

2021 Fall Planning & Zoning Webinars

Hosted by Southern Tier West

Thursday's at 1:00 PM via Zoom

SEPTEMBER 9—Zoning: An Introduction

Presenter: NYS Department of State

Duration: 2 Hours

Designed for new members of both planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. The course provides a basic overview of the functions of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals and the land use tools they work with, the role of the comprehensive plan, procedures for holding meetings and hearings, and the enforcement of the boards' decisions.

SEPTEMBER 23—Process for Re-Writing and Changing Zoning Laws

Presenters: Lance Brabant and Shaun Logue, MRB Group

Duration: 1 Hour

From a simple rezone to complex ordinance updates, learn about the process for updating your zoning ordinance. Take a closer look at how communities are addressing new and emerging land uses, replacing long lists of antiquated uses with use categories, and incorporating graphics and other user-focused features. This webinar will further discuss specific challenges and trends that dated zoning codes present to planning officials and the development community, and will offer practical advice for how to review the ordinances to solve those challenges. This presentation will further walk you through the revision and regulatory process.

SEPTEMBER 30—Trail Towns: Gateways To Growth

Presenters: Carl Schoenthal and Nicole Manapol, Letchworth State Park

Duration: 1 Hour

With investments from New York State and private foundations accelerating the growth of long-distance trail systems in Western NY, rural communities have an important opportunity to leverage their proximity to trails to spur economic and community development. Learn about the Genesee Valley Trail Town initiative and how your community can benefit from the outdoor recreation economy.

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OCTOBER 7—Historical Preservation for Communities

Presenter: Ryan Jarles, Landmark Society of WNY

Duration: 1 Hour

Talking about Origins of historic preservation/beginnings of HP in the US, moving into different levels of HP (Local, state, federal and what their roles are); talking about from a planning aspect how local communities can utilize preservation through the creation of districts with design guidelines etc. (with some good examples of communities in the southern tier as sort of case studies to show how those communities went through their processes.)

OCTOBER 14—Overcoming Your Top Municipal Land Use Difficulties

Presenter: John Steinmetz and Molly Gaudioso, Barton & Loguidice

Duration: 1 Hour

Every community struggles with land use issues at some point in time. The reasons often are related to the impacts associated with the use, public reaction, or inadequate regulations. Some of these difficulties may be unique to the characteristics of your town, village, or city, such as farmland conservation, economic development, or historic preservation. Others are shared across many community contexts, such as the pressures of new technologies, changing markets, and demographic shifts. What land use conflicts or concerns are you facing and how is it going? This will be an interactive session with learning opportunities based on the audience's collective experiences. In advance of this session we intend to send out a brief online survey to help us focus our session on your specific local land use issues. Please register before October 1st to be included in the email with the online survey link. If you miss the survey, that's ok! We welcome all to attend and participate in the discussion.

OCTOBER 28—Overview of ORES Siting Process/NYSERDA's Resources Available for Local Governments

Presenter: Bill Oberkehr, NYSDERA

Duration: 1 Hour

An overview of the Office of Renewable Siting (ORES) and the new process for permitting large scale solar projects will be provided. Additionally, a description of NYSDERA's Clean Energy Siting tools & resources and technical assistance available for local communities that are managing these larger clean energy projects.

NOVEMBER 4—Living With Short-Term Rentals In Your Residential Neighborhoods

Presenters: Gary Palumbo and Richard Stanton, Ellicottville NY

Duration: 1 Hour

Recent trends in peer-to-peer home rental programs have increased the opportunity for your neighbors to rental their vacant apartment for the weekend. This increase in transient tenants has heightened the potential for neighborhood impacts. This presentation will discuss measures to regulate short-term rentals in your community. We'll address such questions as; do you want to prohibit or regulate short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods? How can you mitigate impacts and concerns related to personal safety, noise, parking, garbage and the general effects on community character? What about displacement of long-term housing? ...and don't forget, if you choose to regulate, your comprehensive plan should relate the municipality's intentions and provide a rational supporting short-term regulation.

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DECEMBER 2—Enhancing Transparency & Effectiveness in Planning Proceedings

Presenter: Matt Horn, MRB Group

Duration: 1 Hour

Public confidence in government is low. Local leaders must find opportunities to bring the public “under the tent” as it relates to planning decisions. Simply “checking the boxes” in terms of open meetings requirements is not enough to ensure that the public understands projects and their potential impact. This presentation will examine best practices and inexpensive (or free) tools to ensure the public understands the impact of proposed projects and your thought process in arriving at a final decision.

DECEMBER 9—Solar Energy Regulations

Presenter: Ian Latimer, NYSERDA

Duration: 1 Hour

Introduction to the important considerations for communities looking to implement or update zoning regulations for solar energy systems. We will cover key strategies included in the Model Solar Law, a highly-customizable resource contained in NYSERDA’s Solar Guidebook for Local Governments, and will highlight topics of community interest including system decommissioning, agricultural land impacts, and others.

DECEMBER 23—Getting the Most Out of Your Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

Presenter: Shannon Clarke, NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services

Duration: 1 Hour

A comprehensive hazard mitigation planning process scope of work with a focus on HMP update-specific items, with tasks and subtasks provided; plan maintenance - milestone activities for each year of the plan's five-year lifecycle (make the next update easier too!)

Credits are available for Planning & Zoning Board Members (PZ) and Code Enforcement Officers (CEO).

You can register on-line at [www.southerntierwest.org/on-line training.html](http://www.southerntierwest.org/on-line%20training.html) or mail the form to: Southern Tier West, 4039 Route 219, Ste. 200, Salamanca NY 14779—ATTN: Sarah.

If you have any questions regarding these webinars or registration, please contact Sarah Phearsdorf, Community Assistance Specialist at 716-945-5301 Ext. 2200 or sphearsdorf@southerntierwest.org.

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