals and their impact on communities, examining regulations and effective responses. Learn to navigate complex regulations and build a better future for your community.

Registration Fee of \$20.00 includes refreshments

Please fill out registration form and return with payment by Monday, November 3, 2025

For questions call (315) 798-5710 or email 239apps@oneidacountyny.gov

This training provides an opportunity for Planning and Zoning Board members to receive 2.5-hours of training credits.



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