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Announcements

NYSLTAP - CLRP Foundational Webinars



The Cornell Local Roads Program’s no cost Winter Foundational Webinar series continues, focusing on many important principles which are key to local highway agency operations and management. These hour-long webinars are on Tuesdays and start at 9:00am. *Please note only the person registered will receive credit and you need to attend 75% of the live session for an attendance certificate and 90% for a PDH certificate.*

- February 3, 2026 - [Culverts](#)
- February 10, 2026 - [Work Zones](#)
- February 17, 2026 - [Traffic Safety](#)
- February 24, 2026 - [Grants, State Aid, Federal Aid and other sources of revenue](#)

Click on each highlighted topic for more information or to register for these webinars. To view the Winter Foundational Webinar series schedule, visit the NYS LTAP Center webinar webpage, [here](#).

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How WIFIA and SRFs Can Power Your Water Infrastructure Projects Webinar, Feb 5

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced \$6.5 billion in Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding for water systems, plus an additional \$550



million available to state infrastructure financing authorities through the State WIFIA program. On Thursday, February 5th, from 1:00-3:00 pm, join presenters Dallas Shattuck, Senior Program Manager for the WIFIA Program, Financial Analyst, Alison Souders, and John Towe, Physical Scientist with the US Environmental Protection Agency, to learn how the WIFIA and State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs are accelerating investment in water infrastructure by providing low-cost financing to help solve water infrastructure challenges.

In this webinar, EPA experts will discuss the WIFIA, Clean Water SRF (CWSRF), and Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF) programs, and how WIFIA and the SRFs can work together. Following the overview, attendees can engage in an interactive Q&A session to ask EPA experts any questions they may have about the programs and accessing these funds.

Stormwater Management Essentials for Small Systems Feb. 19



Small wastewater systems face many of the same stormwater challenges as large cities—flooding, pollution, and aging infrastructure but usually with limited budgets and smaller staff. On Thursday, February 19, from Noon to 1:00pm, join the Environmental Finance Center Network and presenter, Danish Kumar, in this no cost webinar which will provide a practical introduction to stormwater runoff and hydrology, with a focus on how stormwater affects wastewater systems and local watersheds. Participants will learn how nutrients and contaminants in runoff impact receiving waters, and how green infrastructure can be used to manage stormwater. The webinar will end with a walkthrough of free EPA tools that can be used to support planning, decision-making, and grant applications.

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

Your Role as State Agency Records Management Officer Webinar, Feb. 26

Join the New York State Archives and presenters Arthur Sieggel and Vincent Commisso as they present a no cost webinar on Thursday, February 26, from 10-11 am as they define the role and responsibilities of the Records Management Officer (RMO.). The presentation will identify the challenges and responsibilities of the RMO, review steps for getting started as an RMO, discuss the agency partnerships necessary for the implementation of a successful records management program, discuss the importance of a partnership with the State Archives, and provide tips for setting records management goals.

Registration is required, and will close at 4:00pm on February 25. Click [here](#) for more information or to register. All webinars are recorded for future viewing.

For more information, visit the NYSTCA [website](#), or click [here](#) to register.

Newly Elected Town Officials Webinar Recording Available

If you missed the the NYS Tug Hill Commission's training webinar geared for newly elected officials last month, the recording is available to view on the Commission's website [here](#). Experts from the NY Association of Towns covered topics such as conflicts of interest, codes of ethics and boards of ethics, and financial disclosure requirements are great for both newly elected and experienced officials, alike.



NYS Tug Hill Commission Winter Wildlife Webinar Series, Part II: Wolverines, Feb. 26

The Tug Hill Commission kicked off their Winter Wildlife Webinar series this past January. The second instalment focuses on wolverines and will take place on Thursday, February 26, beginning at 7:00 pm.



Join the Commission and expert presenters on these webinars throughout the winter, highlighting flora and fauna of the northeast. For more information on the series, visit the Winter Wildlife Series webpage, [here](#). Or, to register, click [here](#).

Developing and Implementing Comprehensive Plans Webinar, February 26



Join the MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook on Thursday, February 26, from 6-7pm, as they present their second, no cost, training session of the year, *From Big to Small - The Big Picture - Developing and Implementing Comprehensive Plans*

Comprehensive plans are amazing tools to facilitate development of a community vision, and charting a road map toward realizing your priorities. Developing the plan can be an exciting and valuable community-driven exercise, and when done well, can streamline implementation. This session will offer guidance on the development of comprehensive plans and transitioning from big picture concepts to action items – including regulatory reform.

To register for this webinar, click [here](#). For more information, or to view the 2026 Municipal Bootcamp Program, visit the MRB Group Bootcamp [webpage](#).

The MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook's free annual training program will include 10 hours of remote training designed to provide a comprehensive education that encompasses all aspects of municipal governance. Each program in the series will be provided remotely on the fourth Thursday of each month with subject matter experts from MRB Group and knowledgeable attorneys from Hancock Estabrook, LLP. Topics will be useful and can qualify for the education requirements for members of Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals. These sessions are geared to assist local governments, town officials, and planning and zoning boards.

Annual Planning Symposium, March 19

Registration is open for the 36th Annual Planning Symposium, sponsored by the Onondaga County Planning Federation. Scheduled from 8:00 am - 4:15 pm on March 19, at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown, the courses can be used to fulfill annual training requirements for planning and zoning board members.



The daylong training includes numerous options for sessions, including Special Use Permits, Area Variances, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Changes in NYS Wetland Regulations, and How Land Use Drives Local Government Revenue and Operation. The Keynote Address, *How to Kickstart Planning Action in Your Community*, will be given by J. Gregory Connors, President and CEO of the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation.

Early registration is \$85 per person, if received prior to February 13, and \$100 if received after. All registrations must be received by March 6.

For more information, including the full program, sessions, presenter biographies, please visit the Onondaga Planning Department's Planning Symposium [webpage](#), or click [here](#) to register.

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2026 Local Government Conference, April 20 & 21

Registration for the 35th Annual Local Government Conference is open. Once again, the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center will host the conference, slated for April 20 and 21.



Planning for Growth is the focused session on Monday, April 20, from 1:00-5:00pm. It seems as Central New York and the Mohawk Valley are on the brink of an economic boom driven by major developments like Micron, Chobani, and the Tech Hub. With growth, however, comes new challenges, especially for towns and villages navigating housing and land use pressures. Join speaker, Bill Fulton, and a panel of experts as they offer insight and strategy as how local governments can adapt policies and planning practices to manage this growth in ways that benefit residents, strengthen communities, and support fiscal health.

The full day on April 21 offers multitrack, concurrent sessions on topics such as an overview of the revaluation process, what elected officials need to know about their assessor's office, ambulance service in rural New York State, sign regulation, zoning basics for enforcement officials and board members, considerations for municipalities regarding ATV recreation, and much more.

Please visit the Tug Hill Commission's Local Government [webpage](#) for more information, as well as the full agenda with session descriptions. Or click [here](#) to register.

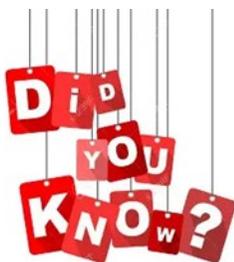
NOCCOG to Cover One Local Government Conference Registration for Each Member Municipality



The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments will once again cover the registration cost of 1 attendee from each member municipality planning to attend the 2026 Local Government Conference, April 20 & 21, at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center. The intent is twofold, as training and knowledge are essential in any board position, and it offers savings to participating NOCCOG communities.

The registration can cover one or both days of the conference, including the reception. However, the **registrations must be received by John Healt, jhealt@tughill.org, prior to March 13**. Local Government Conference registrations and agendas have been sent but are also available on the Tug Hill Commission's LGC [webpage](#).

For more information or to secure your registration, please reach out to John Healt by calling, 315-941-2818, or by email, jhealt@tughill.org.



March Village Election ▪ Wednesday, March 18, 2026

In any year in which the third Tuesday of March falls on the seventeenth day of March, the board of trustees must adopt a resolution at least sixty days before the village election stating that the election will be held on the eighteenth day of March. For all village elections scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, the village board of trustees must pass a resolution designating Wednesday, March 18, 2026 as village election day. ***Changing the date of the village election to March 18, 2026 will not otherwise alter the political calendar, which continues to be computed from the third Tuesday of March (see, Election Law § 15-104(1)(b))***

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – LGC Training Sessions

Complete session descriptions can be found on our website at www.tughill.org/local-government-conference-presentations or scan the QR Code:



7:30 a.m. - Registration Opens	8:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks
7:30 a.m. - Breakfast with Exhibitors	Noon - Lunch

Session 1 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Session 2 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session 3 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Session 4 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
<p>1A) ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities</p> <p>Taylor McKinney, NYS Tug Hill Commission, and Susan O’Rorke and Peter Baynes, New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal</p>	<p>2A) Hot Topics for Town Boards</p> <p>Lori Mithen-Demasi and Katie Hodgdon, Association of Towns of the State of New York</p>	<p>3A) Implementation of Article 26-C of AGM Law: The Shelter Standards Act</p> <p>David Chico and Dr. Bridgette Kennedy, Department of Agriculture & Markets</p>	<p>4A) Ambulance Service in Rural New York State</p> <p>Nathaniel Degear, Oswego County EMS, and Angie Kimball and Katie Malinowski, NYS Tug Hill Commission</p>
<p>1B) Chobani’s Expansion in Upstate New York</p> <p>Max Finberg, Chobani</p>	<p>2B) Municipal Considerations for Procurement and Writing RFPs for Professional Services</p> <p>Laird Petrie, Municipal Consultant, and Matthew Cervini and Mark Tompkins, GYMO</p>	<p>3B) The Assessors Office: What Elected Officials Need to Know</p> <p>Rob Bick, Town of Clay</p>	<p>4B) To Reval or Not to Reval: How to Decide?</p> <p>Warren Wheeler, NYS Assessors Association, Inc.</p>
<p>1C) Land Use and SEQRA Case Law Update</p> <p>Matthew Fitzgerald, Phillips Lytle</p>	<p>2C) Placemaking in Your Community</p> <p>Bill Fulton, William Fulton Group</p>	<p>3C) Sign Regulation</p> <p>NYS Department of State, Division of Local Government Services</p>	<p>4C) SEQRA Basics</p> <p>Henry Zomerfeld, Hodgson Russ LLP</p>
<p>1D) Zoning Basics for Enforcement Officials and Board Members</p> <p>NYS Department of State, Division of Local Government Services</p>	<p>2D) Litigation Lessons: Strategies to Avoid Article 78 Proceedings</p> <p>Corey Auerbach, Barclay Damon</p>	<p>3D) Variances and Limitations</p> <p>Corey Auerbach, Barclay Damon</p>	<p>4D) Questions and Answers for Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals</p> <p>Matthew Fitzgerald, Phillips Lytle</p>
<p>1E) Clean Energy and Host Community Agreements</p> <p>Charles W. Malcomb II and Henry Zomerfeld, Hodgson Russ LLP</p>	<p>2E) Abandonment of Town Highways</p> <p>Kenneth L. Ayers, The Ayers Law Firm</p>	<p>3E) Cybersecurity Made Simple for Government Leaders</p> <p>Lisa A. Brown, IT For Local Government Powered by CST Group Inc.</p>	<p>4E) Highway Departments and Town Budgets</p> <p>Joseph Wasilewski, Jefferson County Highway Department, and Laird Petrie, Municipal Consultant</p>
<p>1F) Fiscal Responsibilities of Town Clerks and Village Clerk-Treasurers</p> <p>Ingrid M. Otto, Office of the NYS Comptroller</p>	<p>2F) Navigating AI: The Do’s, Don’ts, and Must-Knows for Clerks</p> <p>Lisa A. Brown, IT For Local Government Powered by CST Group Inc.</p>	<p>3F) Hot Topics for Municipal Clerks</p> <p>Lori Mithen-Demasi and Katie Hodgdon, Association of Towns of the State of New York</p>	<p>4F) Local Registrar and Clerk Responsibilities for Births, Deaths, and Marriages</p> <p>Kristi Winston, NYS Department of Health</p>