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**Announcements**

**Understanding the PFAS Regulatory Framework: What to Know and Watch For**

PFAS regulations are rapidly evolving at the federal and state levels, creating new compliance challenges and financial pressures for water systems across the country. Small utilities, in particular, must navigate an increasingly complex regulatory landscape while managing limited resources. Understanding what’s required now, and what’s on the horizon, is critical to protecting both public health and system sustainability.



This one-hour webinar on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 1:00 pm, will break down the current PFAS regulatory framework, highlight key compliance risks and monitoring requirements, and explore practical, cost-effective strategies for managing PFAS-related obligations. The session is designed for utility managers, public works directors, finance and grant administrators, and organizations focused on safe drinking water who are looking to stay informed on regulatory developments and plan effectively for the future.

For more information, or to register, click [here](#).

**NYSLTAP - CLRP Foundational Webinars**



Join the Cornell Local Roads Program as they kick off their no cost Summer Foundational Webinar series this month, focusing on many important principles which are key to local highway agency operations and management. Each webinar offers a convenient way to learn the basics of a particular topic. Taken together, they cover the foundation of local highway issues. The 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.*

- June 9 - [Road Alignment & Intersections](#)
- June 16 - [Purchasing & Financing](#)
- June 23 - [Surface & Subsurface Drainage](#)
- June 30 - [Gravel & Base Materials](#)

For more information about these webinars, or to view the Winter Foundational Webinar series schedule, visit the NYS LTAP Center webinar webpage, [here](#).

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### Tug Hill Commission Meeting, June 17



The Tug Hill Commission is scheduled to meet Wednesday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ava Town Hall, 11468 NYS State Route 26, Ava. The meeting will include routine business of the commission, and a review of major projects and activities in the region. The Commission meetings are open to the public and local officials are always encouraged to attend.

### NOCCOG Executive Committee to Meet June 18

The NOCCOG directors are scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Town of Trenton municipal offices. Along with routine business, other items on the proposed agenda include the GPS mapping program, the scholarship program and possible future trainings. The executive committee meetings are always open to the public.



For more information, contact John Healt at 315-941-2818 or [jhealt@tughill.org](mailto:jhealt@tughill.org).

### Oneida County Launches Youth Investment Initiative



In partnership with Oneida County, the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties is seeking applications from local nonprofit organizations for programs that address the unique needs and challenges of at-risk youth in Oneida County and provide meaningful services which help to reduce acts of violence among youth. Submissions will be accepted through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Oneida County Youth Investment Initiative invites nonprofits and government entities to apply for \$25,000 to \$450,000 to expand existing programs or create new programs that foster positive youth development, strengthen community ties, and reduce factors that contribute to youth violence. Funding request amounts should be proportionate to an organization's overall operating budget, number of employees/volunteers, and ability to implement the proposed program.

Proposed programs must align with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Youth Violence Prevention Resource for Action Guide](#).

For more information, visit the Community Foundation's Youth Investment Initiative [webpage](#). Applying for the grant is completed through their grant application portal.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization, an organization with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor, government entity, or a faith-based organization seeking support for programs that address non-religious needs or issues, serving diverse constituencies without regard to religious affiliation. Applicants must operate within Oneida County. New programs in need of funding must begin no earlier than September 1, 2026. If the request is for an existing or ongoing program, all expenses incurred prior to September 1, 2026, do not qualify for funding. Requested funding can be applied to expenses through June 30, 2027.

### Roles of the Zoning Board in Community Development webinar, June 25



Join the MRB Group and Hancock Estrabrook on Thursday, June 25, from 6-7pm, as they present their sixth, no cost, training session of the year, *Zoning Board Basics - Roles of the Zoning Board in Community Development*.

Area variances vs. use variances. Statutory tests. Public Hearings. There are so many nuts and bolts to zoning boards' roles and responsibilities. Boardmembers will see a wide variety of projects, and be asked to take action in lots of different ways. This session focuses on the basics of the board's role in the development process, and what might be expected as a boardmember.

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

## New York Planning Federation One Day Training Schools



The NY Planning Federation is once again offering their one-day training schools across New York State. Interested applicants can register for one training or for several. Each day includes three classes, 4.5 training credit hours, light breakfast and lunch, with a cost of \$125 for NYPF members, \$140 for non-members.

Friday, Aug. 7 · Canandaigua, Finger Lakes Community College

- *Planning and Zoning Case Law Update (Donald Young, Esq.)*
- *Beyond the Rulebook: Navigating Ethical Dilemmas in Planning & Zoning Board Decisions (David Plante, AICP CEP)*
- *Built to Work: Strategies for Creating Implementable Long-Range and Strategic Plans (Matt Horn)*

Wednesday, Sept. 9 · Hyde Park, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library

- *Running Planning & Zoning Meetings Successfully (Mark Schachner, Esq.)*
- *When the Answer is “No,” How to Defensibly Disapprove Site Plans, Subdivisions, and Other Land Use Applications (Max Stach, AICP)*
- *One Year Into the New DEC Wetlands Regulations (Teresa Bakner, Esq.)*

Tuesday, Oct. 6 · Hempstead, Hofstra University

- *Comprehensive Planning (Sarah K. Yackel, AICP)*
- *Zoning for Natural Resource Protection, Resilience, and Sustainability (Sarah Sklar, AICP)*
- *When the Answer is “No,” How to Defensibly Disapprove Site Plans, Subdivisions, and Other Land Use Applications (Max Stach, AICP)*

Wednesday, Oct. 14 · Lake Placid, Cambria Hotel Lake Placid

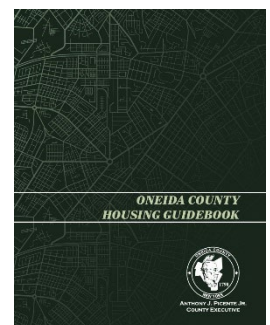
- *Running Planning & Zoning Meetings Successfully (Mark Schachner, Esq.)*
- *Updating Your Comprehensive Plan and Zoning (Christopher Belden, AICP)*
- *Site Plan Review (New York State Department of State)*

Click [here](#) to register. Early registration is encouraged to ensure attendance. For more information, please visit the NYPF [website](#).

## Oneida County Housing Guidebook Available

Marking the next major step in the county’s comprehensive strategy to address housing needs and support smart, sustainable development across the region, Oneida County recently released the Oneida County Housing Guidebook.

The guidebook provides municipalities with practical tools, model strategies and policy guidance to help address local housing needs. It outlines a range of possible strategies that municipalities can review or tailor to their specific community. Municipal leaders, developers and community stakeholders are encouraged to not just review the guidebook, but to also work collaboratively with the County to help implement strategies that could move housing projects forward.



The Oneida County Housing Guidebook and the Oneida County Housing Market Inventory Assessment and Strategy Report can be accessed through the county’s Housing Resources [webpage](#).

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# BLACK RIVER WATERSHED CONFERENCE 2026

**JUNE 3, 2026**

**REGISTER HERE!**

**TINYURL.COM/BRWC2026**



**Scan to Register**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Zachary Labe, PhD**

Communicating Climate Science

**Soil and Water District Updates**

Lewis, Hamilton, Herkimer,  
Jefferson, & Oneida Counties

**Culvert Assessments:**

**Preparing for the Future**

Lewis County Highway

**SnapShot NY**

Joelee Tooley, Cornell University

**Deicing Salt Panel Discussion**

Town of Hague Highway Department  
Chris Navitsky, Lake George Waterkeeper  
Nichelle Swisher, Lewis County SWCD

**Cost: \$60**

Breakfast & lunch included!


Register by Friday, May 29


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***Full agenda coming soon!***



# DATA CENTERS AND THE TUG HILL REGION: Understanding Industry Activity and Planning Considerations for Your Community

Free Webinar Thursday, June 25, 6 – 7:30 p.m., including Q & A

## TOPICS

- ✓ Introduction/Overview of Data Centers
- ✓ Why Rural Communities are Seeing More Data Center Interest
- ✓ Evolution of Data Centers
- ✓ Land Use Tools and Regulations
- ✓ Expansion and Growth of the Industry
- ✓ Types and Scale of Facilities
- ✓ Community Preparedness

## SPEAKERS

-  Jim Damicis, Senior Vice President Camoin Associates
-  Alex Tranmer, CEcD, Director of Industry and Workforce, Camoin Associates
-  Sarah Kirk, Director of Real Estate, Camoin Associates
-  Matthew Johnson, Planning Director, Tug Hill Commission

Please Register by June 23



<https://tinyurl.com/WebinarDataCenters>

