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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

To: Town Supervisors, Village and City Mayors, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairmen, Zoning Enforcement Officers

From: Tim Steinhofer- Planning Intern

Date: March 24, 2010

Re: Land Use Training Workshops for Local Government Officials

The Otsego County Planning Department will host three training workshops on land use regulations. Workshops may meet the state training requirement for local government officials. These workshops will be 4/21/10, 4/28/10, and 5/5/10; and will be held at The Meadows Office building located on County Route 33W about 4 miles south of Cooperstown. Reservations can be made by calling Joy Garner at 547-4225.

The Presentations are described as follows:

- **Wednesday, April 21st, 2010 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**
 - **Addressing Housing Concerns Through Land Use Regulations:** Presented by Robert Augenstern (Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board) & The Otsego County Planning Department

Workshop Description: Otsego County has an Integrated Housing Needs and Opportunities Study dated August 2009. The study identifies the needs of the diverse economic segments of the county's population as they relate to available and affordable housing. Many towns and villages also have housing goals and objectives outlined in their comprehensive plans. This workshop will look at strategies to achieve these goals and objectives, including provisions in zoning, subdivision regulations and mobile home ordinances.

- **Wednesday, April 28, 2010 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Presented by Otsego County Planning Department

Presentation Description: Each of Otsego County's 34 municipalities has either a complete or nearly complete hazard mitigation plan. As such, each community is eligible for mitigation funding through FEMA. This presentation will review the annual updating process that will lead to the 5 year review. Further discussion will be about the types of eligible community mitigation projects, and how to apply for assistance.

- **The Affects of FEMA Flood Map Changes on Your Community:** Presented by Dan Root (Hughson and Benson Associates) & The Otsego County Planning Department

Presentation Description: The mandated purchase of flood insurance is determined by the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps. FEMA has proposed changes to the 100 year flood plain boundaries shown on the maps. Local governments will be given the opportunity to appeal on the behalf of residents. Later this year after FEMA finalizes the changes, local governments will be required to adopt the maps as part of their local NFIP regulation. The presentation will explain these processes and the impact on local residents, including the mandated purchase of flood insurance.

- **Wednesday, May 5, 2010 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

- **The State of GIS Services in Otsego County:** Presented by The Otsego County Planning Department

Presentation Description: As of January 1, 2010, the duties of the Otsego County GIS office have been reallocated to other departments, including the Planning Department. This session will look at GIS duties allocated to the Planning Depart, including GIS services for local governments. The state of Otsego County's various GIS web applications will also be discussed.

- **Transportation Topics Related to Heavy Industry:** Presented by Erik Miller (Otsego County Conservation Association) & The Otsego County Planning Department

Presentation Description: State laws give local government the authority to adopt certain regulations pertaining to road use. This presentation will describe strategies towns may employ to protect roads from damaging effects of heavy industry.

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cc. County Board of Representatives (by email)