

St. Lawrence County Planning Board 2010 Work Program

1. Training and Guest Presentations:

A formal training schedule will be developed to satisfy the State mandated four hour training requirement for county and municipal planning and zoning board members. The County Planning Board will also schedule guest speakers for regular meetings from time to time. Potential speakers suggested include:

- Congressman William Owens or Senator Darrel Aubertine to discuss initiatives on planning and development, or of regional importance.
- A representative from the St. Lawrence County Bar Association to discuss the filing of subdivisions.
- A representative from the DEC to talk about storm water regulations.
- A representative from DANC to talk about the Northern Transportation Corridor.
- A representative (or staff) to talk about airport planning and development restrictions around airports.
- A representative from Verizon to talk about their plan for cellular coverage in the County.

Information on current planning and zoning issues may also be sent to local board members via email.

2. Statutory Responsibilities: The Board will conduct reviews pursuant to General Municipal Law.

3. Projects: The table below lists County Planning Board proposed 2009 projects.

PROJECT	DURATION	STATUS	COMMENTS
Conduct project site visits	Short, topical, focused.	As needed	Visit sites before meetings
Develop MRSI Training Tracks	Summer to Fall	Pending	Identify new planning and zoning topics and speakers (e.g. affordable housing)
Planning Board Retreat	January 9 th , 3 hours	Scheduled	Training hours to be provided
Adopt Policy Guide Revisions	Fall	Pending	Prepare task list and timeline
Model Wind Law Revision	Spring to Summer	Pending	Work with EMC to revise and update existing model wind law
Mining Regulation White Paper	Spring and Summer	Pending	To address what local municipalities can regulate
Water Management	Summer to Fall	Pending	Assess water availability for existing and new uses, and develop drought management policies.

4. Ad Hoc Committees:

Ad Hoc committees may be established as warranted throughout the year. Any Ad Hoc activities will conclude with the presentation of a written report to the full Board for review.

5. Public Service Announcements and Community Outreach:

The County Planning Board will prepare public service announcements on “Greening Up the County” as time permits. Example activities include developing a resolution to designate a County annual clean up day, promoting the “Adopt a Highway” program, and a scrap metal disposal program.

The County Planning Board will hold two regular meetings at different locations throughout the county to address a topic of regional importance. Two communities suggested for on the road meetings are Ogdensburg and Massena. Municipal representatives will be contacted to arrange a date and location. Local officials and county legislators, as well as the general public, will be invited to participate.