



2026 Local Government Conference

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PLANNING FOR GROWTH: Monday, April 20, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RECEPTION: Monday, April 20, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Turning Stone Conference Center – 5218 Patrick Road, Verona, NY 13478



All of this and more can be found at <http://www.tughill.org/localgovernmentconference>

<p>PLANNING FOR GROWTH Monday, April 20, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Central New York and the Mohawk Valley are on the brink of an economic boom driven by major developments like Micron, Chobani, and the Tech Hub. With growth, however, comes new challenges, especially for towns and villages navigating housing and land use pressures. Join us for an afternoon of insight and strategy as we explore how local governments can adapt policies and planning practices to manage this growth in ways that benefit residents, strengthen communities, and support fiscal health.</p> <p>\$25 if postmarked by 3/20/2026 \$50 if postmarked 3/21/2026 or later</p>		<p>Two Ways to Register:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Register Online</u> (credit card only) events.humanitix.com/lgc-2026</p> <p>Open through March 27, 2026 (Late fee applies beginning March 21, 2026.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Register by Mail</u> (check only)</p> <p>Complete the included form and mail it back with your check. (Late fee applies beginning March 21, 2026.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RECEPTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, April 20, 2026 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Mingle, connect, and join fellow attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, speakers, and agency representatives for a relaxed networking session. Enjoy passed hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar as you make new connections.</p> <p>\$20 if postmarked by 3/20/2026 \$40 if postmarked 3/21/2026 or later</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FULL DAY OF TRAINING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.</p> <p>The conference includes four concurrent sessions, breakfast, lunch, and coffee break, printed program, certificate of attendance, and free covered parking.</p> <p>\$90 if postmarked by 3/20/2026 \$180 if postmarked 3/21/2026 or later</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrations will not be accepted over the phone, nor by FAX, nor by Email. • Please call the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380 with any questions. • ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 20, 2026

TURNING STONE HOTEL INFORMATION

For overnight reservations, please call Turning Stone at 1-800-771-7711 by Monday, March 30, 2026.

To ensure you receive the group rate, please tell the attendant you are booking under the NYS Tug Hill Commission room block. Rooms are limited, so please book early. Hotel rooms on-site at Turning Stone are \$156 (1 king or 2 double beds). Hotel rooms off-site at Sandstone Hollow Inn (2 queen beds, current GSA rate) are also available with free shuttle service to and from Turning Stone Conference Center.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – LGC Training Sessions

Complete session descriptions can be found on our website at

www.tughill.org/local-government-conference-presentations or scan the QR Code:



7:30 a.m. - Registration Opens	8:30 a.m. - Opening Remarks
7:30 a.m. - Breakfast with Exhibitors	Noon - Lunch

Session 1 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Session 2 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session 3 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Session 4 3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
<p>1A) ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities</p> <p>Taylor McKinney, NYS Tug Hill Commission, and Susan O’Rorke and Peter Baynes, New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal</p>	<p>2A) Hot Topics for Town Boards</p> <p>Lori Mithen-Demasi and Katie Hodgdon, Association of Towns of the State of New York</p>	<p>3A) Implementation of Article 26-C of AGM Law: The Shelter Standards Act</p> <p>David Chico and Dr. Bridgette Kennedy, Department of Agriculture & Markets</p>	<p>4A) Ambulance Service in Rural New York State</p> <p>Nathaniel Degear, Oswego County EMS, and Angie Kimball and Katie Malinowski, NYS Tug Hill Commission</p>
<p>1B) Chobani’s Expansion in Upstate New York</p> <p>Max Finberg, Chobani</p>	<p>2B) Municipal Considerations for Procurement and Writing RFPs for Professional Services</p> <p>Laird Petrie, Municipal Consultant, and Matthew Cervini and Mark Tompkins, GYMO</p>	<p>3B) The Assessors Office: What Elected Officials Need to Know</p> <p>Rob Bick, Town of Clay</p>	<p>4B) To Reval or Not to Reval: How to Decide?</p> <p>Warren Wheeler, NYS Assessors Association, Inc.</p>
<p>1C) Land Use and SEQRA Case Law Update</p> <p>Matthew Fitzgerald, Phillips Lytle</p>	<p>2C) Placemaking in Your Community</p> <p>Bill Fulton, William Fulton Group</p>	<p>3C) Sign Regulation</p> <p>NYS Department of State, Division of Local Government Services</p>	<p>4C) SEQRA Basics</p> <p>Henry Zomerfeld, Hodgson Russ LLP</p>
<p>1D) Zoning Basics for Enforcement Officials and Board Members</p> <p>NYS Department of State, Division of Local Government Services</p>	<p>2D) Litigation Lessons: Strategies to Avoid Article 78 Proceedings</p> <p>Corey Auerbach, Barclay Damon</p>	<p>3D) Variances and Limitations</p> <p>Corey Auerbach, Barclay Damon</p>	<p>4D) Questions and Answers for Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals</p> <p>Matthew Fitzgerald, Phillips Lytle</p>
<p>1E) Clean Energy and Host Community Agreements</p> <p>Charles W. Malcomb II and Henry Zomerfeld, Hodgson Russ LLP</p>	<p>2E) Abandonment of Town Highways</p> <p>Kenneth L. Ayers, The Ayers Law Firm</p>	<p>3E) Cybersecurity Made Simple for Government Leaders</p> <p>Lisa A. Brown, IT For Local Government Powered by CST Group Inc.</p>	<p>4E) Highway Departments and Town Budgets</p> <p>Joseph Wasilewski, Jefferson County Highway Department, and Laird Petrie, Municipal Consultant</p>
<p>1F) Fiscal Responsibilities of Town Clerks and Village Clerk-Treasurers</p> <p>Ingrid M. Otto, Office of the NYS Comptroller</p>	<p>2F) Navigating AI: The Do’s, Don’ts, and Must-Knows for Clerks</p> <p>Lisa A. Brown, IT For Local Government Powered by CST Group Inc.</p>	<p>3F) Hot Topics for Municipal Clerks</p> <p>Lori Mithen-Demasi and Katie Hodgdon, Association of Towns of the State of New York</p>	<p>4F) Local Registrar and Clerk Responsibilities for Births, Deaths, and Marriages</p> <p>Kristi Winston, NYS Department of Health</p>

If you are paying with a check, complete this registration form and mail it back with your check. One sheet per attendee please (payment can be made together). Make check payable to: NYS Tug Hill Commission, 317 Washington Street, 6th Floor, Watertown, NY 13601. If you are paying with a credit card, you must register online by March 27, 2026, at <http://events.humanitix.com/lgc-2026>. Please see the fee schedule below.

Step 1: Circle your registration and payment choice:

Fee Schedule	Planning for Growth Monday, April 20, 2026 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Presentations	Reception Monday, April 20, 2026 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Cash bar & appetizers	All Day Conference Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Includes breakfast & lunch
Regular Registration Available through March 20, 2026	\$25 must be registered online or post-marked by March 20, 2026	\$20 must be registered online or postmarked by March 20, 2026	\$90 must be registered online or postmarked by March 20, 2026
Late Registration March 21, 2026 through March 27, 2026	\$50 when postmarked on or after March 21, 2026, or registered online by March 27, 2026	\$40 when postmarked on or after March 21, 2026, or registered online by March 27, 2026	\$180 when postmarked on or after March 21, 2026, or registered online by March 27, 2026

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 20, 2026, and NO REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE, FAX, or EMAIL!

Step 2: Complete your contact information:

First Name:	Last Name:
Title:	Phone:
Email: (REQUIRED)	
Organization or Municipality: (If it is a municipality, please specify town, village, city, etc.)	

Step 3: Acknowledgement of recording policy:

By checking this box, I acknowledge that audio or video streaming or recording of the conference sessions is prohibited and will result in removal from the venue if attempted. Failure to check this box will result in your registration being declined and payment being returned.

Step 4: Circle the four sessions you will attend (select only one choice per column):

1A	2A	3A	4A
1B	2B	3B	4B
1C	2C	3C	4C
1D	2D	3D	4D
1E	2E	3E	4E
1F	2F	3F	4F

Session titles and speakers are on the previous page. Please be sure to choose one session per column.

If registering by mail:

Mail this sheet with your check to:
 NYS Tug Hill Commission
 317 Washington St., 6th Floor
 Watertown, NY 13601

ALL FOUR STEPS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY!