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## NEWS from the CWC

### **CWC sponsors training for planning, zoning board members**

MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 1, 2012 – Is your community ready for its aging Baby Boomers? Are local steps being taken to ensure that they can live independently in your community for as long as possible? Is the character of your town or village changing? Are there regulations and incentives you think would help make it more attractive?

Municipal planners and officials will want to attend a land use training session Tuesday, April 10 in Grand Gorge that will consider those questions and much more.

“Aging in the Community of Your Choice” will be presented by NYS Department of State trainers at 2 p.m. at the Grand Gorge Civic Center. It will be followed by a second workshop, “Community Design Tools - Taking Control of Your Community's Character.”

The free, two-part program, sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corp. provides town and village planning and zoning board members with three hours of mandated training. Registration is limited. Sign up by April 5 at [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).

The first presentation will discuss land use planning and regulatory tools to help people in your community to age in place. Topics include a variety of housing choices, accessory dwelling units, Golden Zones, and senior friendly sidewalk and street designs.

The second session addresses the tools available to help shape community appearance, from simple design guidelines to regulations pertaining to architecture and landscape to design review boards. The workshop will spotlight some practical approaches that can be applied to both public and private development, and explain basic design concepts.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties – Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).