Training for Planning Officials presented by NYS Department of State in cooperation with Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning and Columbia County Planning/Economic Development

Wednesday April 26th 2017

Greene County Emergency Services Training Center, 25 Volunteer Drive, Cairo

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Session I: **Community Design Tools** Wednesday April 26th - 4:00 to 5:30p.m.

Municipal officials have a variety of tools available to them to help shape the appearance of their community. At this session tools ranging from simple design guidelines to landscape ordinances and architectural review boards are discussed. We'll look at some practical approaches that can be applied to both public and private development, and explain some basic design concepts.

Session II: **Special Use Permits** Wednesday April 26th - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Some uses require additional review and should be granted permission only if the application meets certain conditions. These special uses include gas stations, dog kennels, and uses with drive-through windows. The special use permit is also used for development in environmentally sensitive zones with overlays such as for wetlands, steep slopes, and along scenic ridgelines. Scenarios in which the special use permit tool is most helpful will be discussed, along with rules local boards must follow for reviewing and approving applications for special use permits.

Session III: **Record Keeping** Wednesday April 26th - 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon." The same is true of minutes, findings, and the decisions that are issued by planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. Department of State presenters will discuss why board members and support staff should strive to make records that are of value to enforcement personnel, applicants, municipal attorneys, and current and future boards. The course then turns its focus to the components of the record: minutes, findings, and the decision document.

Session IV: **Update on Proposed SEQR Changes** Wednesday April 26th - 7:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Update on proposed amendments to SEQR that will both streamline and strengthen the State's environmental review process by expanding the actions not subject to further review, known as Type II actions, modifying certain thresholds for actions deemed more likely to require the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS), making scoping of an EIS mandatory rather than optional, and making the acceptance procedures for a draft EIS more consistent.

There is no fee to attend the sessions.

Registration Form

I plan on attending sessions on:

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(Note: Start times for sessions II - IV are approximate. Please arrive early)

Name: _____
Address: _____
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