PROPOSED SHORT COURSE AGENDA

Subject to minor revisions

Friday, June 15, 2012

8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15  Welcome
This will be an introduction of presenters and participants and an overview of the program and the materials received.

9:15 – 10:05  The Land Use System
Professor John Nolon, Counsel, Land Use Law Center
This session will cover the basics of the land use system.

10:05 – 11:30  The Role of Local Leaders
Jeff LeJava, Managing Director of Innovation, Land Use Law Center
Using a small construction project application as an example, we will discuss the roles and responsibilities of the local boards, how local boards are formed and ethical considerations of local boards.

11:30 – 11:45  Break

11:45 – 1:10  SEQRA Methodologies, Techniques, and Practices
John Saccardi, AICP, Principal, VHB (formally Saccardi & Schiff)
This session will discuss the new EAF Short Form, the new EAF Long Form, DEIS Scoping and Impact Statement preparation and review. The session will discuss innovative ways of using SEQRA effectively and efficiently.

1:10 – 1:45  Lunch

1:45 – 2:00  Resources of the Land Use Law Center

2:00 – 3:40  Land Use Tools and Techniques
Professor John Nolon, Counsel, Land Use Law Center
This session will discuss the use of innovative land use techniques that both preserve natural resources and promote development in appropriate places. Questions will be taken on the numerous techniques available.

3:40 – 4:00  Stump the Professor and Final Thoughts
Saturday, June 16, 2012

8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15  Welcome
This will be an introduction of presenters and participants and an overview of the program and the materials received.

9:15 – 10:15  Comprehensive Planning and Zoning
Professor John Nolon, Counsel, Land Use Law Center
This session will review the importance of the comprehensive plan and zoning. It will further discuss innovative ways to incorporate sustainable development ideas.

10:15 – 10:30  Break

10:30 – 11:30  Conservation Subdivision: Legal Authority & Practice in New York
Jeff LeJava, Managing Director of Innovation, Land Use Law Center
The presentation highlights the requirements of Town Law § 278 and discusses practical concerns with its implementation.

11:30 – 12:30  Streamlining the Development Process
Professor John Nolon, Counsel, Land Use Law Center
What does it take to be an “open for business” community? There is no denying that economic conditions have slowed development in the region. Despite this slump, there are projects that communities can pursue that will help create the infrastructure for future investment. In this session, we will examine the types of planning and regulatory tools available, as well as incentives that can be accessed to help make these projects happen.

12:30 – 1:15   Lunch

1:15 – 2:15  Incorporating Sustainable Development Criteria from LEED-ND into Local Plans and Codes
Margaret E. Byerly, JD, MEM, MS, Staff Attorney, Land Use Law Center
Many localities welcome sustainable development within their communities but struggle with outdated plans and regulations that hinder these projects. To help address this problem, the Land Use Law Center identified how municipalities can use criteria from LEED-ND, a widely-accepted benchmark of sustainable neighborhood development, to enhance local plans, codes, and policies to incentivize sustainable growth and to eliminate barriers to sustainable development projects.

2:15- 2:30  Break

2:30 – 4:00  Developing a Public Participation Process
Tiffany Zezula, Managing Director of Training, Land Use Law Center
This session will discuss citizen engagement, why to pursue it, and how to formulate a citizen engagement plan that can complement the legal decision-making process.