



## 2024 NYPF One Day Conferences Program Descriptions

*August 2, 2024*

*Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua*

**“2024 Planning and Zoning Case Law Update”** In this session we will aim to develop a better understanding of planning and zoning concepts by exploring how and why courts addressed issues that arose out of actual planning and zoning decisions.

**“Shifting from Conflict Management to Positive Communication”** It’s human nature to avoid confrontation, while anger and disrespect aimed at elected and appointed officials is an ever-growing problem. The combination is making good people walk away from important roles in local government. Plus, it’s becoming even more difficult to find residents willing to step forward to serve. Perpetual conflict affects the entire community in countless ways. This session will offer some perspective, as well as suggestions for fostering improved communication.

**“Growing Sustainability – The Triple Bottom Line Approach in Local Government Planning and Operations”** Municipalities, particularly in New York State, are consistently “on the hunt” for new investment. How do we ensure that future growth and development don’t overtax our ability to deliver great services, a connected community, and protect the natural environment? This session will focus on case studies for communities employing a “triple bottom approach” to growth – asking tough questions about financial, social, and environmental sustainability in development proposals.

*September 12, 2024*

*Wallace Center, Hyde Park*

**“SEQR Basics”** The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) is a complex law with requirements subject to wide interpretation. If you are Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals member, it is vital you understand SEQRA to make decisions on the applications before you. This is a session intended not only for new Board members, but for everyone who wants a SEQRA refresh.

**“Running Meetings, Proper Decision-Making and Public Participation”** There are many ways to run Planning and Zoning meetings; some decidedly more optimal than others. There are also many decision-making practices and techniques, again, some better than others. Finally, public participation can have substantial impact on successful decision-making and there are numerous ways to manage and not manage public participation. This presentation will focus on many of these issues in our efforts to maintain and enhance respect for and integrity of the Planning and Zoning decision-making process.

**“Recent Changes in Federal and State Wetlands Case Law”** This session will focus on a brief history of the regulation of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act, the 2023 Sackett USSCt decision and

Biden 2023 regulations, a brief history of the regulation of Freshwater Wetlands pursuant to ECL Article 24, 2022 Amendments to ECL Article 24, and practical consequences of federal and State changes for municipalities and economic development.

*September 26, 2024*

*Olympic Center, Lake Placid*

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**“Short Term Rental Trends in the Region”** Short term rentals (STRs) are growing in usage. The overcrowding/abuses may make the headlines, but many happen without incident. Would the host communities and neighbors benefit from some oversight? Are they driving up real estate prices that affect other potential buyers? At this session, learn what strategies local communities have implemented for are considering relative to STRs.

**“Zoning in the Adirondack Park”** This session will provide an overview of the intersection between the regional land use controls of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the special considerations for local land use controls within the “Blueline.”