



# Genesee/Finger Lakes REGIONAL REVIEW

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## Tracking Our Changing Region: The Regional *Land Use Monitoring Report* (LUMR)

The Regional Land Use Monitoring Report is an annual project that G/FLRPC prepares for the Genesee Transportation Council as part of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The project consists of surveying the 192 municipalities within the Region to develop an inventory of the number, square footage, and monetary value of building permits issued during the previous calendar year.

Both residential as well as non-residential permits are inventoried to identify growth areas and anticipate the future planning and infrastructure needs associated with development. The five specific categories and respective subcategories analyzed in the report are as follows:

Residential: single-family, two-family, three or four-family, five or more-family, mobile/manufactured homes.

Industrial: no subcategories.

Commercial: offices/banks, retail/service, service stations, hotels/motels.

Community Service: hospitals/health facilities, schools/churches.

Not Elsewhere Classified: no subcategories.

This report is an essential tool for identifying and tracking development trends. Data was reported (surveys were returned) for 170 of the 192 municipalities in the nine-county Genesee-Finger Lakes Region (an 88.5% response rate). Data analysis indicated that the greatest amount of development in

the Region in 2006 was permitted in the eastern and southern towns of Monroe County. The Town of Webster issued 159 residential permits for 187 units, the largest number of new units permitted in the Region. The Town of Henrietta issued 176 residential permits for 176 units. In addition, the Town of Greece, a northwest suburb of Rochester, issued 170 residential permits for a total of 184 units.

It is important to note that while the aforementioned towns are witnessing the most growth and development in the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region (as has been the case in recent years), their total numbers of residential permits, as well as units permitted, have been gradually decreasing over the past two to three years. This recent pattern is apparent in other high growth municipalities including the towns of Brighton, Parma, Penfield, Perinton, Pittsford, and Victor. Conversely, permits in the towns of Canandaigua and Farmington have increased in recent years. Industrial and Commercial development patterns remained similar to past years in that the counties comprising the Transportation Management Area (TMA) issued the most permits for new structures in 2006 (the TMA covers Monroe County and the municipalities adjacent to Monroe County in Livingston, Ontario, and Wayne counties, as well as the Town and City of Canandaigua).

For more information about this project, please visit:

[http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/  
LandUseMonitoring.htm](http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/LandUseMonitoring.htm)

## Upcoming Events

Fall Local Government Workshop — Friday, November 16, 2007

Please see the Yellow Insert for information on Local Government Workshop sessions and registration.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 585-454-0190, EMAIL US AT [gflrpc@gflrpc.org](mailto:gflrpc@gflrpc.org), OR VISIT US ONLINE AT [www.gflrpc.org](http://www.gflrpc.org)

## Recent Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Publications

- 2006 Annual Land Use Monitoring Report:  
<http://www.gflrpc.org/Publications/LandUseMonitoring.htm>
- Honeoye Lake Watershed Management Plan

## Recent Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Presentations

- June 20, 2007: Spencerport Chamber of Commerce presentation on assistance and overview of the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council
- June 20, 2007: Livingston Village Mayors presentation on Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)
- June 21, 2007: Genesee Association of Municipalities presentation on LUCA
- June 26, 2007: Orleans County Legislators and Supervisors Association presentation on LUCA
- June 27, 2007: *A Future Oak Orchard Greenway?* A Presentation for Western Orleans County Municipalities.
- July 10, 2007: Seneca Board of Supervisors presentation on LUCA
- July 24, 2007: Honeoye Watershed Public Meeting presentation of the draft *Honeoye Lake Watershed Management Plan*
- July 31, 2007: Town of Bennington presentation *Wondering About Wind*
- August 28, 2007: *Planning in the Finger Lakes: A Summary of Issues and Activities in the Finger Lakes Region.* A Presentation for the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Alliance

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Coastal Cleanup, September 15 at 9:00 AM. For more information please visit: <http://www.gflrpc.org/CoastalCleanupBrochure07.pdf>.
- Wolcott J. Humphrey III Symposium on Leadership and Community Life will be held at Genesee Community College in Batavia on September 17, 2007, featuring William Hudnutt. Mr. Hudnutt is best known for his 16-year tenure as Mayor of Indianapolis, and is currently deeply involved in regional issues across the U.S. For more information contact Beverly Mancuso at the Genesee County Cornell Cooperative Extension at [blm34@cornell.edu](mailto:blm34@cornell.edu).
- NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association's annual conference will be in the Elmira/Corning area on September 24-25. Information is available on their website at: <http://ny.floods.org>.
- Healthy Trails, Healthy Communities Conference , Statewide Trails and Greenways Conference , September 28 and 29, 2007 in Rochester, NY. For more information visit: <http://www.ptny.org/greenways/conference/registration.shtml>.
- Local Land Use Board Training Schuyler and Yates Counties, October 4, 2007. For more information please visit: [http://www.gflrpc.org/land%20use\\_10\\_4\\_07\\_final.pdf](http://www.gflrpc.org/land%20use_10_4_07_final.pdf).
- Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness is holding public hearings across the State. The Buffalo date is October 24. Additional details will be posted on their website at: <http://www.nyslocalgov.org/>.
- Genesee River Basin Conference – October 26, 2007, Mt. Morris:  
<http://www.gflrpc.org/GeneseeRiverConference.htm>.
- Genesee County Park & Forest Interpretive Nature Center – Upcoming Park Programs for 2007 at:  
<http://www.gflrpc.org/UpcomingGeneseeParkPrograms2007.pdf>.

## G/FLRPC REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF) UPDATES

- DPI of Rochester, LLC - \$200,000 to assist with relocation and expansion of its operations and the acquisition of higher technology equipment. For more information on the Revolving Loan Fund program contact Dave Zorn at [dave.zorn@gflrpc.org](mailto:dave.zorn@gflrpc.org) or (585) 0190.

## Planning Leads to Results

- Program to Revitalize Clinton Street District, Brockport, New York, \$30,208. Based on the Village of Brockport's Canal-front Master Plan, the Clinton Street District was targeted for revitalization to make it a heritage tourism destination. This work will involve a series of meetings with property owners, business owners, the general public, and relevant stakeholders. The project will also develop a design plan for underutilized spaces in the district and hire an economic consultant to develop a comprehensive market analysis to determine business and heritage tourism opportunities.

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## LUCA Program Update

The Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program is an opportunity for local governments to review the US Census Bureau's Master Address File (MAF) in order to ensure that all residential addresses receive a Census survey. Addresses that are not accounted for can negatively affect congressional representation, re-districting, and federal funding. G/FLRPC's LUCA process is the largest in the state.

G/FLRPC started the LUCA process about a year ago by compiling a list of available local address files, and began to gather these files in April. A wide range of address datasets were obtained, including those dealing with water, sewer, and municipal electric services. Other lists included E911 addresses, voter registration files, Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) addresses and municipal assessors' files. These lists arrived in a variety of formats and were then digitized and reformatted. Throughout this process, outreach presentations were given to local government officials to educate them on the project's importance.

Municipalities have recently received LUCA registration forms from the Census. Those municipalities in

the region who wish to designate G/FLRPC as their LUCA liaison must comply with specific requirements. The first of these is to fill out Census Form D-1668 (part B) in which the highest elected official verifies that the municipality will be participating in the LUCA process. Confidentiality Form D-1669 (Reviewer(s)/Person(s)...) may need to be filled out if anyone from the municipality wants to see the MAF. In addition to these two forms municipalities need to send G/FLRPC the remaining blank forms and the envelope they received from the Census, along with the name and contact info of a government official that G/FLRPC staff can contact should questions arise.

Currently G/FLRPC is working to compare and combine address databases: this database will then be compared to the MAF. The last step in the process will include fieldwork where G/FLRPC staff will visit municipalities where address accuracy is in question.

For more information about the LUCA process, please contact Tom Kicior at [tkicior@gflrpc.org](mailto:tkicior@gflrpc.org) or (585) 454-0190.

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## The Village of Pike Progresses with its Dissolution Study

The Village of Pike in Wyoming County is making steady progress on its Dissolution Plan. During the spring and summer of 2007, G/FLRPC staff assisted local officials and interested citizens in Pike with compiling and interpreting information needed to address the village's dissolution. Now, a draft Dissolution Plan is being prepared. This Dissolution Plan will outline the impact that the Village dissolution will have on the community of Pike.

The idea of dissolving the Village has been a topic of discussion among local officials and residents for the past several years. The Village was incorporated in 1848 and for many years served as a local manufacturing and commercial center. However, in the past few decades the Village has suffered from the loss of businesses and a pronounced lack of interest in local politics. For example, since 1994 the offices of mayor and village trustee have run unopposed, and only four people voted in the 2004 election. Local officials believe that dissolving the Village will streamline municipal government operations and improve the delivery of public services to area residents.

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## A Land Use Strategy for Our Region's Steep Slopes

Steep slopes are natural resources that contribute to the unique character of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region. However, this character often spurs the greatest development pressure – and overdevelopment or poorly designed development can endanger the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Municipalities in New York State have the power to adopt laws for the “protection and enhancement of its physical and visual environment.” These regulations can help balance the rights of the community as a whole and the rights of the individual property owner. Three general approaches to steep slope regulation are large-scale engineering, selective engineering, and mitigation. Grading regulations were the first to be implemented to protect lives and property from unengineered development on steep slopes. The second type is the erosion and sediment control law, which evolved during the 1970s in response to the non-point source pollutant requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1972. This law is designed to prevent erosion by controlling site disturbance and vegetation removal and encourages methods that trap sediments before they reach watercourses. Emphasis on design guidelines came about in the 1980s to reduce the visual effects of grading and to make hillside structures blend into their environment. Sometimes known as environmental protection overlay districts (EPODs), they can be incorporated into a larger set of zoning or subdivision regulations. Steep slope laws can also be stand-alone.

However the language of the law is developed, it is only as good as its implementation. Enforcement typically falls to the municipal code enforcement officer or building inspector. With their central responsibility being the enforcement of the Uniform Code and the Energy Code, is it fair to ask for the individual's breadth of knowledge to range from hydrologic indicators to indigenous vegetation to critical habitat areas?

A uniform inspection procedure or intermunicipal agreement is one way to tackle the municipal implications of such laws.

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## Pike Dissolution Study: *Continued from Page 2*

From March to July 2007, the Study Committee's and G/FLRPC's work concentrated on collecting information necessary for preparing the Dissolution Plan. This information was compiled into a Services Inventory Report, which simply lists and explains what public services are provided by the Village. The inventory report indicates that the Village cannot effectively function on its own and that it relies heavily on the Town for the provision of a variety of public services, ranging from snowplowing on village streets to support of its local justice court.

Among the key issues the Dissolution Plan will address is the fate of the Pike Volunteer Fire Department. If the village dissolves, its fire department will become either a stand alone Fire District, which would operate as a separate municipal entity, or a Fire Protection District, which would operate as a subsidiary of the Town. The Fire Department enjoys strong support from the community, and the department's future is perhaps the single most critical question to answer in the Dissolution Plan.

This fall, the village's Study Committee will review and discuss the draft Dissolution Plan, which is the actual document that village residents will vote on when deciding whether or not to dissolve. The project time-frame calls for this vote to occur in March 2008, so the Study Committee's goal is to have the Dissolution Plan finalized by the end of December 2007 so that preparations for the vote can begin in January. If the vote is in favor of dissolution, the Village will officially dissolve on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Please keep your eyes open for future updates on this important project.

For more information about the Pike dissolution study, please contact Joe Bovenzi at [jbovenzi@gflrpc.org](mailto:jbovenzi@gflrpc.org) or (585) 454-0190.



For more information about the SMSI program, please consult the program website at: <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss/smsi/smsihome.html> or contact the Department of State at (518) 473-3355.

*The SMSI logo.*



## G/FLRPC to Host Genesee River Conference in Mt. Morris this October

In late 2006, various local environmental professionals approached G/FLRPC to discuss the state of watershed planning within the Genesee River Basin. Discussion focused on the impression that while past planning efforts have been fruitful, overall planning for the entire basin had become somewhat disorganized in the recent past. Many individual projects and studies have been making great progress in recent years, but in the absence of a cohesive framework, the overall implications of those efforts have become difficult to quantify. Are we making progress within the Genesee River Basin at restoring water quality and managing natural resources? What more needs to be done, and where should we be focusing our efforts? These questions will be addressed at the upcoming Genesee River Conference, scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Morris, N.Y. The Genesee River Restaurant and Conference Center in Mt. Morris was chosen as the conference location because of its central location within the basin.

The Genesee River drains about 2,500 square miles with its headwaters originating in Potter County, Pennsylvania. Given the enormous size of the basin, integrated land use and water quality management can be problematic considering the many levels of political jurisdictions and organizational structures that are present.

The conference was conceived as a forum where professionals that have been working within the Genesee

River Basin could present and discuss their latest research. By bringing together a wide array of environmental professionals from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, it is anticipated that there will be ample opportunity for issue discussion and debate, as well as “cross-pollination” between agencies and disciplines. Furthermore, conference organizers hope that the event will act as a springboard for future planning activities. While the conference is open to the public, local agency professionals will be the target audience. Problem identification and solution development will be an integral component to the conference.

A conference planning committee was formed in January 2007 to formulate conference goals and the conference agenda. Readers can learn more about this event, including registration information, by consulting the Blue Insert in this newsletter or visiting the conference website at: <http://gflrpc.org/GeneseeRiverConference.htm>. Conference goals and specific presentation tracks can be found here as well. A conference agenda and registration form will be mailed to over 1,000 stakeholders in early September.

Those who are interested in being added to the mailing list can contact Brian Slack at [bslack@gflrpc.org](mailto:bslack@gflrpc.org) or (585) 454-0190.

## ***Watershed Plans: Protecting and Restoring Water Quality***

### **A new guide by the Department of State and Department of Environmental Conservation**

The Department of State Division of Coastal Resources, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water, has prepared a watershed planning multimedia informational package to meet the growing demand for assistance in local watershed planning. The guidebook builds on a shared approach to watershed management plans as a means to reduce nonpoint source pollution and protect water resources. It presents a flexible step-wise approach to watershed planning that highlights local and regional successes in a series of case studies. The video was designed to encourage local governments and groups to form networks and strengthen partnerships with agencies and educational institutions, to benefit from the wealth of expertise available to protect and restore shared water resources. Additional technical resources, community case studies, and tools will be available on the Department of State website at: [www.nyswaterfronts.com](http://www.nyswaterfronts.com).

Over the past ten years, the Division of Coastal Resources and the Department of Environmental Conservation has developed an integrated, comprehensive approach to watershed planning that relies on sound science and community consensus to set a shared vision for the future, identify problems, find solutions, and create an action strategy to improve water quality. The *Watershed Plans: Protecting and Restoring Water Quality* informational package summarizes this approach to help characterize your watershed, assess water quality and natural resources, evaluate local controls and practices, develop action items and recommendations, and create implementation strategies.

For more information contact the Department of State Division of Coastal Resources at [www.nyswaterfronts.com](http://www.nyswaterfronts.com) or (518) 474-6000.

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### **Land Use and Steep Slope Protection: *Continued from page 4***

Essentially, these are cooperative agreements between two or more municipalities to develop compatible land use regulations – such as steep slope protection – and implement joint inspection. All counties outside New York City and all cities, villages, towns, and school districts are empowered to enter joint operating agreements, as stated in New York State General Municipal, Article 5-G: Municipal Cooperation, and under town, village and city law. A uniform steep slope protection procedure or intermunicipal overlay district is yet another way of protecting the general welfare and aesthetics of our region while promoting administrative and cost efficiency.

Contact Jayme Breschard at [jbreschard@gflrpc.org](mailto:jbreschard@gflrpc.org) or (585) 454-0190 for assistance in protecting the natural beauty of steeply sloped areas and from the impacts of erosion.

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### **Ontario — Wayne MS4 Update**

Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council is supporting the efforts of the Stormwater Coalition of Monroe County and providing staff support for the Ontario-Wayne County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). The Ontario-Wayne County MS4 includes parts of the Towns of Farmington, Macedon, Ontario, Victor, and Walworth; the Villages of Macedon and Victor; and the Ontario and Wayne County Highway Departments. Since February 2007, the Ontario-Wayne County MS4s have been acting as the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition via an Intermunicipal Agreement. The Coalition has been collectively tackling the six Minimum Measure requirements of the Stormwater Phase II program. Examples of their efforts include an upcoming Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) workshop, the purchase of construction site and facility maintenance training kits to be shared amongst Coalition members, and the organization of a local Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), Inc. Exam Review Course and Examination.

If you have questions regarding the Stormwater Phase II program in New York State or the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition, please contact Jayme Breschard at [jbreschard@gflrpc.org](mailto:jbreschard@gflrpc.org) or (585) 454-0190.



*The Pine Lodge (foreground) and Conference Barn (background) at the Savannah Dhu preserve. These buildings are designed and operated in harmony with the environment; for instance, the Pine Lodge is heated and cooled with a state-of-the-art renewable energy heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Photo courtesy of David Woods.*

### **Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Holds Annual Meeting at Savannah Dhu**

The Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council held its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting at the Pine Lodge at Savannah Dhu, in Clyde, New York on Thursday, June 14 with approximately 45 Council members and staff in attendance. Guests to Savannah Dhu entered the Savannah Wildlife Preserve on "Attitude Adjustment Road" meandering through woods, skirting and crossing ponds. Meeting attendees were then treated to the warm hospitality of the Savannah Dhu staff.

During the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council (G/FLRPC) Annual Meeting members heard presentations on G/FLRPC's annual audit, the 2007 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the 2007 Annual Report, and the history, mission, natural systems, programs, facilities and goals of Savannah Dhu.

The Savannah Dhu was established by Bob and Sue Congel in 1984 as a private, managed evergreen preserve that is located on the border of the Montezuma Wetlands area and is clearly the product of the love of the outdoors and environmental conservation. The

5000 acre preserve includes abundant wildlife, ponds, lakes, marshes and over 500,000 deciduous and evergreen trees. Savannah Dhu's mission of dedication to working with local schools and community to enhance youth learning opportunities can be seen throughout the preserve.

Please see the Savannah Dhu website at: [www.savannahdhu.com](http://www.savannahdhu.com) for additional information about this unique private nature preserve.

**For more information** on the articles in this newsletter and the other projects of G/FLRPC, please see our website at:

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## *A Sense of Place*

This July witnessed the passing of Dr. Richard H. Goodwin, 96, a botany professor at Connecticut College and a land preservation pioneer. Dr. Goodwin's extensive work as a land preservationist began while he was teaching botany at the University of Rochester in the late 1930s.

Dr. Goodwin and some of his friends decided to preserve the unique and delicate ecosystem of Bergen Swamp in Genesee County. By establishing the Bergen Swamp Preserve, Dr. Goodwin founded the concept of leaving open land in its natural state in order to preserve sensitive and irreplaceable ecosystems. Earlier, preserving land meant transforming it into a park such as at Letchworth Gorge. However, Dr. Goodwin argued that park infrastructure would destroy the sensitive Bergen Swamp ecosystem.

Later, Dr. Goodwin helped found The Nature Conservancy, which has used the techniques he developed at the Bergen Swamp Preserve to protect millions of acres of wilderness lands throughout the United States since it was incorporated in 1951.

Sources: <http://publicbroadcasting.net/wxxi/news>;  
[www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)

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# Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council

## Fall 2007 Regional Local Government Workshop

Friday, November 16, 2007

Genesee River Restaurant & Reception Center, Mt. Morris, NY

### Fall Local Government Workshop Co-sponsored By:

New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) ~ New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ~ Genesee Transportation Council ~ US Army Corps of Engineers

Genesee County Planning Board • Livingston County Planning Department • Monroe County Planning and Development Board  
Ontario County Planning Department and Board • Orleans County Planning Board • Seneca County Planning Board  
Wayne County Planning Board • Wyoming County Planning Board • Yates County Planning Department

**For most municipalities Local Government Workshop fulfills new state law requiring training for local planning officials**

### Workshop Registration

Individual: \$40.00      Vendor/Exhibitor: \$300.00  
(includes 2)

All registrations include continental breakfast & buffet lunch

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY November 9, 2007**  
PLEASE NO REFUNDS AFTER November 9

### Who should attend?

Municipal Board Members • Elected Officials  
Planning Board Members • Zoning Board of Appeals Members  
County and Municipal Employees • Enforcement Officers  
Planners • Land Use Professionals • Attorneys • Consultants  
Highway Departments • Public Works Departments  
Green Energy Providers • Concerned Citizens

### Genesee River Restaurant & Reception Center

134 Main Street, Mt. Morris, NY 14510, 585-658-2949  
<http://www.geneseeiverrestaurant.com/>

### Directions

I-390 to Mt. Morris Exit (Route 408). Route 408 West to Village of Mt. Morris. Make Right on Main Street/Route 36. Hotel is on the east side of Route 36, 1 mile north of Route 408 and 1/2 mile south of entrance to Letchworth State Park.

*For more information and Workshop updates visit [www.gflrpc.org](http://www.gflrpc.org)*

Workshop Guide advertisements are available in full page, 1/2 page, and 1/4 sizes. Please contact David Zorn at G/FLRPC for details.

**Questions and Information: David Zorn, 585-454-0190 x14, [dave.zorn@gflrpc.org](mailto:dave.zorn@gflrpc.org)**

### Registration Form - Fall 2007 Local Government Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality/Company/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (w/Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle the sessions you will be attending:

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
B1	B2	B3	B4	
C1	C2	C3	C4	

**Registration Fee:**  
\$40 per individual, \$300 per vendor/exhibitor

**Please make checks payable to: G/FLRPC**  
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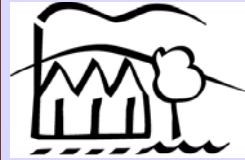
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	Track A	Track B	Track C
8:00 - 9:00	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Vendor Exhibits		
9:00 - 10:00	<p><b>A1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Supportive Code Language</b>, Robert Torzynski Genesee Transportation Council and Jason Haremza, City of Rochester</p> <p>Use of zoning codes and subdivision regulations to provide bicycle and pedestrian-friendly environments through the presence of sidewalks and parking design and layout along with discussing how the form, layout, and design of buildings and adjoining public spaces can create pedestrian and bicycle-friendly environments.</p>	<p><b>B1 Construction Site Erosion Control for Code Enforcement Officers</b>, Paula Smith, NYSDEC</p> <p>An introduction to the most effective measures (both from a cost and environmental perspective) for protecting your local streams, rivers and lakes from construction related soil erosion.</p>	<p><b>C1 Protecting, Maintaining, and Investing in Your Wastewater Infrastructure - Ten Steps Towards Sustainability</b>, Phillip Smith, NYSDEC</p> <p>This interactive session will provide a quick review of wastewater treatment technology, discuss how to protect and maintain your huge wastewater capital investment, and offer up a model or approach for capital improvement planning.</p>
10:00 - 11:00	<p><b>A2 Planning Board Overview</b>, NYSDOS</p> <p>This session will address the powers and duties of town, village and city planning boards and commissions. Administrative and regulatory roles of the planning board will be discussed, including comprehensive planning, site plan review, special use permits, subdivision review, the role of the board in making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals, the importance of board procedures, referral to the county planning agency, and making findings. (CEO, CLE, and AICP credit)</p>	<p><b>B2 SEQR 101: Guiding the Process</b>, NYSDEC</p> <p>Have you wondered what this "Seeker" thing is, or what a Type I, Type II or Unlisted Action is? This session is an introduction to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR). It will include a review of the regulations and the role of local government in complying with SEQR.</p>	<p><b>C2 Tax Incentives Available for Historic Preservation in NYS</b>, Greg Donofrio, Cornell University</p> <p>Tax incentives are widely used throughout the US to promote historic preservation and economic development. This session introduces the incentives that are currently available in NYS including tax credits and abatements for historic residential property, commercial property, and barns.</p>
11:00 - 12:00			
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch, Vendor Exhibits		
1:00 - 2:00	<p><b>A3 Sign Control</b>, NYSDOS</p> <p>The regulation of signs is both a zoning issue and a free speech issue. At this session you will become better informed about what you may and may not regulate when it comes to commercial or non-commercial signs. Other issues to be addressed include community aesthetics; developing a sign control law; the possible content of local sign control regulations; billboards and other off-premises signs; and techniques for eliminating illegal or undesirable signs. (CEO, CLE, and AICP credit)</p>	<p><b>B3 Enforcement of Zoning and other Local Laws</b>, NYSDOS</p> <p>Municipalities make all sorts of rules, including junk car laws, site plan review, subdivision regulations, and zoning. At this session we will discuss the role of the enforcement officer in enforcing these regulations, from receiving complaints to sentencing or fining violators. The session will address the relationship of the enforcement official to the zoning board of appeals. Enforcement actions will also be addressed, including responding to complaints, inspections of private property, and interaction with violators. We'll also discuss the effect of a zoning appeal on the enforcement action, as well as judicial enforcement of violations. (CLE, CEO and AICP credit)</p>	<p><b>C3 Historic Preservation Planning for Municipalities</b>, Jayme Breschard, G/FLRPC</p> <p>Many municipalities in New York State are recognizing that they have significant historical and cultural resources and are looking for ways to protect and enhance these resources. This session provides an overview of municipal regulatory authority for the protection of historic buildings and districts. The session will close with a special discussion on how local law powers of home rule can also protect historic properties in the natural environment.</p>
2:00 - 3:00	<p><b>A4 Watershed Planning and Implementation</b>, Stephanie Wojtowicz, NYSDOS</p> <p>The Department of State Division of Coastal Resources (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water have developed a new multi-media package including a video, guidebook and web pages, entitled <i>Watershed Plans: Restoring and Protecting Water Quality</i>. The package was designed to assist communities with the preparation and implementation of watershed management plans. The DCR will go over the watershed planning process and provide examples of watershed planning from throughout the State.</p>		
3:00 - 4:00	<p><b>A5 Local Regulation of Wind Energy Systems</b>, NYSDOS</p> <p>This session will address the adoption of local laws to regulate both large and small wind energy systems. We'll also discuss the environmental, aesthetic, and economic issues of interest to local governments. Finally, we'll discuss applicable state and federal regulations and programs relating to wind energy systems.</p>	<p><b>B4 Zoning Board of Appeals Overview</b>, NYSDOS</p> <p>This course will address the powers and duties of zoning board of appeals and its interrelationships with enforcement officials, the municipal planning board, and county planning agencies. The statutory requirements relating to the issuance of use and area variances, handling of zoning interpretations, board procedures and findings will be discussed. (CEO, CLE, and AICP credit)</p>	<p><b>C4 Understanding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Responsibilities over Wetland and Waterways</b>, Diane C. Kozlowski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>Overview of the Section 404 Clean Water Act program and the regulatory responsibilities of the Corps in the Genesee/Finger Lakes Region of NYS. The primary objectives of the workshop are to provide a general understanding of the Corps jurisdictional limits, introduce the various types of permits and when they apply, discuss means of avoiding and minimizing wetland impacts, identify available tools and resources to assist in project planning and design, and recommend steps local governments can take to assist themselves, the general public and the Regulatory agencies in reducing regulatory delays.</p>
4:00 - 5:00			



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**Who should attend?**

The conference has been designed to focus on a wide array of issues relevant to water and natural resource quality, use and restoration. Agency officials, local public administrators, conservation advisory board members, watershed planners, environmental advocates, students, and other interested members of the public should plan to attend. While the conference is focusing on issues occurring in and around the Genesee River Basin, much of the information discussed will be readily-transferable to other geographic areas and professional backgrounds. Issue discussion and debate is highly encouraged.

**Conference Date: Friday, October 26th, 2007**

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8:00-9:00	<b>Registration</b>		
9:00-10:00	Welcome Keynote Address (Speaker TBA) <b>An Illustrated History of the Genesee River Basin: Ruth Naparsteck, Historian</b>		
	<b>Track A: State of the Basin</b>	<b>Track B: Land Use, Recreation and Tourism</b>	<b>Track C: Habitat and Biodiversity</b>
10:00-11:00	<p><b>A1: The Priority Waterbodies List (PWL) in the Genesee River Basin.</b> The PWL is the most comprehensive inventory of water quality data available for the lakes and tributaries in the Genesee River Basin. This federally-mandated framework is used to focus activities, provide consistent data over time, guide funding, and measure the progress of lakes and rivers. What does it say about water quality in the Genesee River Basin? What waterbodies require further attention? What changes are in store for the PWL as we move into the future? These questions and other issues will be discussed. Attendees will be given the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the PWL process following the presentation.</p> <p>Presenter: Jeff Myers, NYSDEC Division of Water</p>	<p><b>B1: Open Space Preservation in the Genesee River Basin.</b></p> <p>Presentations: <b>The NYS Open Space Plan.</b> New York's Open Space Conservation Plan (Plan) serves as the blueprint for the State's land conservation efforts, which during the past several years, has conserved nearly a million acres of land with an investment of more than \$658 million. Learn about how the Plan has benefited the lands in and around the Genesee River Basin in the past and what priority projects lie ahead.</p> <p>Doug Bernhard, DEC Reg. 8 Regional Forester (Invited)</p> <p><b>The Future of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes.</b> In the late 19th Century, the City of Rochester purchased the lands around Hemlock and Canadice Lakes and later developed a gravity-fed water supply system for the City, which continues to operate today. Considered part of the four "western Finger Lakes" which drain into the Genesee River, the lakes are renowned as the last two undeveloped lakes within the entire Finger Lakes chain. Learn about this great resource and what the future may hold.</p> <p>Jim Howe, Director Central and Western NY Chapter of The Nature Conservancy</p> <p><b>Genesee River Basin Land Acquisition.</b> The application of innovative tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple acquisition has saved thousands of acres from development. Learn about the past, present, and future efforts put forth by land trusts within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Eric Grace, Executive Director Genesee Valley Conservancy</p>	<p><b>C1: Threatened Species &amp; Species Restoration.</b> Learn about several efforts to monitor and restore the habitat and population of various species types within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presentations: <b>Sturgeon Restoration.</b> Dawn Dittman, USGS <b>River Otter Restoration.</b> Lei Lani Stelle, RIT <b>Salmonid Stocking and Fisheries Restoration in Lake Ontario,</b> (DEC Lake Ontario Division representative)</p>
11:00-12:00	<p><b>A2: Local Efforts at Monitoring and Improving Water Quality.</b> A great deal of effort has been put forth by members of academia, local watershed groups, municipal authorities and other vested interests to address the quality of lakes and streams. Presentations will include a small sample of some of the effort that has been put forth in this regard.</p> <p>Scheduled Presentations (with a third to be announced): <b>Oatka Creek Stream Segment Analysis.</b> Ted Lewis, Research Scientist, SUNY Brockport <b>City of Rochester Concentrated Sewer Overflow Abatement Program.</b> Andy Sansone, Monroe County Dept. of Env. Services</p>	<p><b>Genesee River Basin Land Acquisition.</b> The application of innovative tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple acquisition has saved thousands of acres from development. Learn about the past, present, and future efforts put forth by land trusts within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Eric Grace, Executive Director Genesee Valley Conservancy</p>	<p><b>C2: Invasive Species: They're Here, They're Coming...Now What? <i>Giant Hogweed, Rock Snot, VHS, Purple Loosestrife...</i></b> Their names and potential risks are equally daunting. Furthermore, are they invasive, non-native, or invasive non-native...and what's the difference? Find out answers to these questions and more, and learn what actions are taking place to address the issue.</p> <p>Presenter: Chuck O'Neil, Coastal Resources Specialist, NY Sea Grant</p>
12:00-1:00	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:00-2:00	<p><b>A3: Demonstration Projects.</b> Learn about some of the fascinating studies and innovative implementation projects that have been occurring within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presentations: <b>Agricultural Best Management Practices for Conesus Lake.</b> Dr. Joe Makarewicz, SUNY Brockport.</p> <p><b>Efforts within the Genesee River Headwaters.</b> Jack Fleckenstein, Watershed Specialist, Potter County Penn. Conservation District</p>	<p><b>B2: Recreational Access.</b> The Genesee River Basin covers a land area of approximately 2,500 square miles and the River itself has a length of approximately 157 miles. Within the Basin lie 24 individual watersheds, each with its own network of streams. With such an enormous area, one can also expect enormous recreational opportunities. Learn about the trials and tribulations of those who have experienced paddling and other forms of recreation in and around the mighty Genesee as well as efforts to create and improve access to the river.</p> <p>Presentations: <b>Paddling In and Around the Genesee.</b> Rick French, Owner/Guide - Pack, Paddle and Ski</p> <p><b>Fishing Access Throughout the Genesee River Basin.</b> NYSDEC Representative (speaker to be announced)</p>	<p><b>C3: Model Programs and Institutional Frameworks.</b> How have other regions in New York State and the Great Lakes region been addressing issues such as problem prioritization, funding, and implementation? What challenges have they faced in addressing local problems? What have been some of their greatest successes (and failures)? What lessons may be transferable to the Genesee River Basin? These and other questions and issues will be addressed.</p> <p>Presentations: <b>Hudson River Estuary Program</b> Frances F. Dunwell, Program Coordinator</p> <p><b>Buffalo/Niagara RIVERKEEPER</b> Linda Schneekloth, Board Member</p> <p><b>Lake Ontario LaMP</b> Don Zelazny, NYSDEC Great Lakes Program Coordinator</p> <p><b>Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</b> Steve Lewandowski, Program Director, Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</p>
2:00-3:00	<p><b>A4: US Army Corps of Engineers.</b> Learn about what the USACE has been doing to manage land and water resources in the Western Lake Erie basin and how those lessons and activities may be applied here within the Genesee drainage basin. Mt. Morris Dam management, sediment control activities and river dredging are some of the issues that are likely to be addressed.</p> <p>Presenters: Craig Forget, USACE Buffalo District</p>	<p><b>B3: Trail and Greenway Development.</b> The Genesee Valley Greenway took years of planning and negotiating to establish. Today it stands as one of the premier multi-use recreational trails in the region. Learn about its creation as well as the other trail planning and improvement efforts that are taking place throughout the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presenters: Ned Holmes, President, Genesee Valley Greenway (Invited) Robert Torzynski, Program Mngnr, Bicycle and Ped. Planning, Genesee Transportation Council</p>	<p><b>Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</b> Steve Lewandowski, Program Director, Lake Ontario Coastal Initiative</p>
3:00-4:00	<p><b>A5: Ongoing Programs and Projects.</b> Learn about some well-known programs that have been guiding action within the basin over time, as well as some important projects that you may not be aware of.</p> <p>Presentations: <b>Rochester Embayment Remedial Action Plan Update.</b> Charlie Knauf, Monroe County Dept. of Health <b>Data Rescue: Aging Environmental Databases.</b> Paul Sawyko, Monroe County Dept. of Health <b>EPA's Strategic Plan and the Watershed Approach.</b> Fred Lucky, USEPA (tentative)</p>	<p><b>B4: The Canal Connection.</b> Since 1832, the Erie Canal has been linked to the Genesee River in some form or another. Learn more about the interaction between these two waterways and what may lie ahead, including proposals to re-water a portion of the old Erie Canal in downtown Rochester.</p> <p>Presenters: Tom Grasso, President, Canal Society of NYS NYS Canal Corporation Representative (Invited)</p>	<p><b>C4: Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.</b> Learn about NYSDEC's strategy for addressing wildlife preservation within the Genesee River Basin.</p> <p>Presenter: Jenny Landry, NYSDEC Reg. 8 State Wildlife Grants Biologist</p>