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July Announcements

America250 in Oneida County



Discover Oneida County's essential role in the birth of our nation- a destination whose historical significance rivals Boston and Philadelphia. Walk the grounds where the "Stars and Stripes" first flew in battle, explore the waterway that revolutionized trade and travel, and witness the future of American innovation.

Visit Oneida County Tourism's [Experience America250 webpage](#) for a guide to Oneida County's landmarks and monuments, as well as many of the America250 events happening in our local communities.

NYSLTAP - CLRP Foundational Webinars



Join the Cornell Local Roads Program as they continue 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.

- July 7 - [Managing the Fleet](#)
- July 14 - [Finding, Retaining & Motivating Employees](#)
- July 21 - [Emergency Preparedness](#)
- July 28 - [Communication Tools](#)

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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Water Research Seminar | Water Efficiency: Infiltration and Inflow, July 23



Water efficiency is a critical priority for utilities seeking to optimize their wastewater collection systems and reduce unnecessary operational costs. A major obstacle to achieving this efficiency is Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) - the entry of unwanted non-domestic water into wastewater collection systems through cracked pipes, faulty connections, and stormwater inputs. Left unaddressed, I/I significantly increases the volume of water requiring treatment, strains system capacity, and drives up operational costs for utilities.

This one-hour webinar on Thursday, July 23, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, will examine the causes and consequences of I/I and provide attendees with practical, actionable strategies for detecting and reducing I/I in their systems. By addressing I/I, utilities can improve system performance, extend the life of their infrastructure, conserve resources, and build more sustainable and cost-effective wastewater operations for the communities they serve.

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

The Role of Local Leadership in Attracting Investment and Economic Development webinar, July 23

Join the MRB Group and Hancock Estrabrook on Thursday, July 23, from 6-7pm, as they present their seventh, no cost, training session of the year, *Growing Intentionally - The Role of Local Leadership in Attracting Investment and Economic Development*.



A recent survey of nationwide developers and investors cited the local regulatory landscape as the number one risk when considering new investments. Communities must clearly define the types of development you are seeking, and shape your regulations to accelerate the development review process if you hope to attract investment. This session will focus on the role of planning and development review in positioning a community for economic development.

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

DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grants Due August 12



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Of the \$10 million dollars available through Round 17 of DEC's Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program, \$3 million is reserved for communities with populations of 65,000 or less. Maximum grant awards can range from a maximum of \$2.5 million to a minimum of \$50,000. Funding is open to municipalities and not for profit organizations.

Eligible projects include:

- Traditional street and landscaped park tree inventory and assessment
- Street tree and landscaped park tree inventory and assessment using ground based remote sensing technologies
- Forested natural areas inventory and assessment
- Management plans based on inventory and assessment data

Applications must be submitted through the Statewide Financial System (SFS). Those wishing to apply must first register in SFS. Not-for-profits must also prequalify before the application deadline. Funding for this grant opportunity is provided by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund.

For complete information on eligibility, application questions, grant requirements, and scoring criteria, applicants should review the [UCF Round 17 Request for Applications](#).

Oneida County Housing Tax Incentives



The Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) has approved a new Uniform Tax Exemption and Agency Benefits Policy aimed at expanding housing development opportunities throughout Oneida County.

The policy, which is one component of the county's larger housing initiative, and was approved by the OCIDA Board, broadens the types of housing projects eligible for incentives through property tax abatement and sales tax exemption on building materials. It is designed to address the housing shortages identified in the county's Housing Market Inventory Assessment and Strategy Report released last year. It supports rental, workforce, senior and owner-occupied housing developments while encouraging adaptive reuse, innovative housing construction, compact development, utilizing existing infrastructure, and projects that result in community-wide benefits.

The policy was developed in response to findings from the county's housing strategy report, which identified an aging housing stock, limited new development and increasing demand fueled by economic growth and new job opportunities in emerging industries.

Eligible projects under the policy include multifamily housing, townhomes, condominiums, mixed-use developments, workforce housing, senior housing, single-family homes and innovative housing types such as modular, manufactured and tiny homes. The policy establishes a scoring system that rewards projects incorporating adaptive reuse, compact development, green building practices, infrastructure utilization and community benefits.

Projects that meet eligibility requirements may qualify for varying levels of real property tax abatements, sales tax exemptions and mortgage recording tax exemptions.

The policy will remain in effect through Dec. 31, 2033, unless extended or modified by the IDA. It can be viewed [here](#).

NOCCOG 2026 Scholarship Awards

The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments board of directors is very pleased to announce the winners of the 2026 NOCCOG Scholarships. Each winner will receive \$500 after the completion of their first college semester.



This year's awardees are - Cody Piersall, from Camden, Olivia Healt, from Adirondack, Madeline Snider, from Holland Patent, and Ethan Karis, from Remsen.

The award is given to recognize the importance of local government, as well as the unacknowledged service, commitment, and dedication of community members who are essential in the daily operation of our towns and villages. Ideally, the candidate has been involved in school or community organizations, given their time, often behind the scenes, without the desire for recognition. The award is given with the hope the recipient will someday be involved in their local government.

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