



COUNTY PLANNING

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Green Your Business!

- NYSDEC's Sustainable Business Navigator (SBN) provides free advice to help small businesses meet sustainability and cost cutting goals.
- Check out <https://dec.ny.gov/get-involved/sustainable-business-navigator> to learn more and begin a conversation with SBN staff!

NYS Community Impact Accelerator Grant Program

- NYS Pollution Prevention Institute's 2026-2027 Community Impact Accelerator Grant Program is now open!
- Awards can range between \$30,000 - \$50,000.
- The focus is to support scalable pollution prevention implementation projects, with priority areas being source reduction, circular economy, and durable systems change.
- Find all the required items for 2026-2027 at <https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/community-impact-accelerator>

Municipal Bootcamp Trainings

- MRB Group has several more free online training opportunities through the remainder of 2026. See <https://mrbgroup.com/bootcamp/> for more information on all the sessions.

GIS Tax Parcel Webinar June 17th

- Whether you're new to using online mapping applications or just want to better understand the new mapping tool, we encourage you to attend our live tutorial via webinar on June 17th from 12pm-1pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/parcelviewer6>

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Veterans' Service Events

- The Otsego County Department of Veterans Affairs, through the NYS Dwyer Grant Program, has scheduled the following social events in the month of June!
 - **Thurs. 6/11:** Coffee Hour at The Gatehouse in Morris from 9am-11am.
 - **Sat. 6/20:** Canoe and Kayak in Portlandville. Call 607-547-4224 to reserve a seat!
 - **Thurs. 6/25:** Coffee Hour at Free Style in Milford Center from 9am-11am.
- If you have any questions please contact the Veterans Services Department at (607) 547-4245.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

- **Friday, August 14th** 8:00am-11:00am
 - Unadilla Highway Building
216 County Hwy 3, Unadilla
- **Saturday, August 15th (Main Event)**
 - 8:00am-1:00pm
 - Meadows Office Complex at 140 County Hwy 33W, Cooperstown

For more information visit our website at <https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-day.php>

Community Assistance Team Offers Lunch and Learn Webinars

- The NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) offers "Community Assistance Teams" that can help communities dealing with outdated or damaged water infrastructure.
- NYS EFC's "Lunch and Learn" webinars share information on how other agencies/programs offer funds that could be used to fill in gaps in water infrastructure projects.
- Visit <https://efc.ny.gov/CAT> for more information and to see a list of upcoming webinars.

ARC Area Development Program

- Turn your economic development plan into action! The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Grant opportunity for 2027 funding is now open, offering funding opportunities for non-profits, educational institutions, economic development agencies and municipalities to strengthen communities, expand workforce capacity and plan your reconstruction projects.
- **Deadline for Pre-Application: June 15, 2026 at 3pm**
- Register for Information Sessions starting May 18th at this [site](#).
- Review resources and start your pre-application [here!](#)

Smart Energy Stakeholder Forum

- Cornell Cooperative Extension Smart Energy Choices Mohawk Valley will be holding a Stakeholder Forum on Thursday, **July 23, 2026** at 6:00pm at Herkimer College.
- You're invited to share your experiences, insights, and ideas related to clean energy.
- <https://www.mohawkvalleyenergychoices.org/events/stakeholder-forum>

New York Planning Federation Training

- NYPF's One Day Training Schools are open for registration. If you serve your local municipality consider attending!
- Register at <https://nypf.org/>

OTSEGO COUNTY MAPPING & GIS

Check out the New Tax Parcel Viewer and other mapping resources, including tutorials, data hubs, mapping requests, and more by clicking [here](#).

You can also email GIS@otsegocountyny.gov or call the Planning Dept. at 607-547-4225.

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Interested in Making Your Community More Resilient to Climate Change and Flooding?

- The Department of State has made available \$40 million through the Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program.
- **Apply by June 26th for Bond Act Funding!**
 - Click [here](#) to view the Request for Applications.
- Learn more about the Bond Act [here](#).

Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program (LULA)

- In collaboration with the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Pace University's Land Use Law Center provided its award-winning training program, the **Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program (LULA)**, to municipalities within the Mohawk Valley region this past June 1-3.
 - Some topics covered during the sessions included planning components and ways which communities have effectively worked on comprehensive plans and integrated various planning initiatives from open space, agriculture, and climate action plans.
 - NYSERDA also presented on land use regulation for clean energy projects, sharing examples of clean energy model laws and best practices, as well as inadvertent impacts of land use decisions.
 - Conference attendees (*see photo*) also participated in an on-site visit of an active solar field located on a capped landfill. There was a tour and a short question and answer period with local town officials.



Senior Planner Kevin Musser attended the LULA training, fourth in from the left in the photo above

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

In preparation for the 2027-2031 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Mohawk Valley, the CEDS Steering Committee and the project lead, the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. (MVEDD), will be interviewing stakeholders and conducting workshops throughout the region to gather insights from industry experts. If you are interested in participating, please follow MVEDD on LinkedIn ([Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc.: Posts | LinkedIn](#)) and online ([Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Inc. - Home](#)) and consider attending the workshops. MVEDD will be posting workshop times and locations on their social media, website, and in their monthly newsletter.

ANY QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW!

Have any planning/solid waste-related updates or events you'd like us to share? Contact Trevor Fuller at (607) 547-4340 or via email at fullert@otsegocountyny.gov. If you have any other questions please reach out to us at (607) 547-4225 or send an email to the department at planning@otsegocountyny.gov