



COUNTY PLANNING

Otsego County's Planning and Solid Waste Newsletter



NYS DOS Spring Training

- May 19, 2026 5:30pm - 7:45pm
- Otsego County's Meadows Complex will host the NY DOS annual spring training sessions.
 - *Session One:* Land Use Moratoria (1hr)
 - *Session Two:* Short-Term Rentals (1hr)
- To register click [here](#).

2026 Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Review Period

- The draft 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for public review [here](#).
- You can submit your comments/suggestions by clicking [here](#).
- Share the links with fellow residents!

New Climate Smart Communities Certified by DEC

- Congratulations to the Village of Cooperstown, the Town of Middlefield, and Otsego County on being certified by DEC as new bronze communities!
- The certifications recognize that these communities have demonstrated climate leadership by taking actions to reduce flood risk, improve infrastructure, and other efforts to improve resilience in our county.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

- Friday, August 14th 8-11am Unadilla Hwy Bldg
- **Main Event:**
 - Saturday, August 15th
 - 8am-1pm
 - Meadows Office Complex, Cooperstown

For more information see our website at www.otsego-county.ny.gov

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NYS Climate Connection Summit Webinar

- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC's) Office of Climate Change is offering a webinar titled "**Webinar 3: Collaboration Opportunities for Local Governments**"
- This free webinar will feature three organizations that facilitate opportunities for local government staff to connect and collaborate with one another on climate and sustainability initiatives.

When: Tuesday, May 12th 1:00–2:00 PM
Where: Virtual (Zoom)
Cost: FREE
Registration: Click [here](#)

- To access the first two webinars in the series visit DEC's Webinar page [here](#).
- If you're interested in the webinars perhaps you'd like to attend the In-Person Summit in Utica this June 10-11. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Municipal Bootcamp Trainings

- MRB Group has several more free online training opportunities through the remainder of 2026. See <https://mrbgroup.com/bootcamp/> for more information on all the sessions.
- The next training session is titled **Water, Water Everywhere - The Impacts of Wetlands on Development** and it will take place on May 28th from 6pm-7pm. To register click [here](#).

Earth Day Participation

- On April 22nd, Otsego County's Planning and Solid Waste Department was represented by Kyle King (Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, pictured here) and Kevin Musser (Senior Planner) at the Otsego Reuse Center's Earth Day Event.

ARC Area Development Program

- Turn you economic development plan into action! The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Area Development Grant opportunity for 2027 funding is now open, offering funding opportunities for non-profits, educational institutions, economic development agencies and municipalities to strengthen communities, expand workforce capacity and plan your reconstruction projects.
- **Deadline for Pre-Application: June 15, 2026 at 3pm**
- Register for Information Sessions starting May 18th at this [site](#).
- Review resources and start your pre-application [here!](#)

Earth Fest This Saturday May 9th

- Plan to attend OCCA's Earth Day event at SUNY Oneonta's Chase Gymnasium **this Saturday (5/9)** from 10:00am-3:00pm. Come learn while seeing what area vendors and organizations have to offer!



OTSEGO COUNTY MAPPING & GIS

Check out the New Tax Parcel Viewer and other mapping resources, including tutorials, data hubs, mapping requests, and more by clicking [here](#).

You can also email GIS@otsegocountyny.gov or call the Planning Dept. at 607-547-4225.

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Interested in Making Your Community More Resilient to Climate Change and Flooding?

- The Department of State has made available \$40 million through the Community Resilience and Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program.
- You can submit second round questions by this May 14th!
- **Apply by June 26th for Bond Act Funding!**
 - Click [here](#) to view the Request for Applications.
- Learn more about the Bond Act [here](#).

Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program (LULA) June 1 - June 3, 2026

- In collaboration with the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, Pace University's Land Use Law Center will bring its award-winning training program, the **Land Use Leadership Alliance Training Program (LULA)**, to municipalities within the Mohawk Valley region.
- Curriculum: the land use system, dynamics between local and state authority, planning and regulatory techniques that balance clean energy development and the protection of natural resources, agricultural lands and other local and state resources, and public engagement and consensus building tools
- The program will be offered **free of charge**, but **space is limited**. A location is being secured in a central location within the Mohawk Valley.
- **Register [here](#)**

Monthly Snapshots from Otsego Express

- Nicole Rahn, Otsego County Planner, who coordinates Otsego County's public transportation services, captured the view from Route 5 heading from Oneonta to East Worcester.



ANY QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW!

Have any planning/solid waste-related updates or events you'd like us to share? Contact Trevor Fuller at (607) 547-4340 or via email at fullert@otsegocountyny.gov. If you have any other questions please reach out to us at (607) 547-4225 or send an email to the department at planning@otsegocountyny.gov.