

April 27-29, 2011

Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Governance

Minnowbrook Conference Center, Blue Mountain Lake

Hosted by:



Continuing in the EFC tradition, our annual local leaders conference at Minnowbrook Conference Center in Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks will focus on the needs of municipal leaders and provide technical assistance, funding updates and practical skill-building sessions. Speakers will address pressing environmental topics, equipping attendees with the tools they need to address environmental challenges in our communities.

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, April 27

Conference Registration and Check-In
Light lunch will be provided

Welcome and Program Sharing
Melissa Young, Program Manager
Environmental Finance Center

Smart Public Management
Christina Merchant, Professor of Practice
Maxwell School Dept. of Public Administration
Syracuse University

Funding Updates, Part I
Matthew Driscoll, President and CEO
NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation

Networking Reception

Dinner
Featured Speaker from NYSDEC (invited)

A final agenda will be available by mid-March. Check the Environmental Finance Center's website at <http://efc.syracusecoe.org> for the latest conference updates.

Wednesday, April 28

Breakfast

Sustainable Materials Management
What Is It and How to Do It at the Local Level
Melissa Young, Program Manager
Environmental Finance Center

Many Happy Returns: Product Stewardship in New York State
Product Stewardship 101 -
What It Is and Why New York Needs It
Katherine Bourbeau, Coordinator
NYS Product Stewardship Council

Compostable Organics Out of Landfills -
COOL 2012
Linda Christopher, Executive Director
GrassRoots Recycling Network

Lunch

Networking Time
Optional Program: "Energy Independence? How?"
Ram Shrivastava, P.E., LEED AP

COOL2012, Part II
Linda Christopher, Executive Director
GrassRoots Recycling Network

Funding Updates, Part II
Kyle Wilber, Municipal Management Consultant
NYS Department of State

Networking Reception

Dinner

Thursday, April 29

Breakfast and Check-Out

Rate Setting for Small Communities
Diane Perley, NY State Lead Community Development Specialist
RCAP Solutions, Inc.

Funding Updates, Part III
Charlie Phillon, Community Developer
NYS Homes and Community Renewal

Energy Smart Communities Rep. (invited)
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Closing Discussion

Lunch

Register using the back of this form or through our website: efc.syracusecoe.org

What To Bring

Casual clothing is both appropriate and necessary, and warm clothing is usually required all year, especially at night. You will want to bring enough clothes for your stay, as there are no laundry facilities. Cell phone reception can be hard to get at Minnowbrook; however, standard phones are available in all rooms. They are calling card or reverse charge phones, so consider bringing a calling card for your convenience. Shoes should have flat soles and be sturdy and comfortable. The nearest convenience store is eleven miles away, so be sure to bring all toiletries from home to avoid running out.



While attending Minnowbrook find an opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of the forest in an atmosphere of relaxation and good fellowship. You may want to bring your own tennis racquet and balls, ice skates, or skis as these items are not provided by Minnowbrook. Don't forget your camera and binoculars!

Who To Bring

Minnowbrook does not provide accommodations for the families, friends, or pets of conference participants.

Telephone Numbers

There will be a phone in your room or lodge. Additionally, you can always be reached during the conference by calling 518-352-7200.

Pricing for the conference is all-inclusive — all meals, refreshments, lodging for two nights, and programming are included. Rates are \$265 for local municipalities, \$325 for government agencies and non-profits, and \$495 for for-profit organizations. All lodging will be double occupancy; if you have particular needs or a roommate request, please let us know via the registration form.

Visit the Conference Center website at www.minnowbrook.org for directions and more information on Minnowbrook.

Space is limited!

Registration and payment due by April 1. Payments received after April 1 are subject to a 25% rate increase.

Register through our website: efc.syracusecoe.org

Make checks payable to Syracuse University and mail to:
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Name _____ Title or Position _____

Organization/Municipality _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Check One: Community Representative _____ Gov't/Non-Profit _____ For-Profit _____

Preferred Roommate: _____

*If you have a disability or a special dietary need please call Kathy Forrest at (315) 443-1131