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## NOCCOG's 29th Annual Dinner and Meeting is October 25th

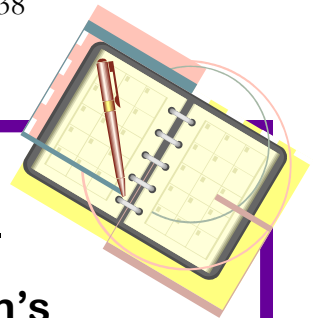
On Thursday, October 25, 2012, the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments will be holding its annual business meeting and dinner at the Delta Lake Inn, 8524 Fish Hatchery Road, Rome, NY 13440. The social gathering begins at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 pm. More information about the Delta Lake Inn can be found at <http://www.deltalakeinn.com/>.

This year's guest speaker will be Kenneth Tompkins, the Mohawk Valley Regional Director for Empire State Development (ESD). ESD serves as the lead agency managing the Regional Economic Development Councils. A short business meeting is also on the agenda which will include the election of the NOCCOG Executive Board for 2013 and approval of the 2013 NOCCOG budget.

The cost for dinner is \$20 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by **Friday, October 19, 2012**. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Gerry Ritter, Municipal Management Consultant, at (315) 392-2260 or [gitter01@aol.com](mailto:gitter01@aol.com). You can also mail a check payable to NOCCOG, along with your name and title and the name(s) of your guest(s) to:



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## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Tug Hill Commission's 24th Annual Local Government Conference will be held March 28, 2013 at Jefferson Community College. Watch for coming details. If you have ideas for presentation topics or presenters, please let us know!

## Land Use Training Conference

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The Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program (HOCCPP) will be hosting its fifth annual Land Use Training Conference at Mohawk Valley Community College, Information Technology Building, Utica, NY on **Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 8:30 am to 1:15 pm**. The conference provides an opportunity for local planning and zoning board members to receive training on a variety of land use topics, both basic and intermediate in scope. Brochures and registration materials were both mailed and emailed for the upcoming training. The conference will allow planning and zoning board member the opportunity to complete their yearly training requirement. Attendees for the conference will be able to receive 4 hours of required training in one day. **The conference fee is \$20 if registered by October 4 and late registrations will be taken until October 25 at \$25.** Interested individuals can phone or e-mail HOCCPP at (315) 798-5710 or [landuseconference@ocgov.net](mailto:landuseconference@ocgov.net) for additional information.



### Land Use Planning Workshop: NYS Agricultural Districts Law

**DATE:** Monday, October 22, 2012

**TIME:** 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**ROOM:** Jules Center Amphitheater, Room 6-002

**ADDRESS:** Jefferson Community College, 1220 Coffeen St., Watertown, NY 13601

The Jefferson County Department of Planning and the NYS Tug Hill Commission are cosponsoring a land use training session featuring Robert Somers, Ph.D. Robert Somers is the Manager of the Agricultural Protection Unit of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Bob has been with the Department since 1993 and is responsible for the administration of the Agricultural Districts Law and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program. His work is focused on “right-to-farm” issues, such as sound agricultural practices, unreasonably restrictive ordinances, and agricultural impact statements.

Jay Matteson, Jefferson County Agricultural Coordinator will also be on hand to answer any questions from the audience about our local agricultural industry. He can share his perspective on the future of agriculture, the impact of the industry on our economy, and the opportunities that might exist for local municipalities in agriculture.

#### AGENDA

**6:30-6:35 pm: Welcoming Remarks**

**6:35-8:00 pm: Presentation by Robert Somers:**

This presentation addresses NYS Agriculture and Markets Law (AML), Article 25-AA - Agricultural Districts, a comprehensive set of laws enacted to protect and encourage the development and improvement of the State's agricultural land. The discussion includes an overview of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets' Agricultural Districts Program, including the State policy which forms the foundation of the Agricultural Districts Law; coordination of local planning and land use decision making with the Agricultural Districts Program; and the compatibility of certain local land use regulations and decisions.

**8:00-8:30 pm: Ample time will be reserved for questions and answers**

**RSVPs are strongly encouraged by Thursday, October 18th.** Please call Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144 or email [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us). If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide 2 hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training requirement. Note to Planning Board and ZBA Chairpersons and Clerks: Please share this notice with other Board members and officials in your community.

## Training for Municipal Boards and Highway Departments

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Attorney **Ken Ayers** was the presenter at a workshop, *One for the Road*, held at SUNYIT in June 2011. The 170 attendees from NYS Department of Transportation and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the local counties, town and village officials learned valuable information about roads, highways and the legal issues associated with them. There were a multitude of questions in 2011 and demand for a second session.

Mr. Ayers will be returning for the upcoming workshop, *Highway Issues are His Business*. Ken Ayers is one of the leading legal experts in New York State on road and highway legal issues. The session will be held **November 1, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT, Utica**. Certificates of attendance will be available for Planning Board & ZBA members. This session will examine current and developing legal issues with a focus on a municipality's responsibility with respect to roads & highways. Topics covered will include:

- Highway right-of way road management
- Width of user roads
- Abandonment procedures and effects
- Local control over roadways (i.e., given natural gas exploration & development of word energy and impacts on local roads)
- Town's right to grant permits & franchises for use of local roads to utility companies, developers, and others.

This training is being sponsored by the, SUNY IT Institute for Local Government and the Local Government Education Committee of Oneida and Herkimer Counties. Brochures with registration information have been mailed out and are also available at the following website: <http://lgec.org/content>. There is a \$15 fee for the workshop. **Payment is due by October 26** and checks should be made out to The College Association and be sent to: Continuing Professional Education, LGEC Registration, SUNYIT, 100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY 13502, Phone: 315-792-7270.



## Land Use Training Session: Farm Friendly Zoning

The Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning is pleased to offer a training session entitled "Farm Friendly Zoning." The session will take place **Tuesday, October 23, 2012 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** at the Lewis County Court House Office Building, 7660 North State Street, Lowville, NY, 2nd Floor Legislative Chambers. Please RSVP to the Lewis County Department of Economic Development and Planning by **Friday, October 19, 2012 to reserve your space**. Please call (315) 376-5422 or email [syoung@lewiscountyny.org](mailto:syoung@lewiscountyny.org).

Nan C. Stolzenburg, AICP CEP and Principal of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, will be conducting the training session. Ms. Stolzenburg has over 20 years of professional and technical experience in many areas of land use and the environment, with special interests in small town and rural planning, community revitalization, comprehensive planning, and public participation.

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## Fundraising Workshop for Non-Profits

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The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is sponsoring *A Non-profit Fundraising Workshop* with fundraising Expert Andy Robinson on Friday, October 19, 2012 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the NYS Zoo at Thompson Park – Classroom, 1 Thompson Park, Watertown, NY 13601. The cost is \$25per person and includes breakfast and workshop materials. Space is limited so please **RSVP by October 15, 2012** to 779-8240 or [thtomorr@northnet.org](mailto:thtomorr@northnet.org).

The workshop is geared towards board and staff of any non-profit interested in raising more operating money for their organization. Andy Robinson, a leading non-profit fundraising consultant will conduct this workshop. For 32 years, Andy Robinson, has worked with a variety of nonprofits as a fundraiser, publicist, grant writer, and community organizer. Since starting his consulting practice in 1995, he has provided support and training to thousands of nonprofit staff and volunteers in 47 U.S. states and Canada. He specializes in the needs of organizations working for human rights, social justice, environmental conservation, and community development.



## FEMA's Community Resilience Innovation Challenge

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a new funding opportunity to build local resilience, through a Whole Community approach called the Community Resilience Innovation Challenge. This new monetary opportunity is designed to continue to move community preparedness forward and assist local areas in building and revitalizing community-based partnerships to advance the nation's resilience to disasters.

Funding levels will vary, with a maximum award of \$35,000, and applications are open to most local, state, and tribal agencies and governments; business entities; associations; organizations and groups. **Submissions will be accepted through October 26.**

Key assessment areas for the awards will be the applicants' demonstration that their approach to community resilience is innovative, collaborative with community stakeholders, sustainable, repeatable—in that the approach enables other communities to replicate their successful outcomes—and beneficial to the community in measurable ways. FEMA recognizes that a government-centric approach to disaster management is insufficient to meet the challenges posed by a catastrophic incident. To meet the Nation's preparedness goals, the Whole Community must be actively involved in all phases of the preparedness, response, and recovery cycle. These awards are designed to invest in and enhance the Whole Community effort.

Additional information on the Challenge program criteria and application process can be found at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.ResilienceChallenge.org](http://www.ResilienceChallenge.org).