

Appreciation for Local Planning and Zoning Boards

To recognize the service and dedication of local Planning and Zoning Boards, Madison County held the second annual Planning and Zoning Appreciation Banquet on December 2, 2014. The event was held at the Kallet Civic Center in Oneida, NY and was well attended with nearly 100 board members from municipalities across the county.

“These Planning and Zoning Board members are responsible for making many of the planning and land use decisions in our communities, but what many may not know is that these boards are made up almost entirely with volunteers,” said Scott Ingmire, Director of Madison County Planning Department. “This banquet is not only a thank you to them but an opportunity for them to come together, network, and share best practices and resources with each other.”

The highlight of the evening is the Smart Growth Awards segment which honors accomplishments in planning and land use.

This year, Smart Growth Awards were presented to:

- Town of Lebanon Comprehensive Planning Committee – for efforts to create the Town’s first Comprehensive Plan
- Village of Canastota – for place making and revitalization efforts to its downtown



As sharing experiences is a key focus of the banquet, both groups awarded made presentations on key aspects of their projects including takeaways and recommendations to help inspire other groups that might be interested in taking on something similar in their own community.

“This evening is much appreciated by all of us, and I hope our talk was meaningful for

some of the attendees,” said Gary Will an award recipient as a committee member of the Town of Lebanon’s Comprehensive Planning Committee.

“The evening is a great chance to learn and share with our neighboring communities. We are honored to be a recipient of this award and delighted to share some of our experiences with revitalizing downtown,” said Village of Canastota Mayor Carla DeShaw.

In addition to a banquet, the evening also serves as a chance for participants to attain hours needed for their annual four hour training requirement. The evening’s training topics included the use of conservation subdivisions and how to implement the state-wide unified solar permit. The banquet was catered by Madison Bistro.



Photo from Madison County’s Planning & Zoning Board Appreciation Dinner held on December 2, 2014