

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC sponsors workshop for planning, zoning board members and Code Enforcement Officers

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. Sept. 5, 2014 – Trainers from the NYS Department of State Division of Local Government Services will provide a workshop for members of municipal planning boards and zoning boards of appeal on Friday, Oct. 3 in Margaretville.

The half-day workshop will be sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation and will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post #216, 903 Main Street, next door to CWC offices.

Sign in begins at 9:30; lunch is included with this free workshop.

To register, go to the corporation's website, www.cwconline.org.

Two classes will be offered: Case Law Update for Planning and Zoning, and Sign Regulation. Instructors will be attorney Natasha Phillip and planner Linda King.

Board members may accrue four hours towards mandated annual training. Code Enforcement Officers may receive two hours of in-service credit. Attorneys may receive 2.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education in the area of Professional Practice.

The morning session will discuss recent cases that pertain to land use. The implications of these cases on land use regulation at the local level will be explored. Opinions by the New York State Attorney General, Office of State Comptroller, and Committee on Open Government that pertain to land use and local governance will also be reviewed.

The afternoon class will reveal what municipalities may and may not regulate in commercial or non-commercial signage and explore how signage can be regulated for community aesthetics. The session also addresses the drafting of a sign control law; the content of local sign control regulations; regulating billboards and other off-premises signs; and eliminating nonconforming or undesirable signs.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, call 845-586-1400.

