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August 3rd

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**September 12th – Hyde Park, NY**

10 AM – 11 AM – Jennifer Gray – SEQRA Basics

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Emily Svenson and Ingrid Haeckel – Safeguarding water resources through local wetland and stream protections

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM – David O'Brien – Recreational Marijuana Implications for Planning and Zoning in New York State

2 PM – 3 PM – Max Stach – Three common avoidable SEQRA pitfalls

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community, the spectrum of housing options to consider, and policies and programs that can be used to address the problems you are currently experiencing. We will walk through an example of the process of creating a housing strategy and two case studies of community-sponsored housing developments.

### September 12<sup>th</sup> – Hyde Park, NY

- Jennifer Gray: **SEQRA Basics** - The program will focus on fundamentals of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) including an overview of the step by step process set forth the regulations beginning with the classification of the Proposed Action and ending with the adoption of a Findings Statement. Discussion will include factors to consider when determining whether to issue a positive declaration or negative declaration, case studies from NYS case law, helpful resources and tools, and best practices for the administration of a board or agency's SEQRA obligations.
- Emily Svenson and Ingrid Haeckel: **Safeguarding water resources through local wetland and stream protections** - Water is one of our most precious resources. Protecting wetlands and streams is vital to clean water, but gaps in federal and state regulations leave these resources vulnerable to degradation and loss. This session will cover: the diversity and importance of wetlands and streams in the Hudson Valley; status and changes to federal and state wetlands regulations; and ways local government can provide more comprehensive protection for these key water resources.
- David O'Brien: **Recreational Marijuana Implications for Planning and Zoning in New York State** - This session will provide an overview of the provisions of the law that will impact planning and zoning decision making, highlight discretion communities have implementing the law, foreshadow the regulatory landscape and explore lessons learned from other states that have initiated recreational cannabis.
- Max Stach and Jonathan T. Lockman: **Three common avoidable SEQR pitfalls** - SEQR is a complex law with requirements subject to wide interpretation. This study, which is intended for those with a working knowledge of SEQR, will discuss three common pitfalls: not doing a thorough enough review, avoiding an EIS when one is prescribed, and delegating lead agency responsibilities. This session will draw from the experience of agencies accused of not properly conducting SEQR in order to help attendees avoid pitfalls and make thorough, defensible decisions. This course will include:
  - 1. A discussion of the "hard look" requirement under SEQR, what does it mean, what do courts review, and what are industry-standard practices for technical studies.
  - 2. A discussion of when to require an EIS and when an "expanded EAF process" is sufficient, and how the EAF process does not meet the standards inherent to an EIS process.
  - 3. A discussion of lead agency responsibilities and the fine line between consultation and delegation of responsibilities.

### October 5<sup>th</sup> – Utica, NY

- Matt Horn and Emma Falkenstein: **Experimenting with Urbanism** – Testing Concepts on the Ground to Address Downtown Challenges: As downtowns grow and change, communities are forced to review streetscape and other public facing infrastructure to ensure pedestrian safety