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Western NY Stormwater Management Training Series Continued . .

STORMWATER COURSE DATES

Applied Green Infrastructure
January 12, 2012

Stormwater Ponds and Wetlands
February 7, 2012

Stormwater Management for Linear Projects
March 20, 2012

SWPPP Preparation and Review
April 24, 2012

Additionally, 3 other training centers are offering the classes in order to bring consistency in implementing a statewide stormwater program. The brochure and registration form is available on the District website at: <http://www.monroecountyswcd.org/Pages/Stormwater%20Trainings.html> or contact Kelly Emerick, Monroe County Soil and Water District Executive Director at 585-473-2120 or kelly.emerick@ny.nacdnet.net

There will be a NYS Floodplain & Stormwater managers annual meeting on May 1-3 at the Holiday Inn Arena in downtown Binghamton, NY. The first day consists of a full day Certified Floodplain Manager course. Registration materials will be available in February. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss flood preparations, response and ways to become more resilient to the next flood. Contact William Nechamen, Chief Floodplain Management, NYS DEC at 518-402-9029. ■

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EDITORIAL *by Eileen Weishan*

Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year from the Staff at Southern Tier West

I would like to welcome the newly elected and reelected officials. You face many difficult decisions that may require time consuming discussions, research and meetings. Please know that Southern Tier West is here to help you make wise choices by providing resources and opportunities to learn more about the issues throughout the year. We are just a phone call away. Our staff covers many areas such as website creation, GIS parcel data, training, grant assistance, economic development, general technical assistance, referrals to other agencies and resources. A listing of Staff members, phone extension, and areas of expertise are discussed in an article on Page 2. We are very willing to attend your Board meetings or meet you for coffee and discuss issues. Call us at 716-945-5301. ■

TAX CAP INFO

I am sure Towns and Fire Districts are now aware of the intricacies of the NYS Tax Cap. However, Villages have just started the budget and tax Cap process. NYCOM and the NYS Comptroller's Office have information on line to assist with the process. NYCOM has a "Calendar of Dates Checklist" for Village Budgeting in 2012 as well as links to a sample local law to override the tax levy limit if needed. The NYS Comptroller's website contains online reporting forms, samples and instructions, Important Dates, FAQ's, tax Base Growth Factors, Summary of Legislation, Guidelines for implementation and training materials for Towns, Villages and Fire Districts. <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/realprop/index.htm>. ■



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AWARDS

STW ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

Each year at the Southern Tier West Annual Meeting, ST W presents award for outstanding support and service.

The **Marden J. Cobb Award** is given to a STW Board member and is named after a past STW Board Member. For 2011 it was awarded to Charles Couture, STW Board member since 2007 and past Cattaraugus County Legislator.

The **Stan Lundine Award** is given for outstanding service to the Southern Tier region. The 2011 award was given to James Tammaro, NYS Archives Region 8 Advisory Officer. Mr. Tammaro has retired after 33 years working in Records Management, first with the Town of Amherst and then for 21 years with New York State Archives. His dedication and support to local officials, especially Records Management Officers, has brought out the best in the Region 8 Records program. Teaching, offering technical assistance and advice, grants writing and management advise, and listening to problems and successes were all part of his position. We thank him for his service, friendship and care.

The **Local Government Award** is given for outstanding service and support to the Community and the Southern Tier West Region. The 2011 award winner is Sally P. Carlson, Town of North Harmony Supervisor and past North Harmony Town Clerk. Sally was Town Clerk from 1972 until 2006 when she became the Supervisor. She also divides up her time among other projects such as the Chautauqua Lake Management Commission, Fire Department Auxiliary, North Harmony Senior Citizens group, Senator Jeff J Present Lighthouse Park

STW STAFF

For those of you who are new to local government, we would like to introduce you to Southern Tier West Staff. You can find our emails and phone numbers at www.southerntierwest.org. Please contact any of us with questions, concerns, ideas and comments. We are very willing to talk with you by phone (716-945-5301), email or in person.

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Local Official Training Coordination, Technical Assistance, Records Management Assistance, Corporate and Municipal Membership Program, Municipal Newsletter ■

and the 2011 Bemus Point Stow Ferry Bicentennial Committee.

We congratulate them all and thank them for their dedication and jobs well done.

CHAUTAUQUA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION CLERK OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year the Chautauqua Municipal Clerks Association honors one of its member

Clerks as "Clerk of the Year". This award is given to a Clerk who is dedicated, efficient, and professional, someone who cares about those she/he works with and those she works for, has a passion for the office and for the municipality. This year the Association chose to give the annual award to Gloria Anderson, Village of Falconer Clerk. Congratulations Gloria! You are very deserving of this award! ■

TRAINING SCHEDULE

Code Enforcement Basic Courses

Course Listing is now available on <http://www.dos.ny.gov/DCEA/pdf/WS04.pdf>

BASIC COURSES:

Course 9A: May 29-31 Cheektowaga (next levels continued in the Fall Schedule out in June)

Course 9D: January 17-19 Cheektowaga (Continued from Fall 2011 schedule)

Course 9E: Feb 21-23 Cheektowaga

Course 9F: Mar 27-29 Cheektowaga

Credit Courses will also be offered at the 19th Annual Local Government Conference on May 9, 2012 at Houghton College. ■

New York Rural Water Association

The 2012 training schedule is now available. Courses in western New York include:

March 13 – Line Location/Leak Detection(Water), Cattaraugus DPW Garage, Catt. County

March 27 – Laboratory (Dual), Wellsville, Allegany County

April 11 – Simple Microscope Applications (Dual), Southern Tier West, Salamanca

You can register online at the New York Rural Water website: www.nyruralwater.org/training. There is a fee for each of the programs paid to NY Rural Water.

You may not be aware of the online training available to Water and Wastewater Operators through the NYRWA website. It is a web-based training system that offers water and wastewater Operators in New York the opportunity to access quality training via the internet 24/7/365. The software system delivers, manages and tracks online training through the internet enabling operators to obtain education and recertification credit hours through self-paced courses. All NYRWA courses have been approved by NYSDEC and NYSDOH for recertification credits. Certificates are issued to the participant and the agency once the course is completed. A free demo and current course listing is available at <http://www.nyruralwater.org/training/online-training.cfm>. ■

Western NY Stormwater Management Training Series

For those professionals involved in stormwater management, keeping up with the latest trends and standards can be a challenging task. New techniques, standards, and regulations are evolving as research, experience, policies, and performance data change. To help educate private and municipal engineers, landscape architects, planners, and stormwater professionals, the Western New York Stormwater Management Training Series is back with new core classes for Fall 2011-Spring 2012 held in Henrietta, New York! The trainings will discuss technical concepts in relation to the current state's technical standards. These trainings offer an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge of new stormwater standards, particularly the Green Infrastructure chapter that has been added to the 2010 NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual.

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Newly Elected Town Officials Training

Evening programs will be held in each of the three southern tier counties to introduce newly elected Town officials to the powers and duties of their office. This will include Town Supervisors, Clerks, Council and Highway Superintendents. The dates for programs are: Southern Tier West, Salamanca, Cattaraugus County on January 26th; Crossroads, Belmont, Allegany County on January 30th and Jamestown Community College, Jamestown Campus, Chautauqua County on February 2nd. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. with programs running from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Registration will be in the mail and online. This is a great opportunity to find out some of the details of office; what you can and can't do; timelines and processes; ask questions and talk with your peers. This is also a good update for the incumbent officials. ■

STW 19th Annual Local Government Conference

Plans are underway for the 19th Annual Local Government Conference to be held on Wednesday, May 9th at Houghton College. The Planning Committee is narrowing down topics and speakers in order to provide you a day of quality training that is timely and essential to your day to day operations. This is a great opportunity to talk with your peers, have questions answered by State agency representatives and discuss how area businesses can help in your municipality. Registration will be sent by mail and email the beginning of March. ■