

St. Lawrence County Planning Board

2023 Work Program

1. Training and Guest Presentations:

Annual training sessions 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 and training topics include:

- NYPA Smart Path Development presentation;
- An overview of the new State siting regulations for large scale alternative energy projects;
- Emerald Ash Borer Hazard Tree Assessment and removal initiative;
- Short term rental (Airbnb) regulations;
- Cannabis regulations;
- Presentations by Boralex and/or EDF Renewables regarding the Two Rivers Solar Project in Brasher and the Rich Road Solar Energy Center in Canton;
- Presentation by American Farmland Trust on its Smart Solar Siting Report;
- Complete Streets Overview and Case Studies on Project Implementation;
- County Land Use Plan Addendum topics (location and number of EV charging stations, tiny homes);
- Examine expansion of the State bottle redemption law;
- Affordable Housing needs and challenges.

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 and Outreach: The table below lists County Planning Board activities:

ACTIVITY	DURATION	COMMENTS
Conduct project site visits	Conducted on an as needed basis	Visit sites before meetings
Annual Training Sessions	May & December	Training topics to be developed

The Planning Office will attempt to hold two annual training sessions in the spring and fall. On-line training modules will be developed as time permits and posted on the County Planning Office webpage. Additional outreach will be in the form of electronic information dissemination of relevant planning materials to County municipalities.

A joint meeting with the County Environmental Management Council (EMC) and/or the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) may be scheduled to discuss land use and environmental issues that relate to both boards.

4. Stakeholder Participation in 94C Review Process:

With input from the County Planning Board, staff will review application materials and prepare comments for submission to the Office of Renewable Energy Siting as needed during the 94-C review process for the Rich Road Solar Energy Center in Canton and Two Rivers Solar Project in Brasher.