

2026 Tug Hill Local Government Conference @ Turning Stone Conference Center

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Operation Oswego County

Central NY and the Mohawk Valley are on the brink of an economic boom driven by major developments like Micron, Chobani, and the Tech Hub. Join us for an afternoon of insight and strategy as we explore how local governments can capitalize on this growth economy by adapting policies and planning practices to benefit residents, strengthen communities, and support fiscal health.



Featured Speaker Bill Fulton

With decades of experience, Bill Fulton, FAICP, is one of America's major thought leaders on land use, economic development, and urban development. A native of Auburn, NY, Bill holds master's degrees in mass communication and urban planning, and is also a trained meeting and process facilitator. Bill has held many roles, including mayor of Ventura, CA, director of planning and economic development for San Diego, director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University, TX, and the vice president of policy and implementation at Smart Growth America.

Town of Clay Land Use Plan: Leveraging Transformative Economic Development to Create a Community of Place

- Edward Flynn, AICP, Vice President, Director of Planning, LaBella Associates and Brian Bender, Commissioner of Planning and Development, Town of Clay



The Housing Developer's Shopping List -

Patrick Calhoun, Capital Projects Analyst, Liberty Affordable Housing

Lessons Learned from Global Foundries, a Local Government Perspective, J. Gregory Connors, Executive Director, Saratoga Economic Development Corporation; Former Town Supervisor, Town of Stillwater

