

# St. Lawrence County Planning Board 2025 Work Program

## 1. Training and Guest Presentations:

Annual training sessions will be developed to satisfy the State mandated four-hour training requirement for county and municipal planning and zoning board members. The County Planning Board will also schedule guest speakers for regular meetings from time to time. Potential speakers and training topics include:

Higher Priority:

- Short term rental (Airbnb) regulations;
- Presentations by Boralex and/or EDF Renewables regarding large scale solar energy projects;
- Affordable Housing needs and challenges;
- Demographic overview of the County (including population growth projections);
- Agricultural Census overview;
- The challenge of providing EMS services in the County;
- County Land Use Plan Addendum topics (location and number of EV charging stations, tiny homes);
- Approval or denial timing, hearing and decision dates.
- State freshwater wetland regulation changes

Lower Priority

- Emerald Ash Borer Hazard Tree Assessment and removal initiative;
- Cannabis regulations;
- Presentation by American Farmland Trust on its Smart Solar Siting Report;
- Examine expansion of the State bottle redemption law.

Information on current planning and zoning issues may also be sent to local board members via email. A Glossary of Planning jargon, terms and abbreviations will be prepared.

## 2. Statutory Responsibilities:

The Board will conduct reviews pursuant to General Municipal Law.

## 3. Projects and Outreach: The table below lists County Planning Board activities:

ACTIVITY	DURATION	COMMENTS
Conduct project site visits	Conducted on an as needed basis	Visit sites before meetings
Annual Training Sessions	Throughout the year	Training topics to be developed

The Planning Office will attempt to hold two annual training sessions in the spring and fall. On-line training modules will be developed as time permits and posted on the County Planning Office webpage. Additional outreach will be in the form of electronic information dissemination of relevant planning materials to County municipalities.

A joint meeting with the County Environmental Management Council (EMC) and/or the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) may be scheduled to discuss land use and environmental issues that relate to both boards.