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From the President...

It's been a difficult six months but Mike Krasner would be proud of us all. Personally, I want to thank all of the Chapter officers for their support and assistance during this transition period. In particular, Mike Long, the Chapter Treasurer has taken on added responsibilities including representing the Chapter at the Chapter President's Council meeting at the annual conference in Washington D.C. He also attended the usual repertoire of business meetings preceding and during the conference. A special thanks also to Judy Breselor and Diane Carlton for representing the Chapter at the Delegate Assembly. The Award's luncheon was a major highlight for our Chapter at the conference. The Chapter's submission of the *Niagara Reservation/Niagara Falls State Park* was the recipient of the AICP Planning Landmark Award. Mary Kopaskie and Marcia Kees accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter. Mike Krasner played a primary role in preparing and submitting the application to APA.

If you noticed a slightly new look to the Chapter newsletter, it's because we have a new newsletter editor. Kimberly Thaler, who did an excellent job as newsletter editor, has taken a new position in West Palm Beach, Florida. It goes without saying that many of us will be thinking of Kimberly come January! We wish her the best of luck in her new position and will miss her here in Upstate New York. Sean Maguire, a planner with the Albany County has volunteered to be the new editor. If anyone has any articles, announcements, letters, advertising, or other items for **PRESIDENT - Continued on Page 3**

2004-2005 Chapter Elections

A nomination committee of Diane Carlton, Michael Kayes and Jean Waterbury was appointed to put together a slate of officers for vote by NY Upstate Chapter members. On the following page you will find a ballot for your vote. Newly elected officers will assume office on January 1, 2005 and will hold office through December 31, 2006.

Eligibility of election as an officer is restricted to Chapter members, and eligibility of election as president is restricted to Chapter members in good standing with the American Planning Association. Eligibility to vote in the elections is restricted to Chapter members in good standing.

Please take a minute to review the list of candidates on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter and then mark your vote for each office on the enclosed ballot. You may also offer your own write-in choice in the space provided. Return your ballot to Diane Carlton, Otsego County Planning Department, 197 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326 by November 1, 2004.

2004 New York Upstate Conference

by Marcia Barry, Western NY Section

The 2004 Upstate New York American Planning Association Conference, "Planning on the Edge", will be held in Rochester, New York on Wed., October 27th through Fri., October 29th. The event will be held at the Clarion Riverside Hotel on the Genesee River in Downtown Rochester. The emphasis of this conference will be on the current state of affairs and enhancing the economic viability of Upstate New York.

We are pleased to announce a list of speakers that include William Johnson, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Robert Elliot, Mayor of the Croton-on-Hudson and Director of Economic Development for Westchester County and representatives from academia, business and government from across the state.

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NY Upstate Chapter Receives AICP Continuing Ed Grant

by Andrew Labruzzo, AICP, Capital District Section

The New York Upstate Chapter was one of six chapters selected by the American Planning Association to receive a \$1,000 grant under the 2004 AICP Continuing Education Chapter Grants Program. The Chapter will use its grant to conduct a series of workshops on the topic of "Planning for Agriculture". The workshops are being developed jointly with staff from the Northeast Regional Office of the American Farmland Trust in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The Planning for Agriculture workshops will focus on community planning techniques to ensure a future that includes a significant role for agriculture. The workshops will include presentations about why farms and farmland are important, important issues facing modern farm businesses and how they can be impacted locally, public farmland protection strategies as well as private conservation options. Some of the topics addressed in the workshops will include:

- Why Communities Should Support Agriculture;
- Talking With Farmers About Planning - Challenges and Opportunities;
- Is Your Town Farm Friendly? - A Town Planning Assessment and Evaluation Tool;
- Profiling Agriculture in Comprehensive Plans;
- Agricultural Districts and Local Right to Farm Laws;
- Zoning and Farm Businesses;
- Purchase or Lease of Development Rights Programs.

The Planning for Agriculture workshops are being planned for a number of venues in the Fall of 2004 including the New York Upstate Chapter Annual Conference and the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council Fall Local Government Workshop.

For more information about the Planning for Agriculture workshops, please contact the Chapter's Professional Development Officer, Andrew Labruzzo at (518) 447-5645 or alabruzzo@albanycounty.com.

Remember, the deadlines for newsletter materials are February 15 (Annual Report and Awards Issue), May 15 (Election Issue), August 15 (Pre-Conference Issue), and November 15 (Post-Conference Issue).


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New York State promoting walkable communities

As the number of New Yorkers who are overweight and obese continues to rise, physical activity has become increasingly important to improving ones health. Since walking is the easiest activity for most people to do, the Healthy Heart program at the New York State Department of Health is interested in the promotion of walking and the concept of walkable communities. As an objective in the statewide Cardiovascular Health Plan, the New York State Department of Health hopes to increase the proportion of New Yorkers who report that it is safe, accessible and comfortable for them to walk or bike near their homes or worksites. The Healthy Heart program is looking for formal and/or informal groups, organizations and interested citizens throughout New York State who work on issues pertaining to the creation of pedestrian friendly communities. We hope to assess what is needed and assist local pedestrian support groups to work effectively with local transportation and land use decision makers to make it easier and safer for people to walk.

Please send contact information for these groups to Brittany Ekleberry at the New York State Department of Health, bke02@health.state.ny.us, with the subject line: "pedestrian directory." For further questions, call 518-408-0125.

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The conference will focus on spurring Economic Development, enhancing Community Character and providing Planning Tools and Techniques. A variety of sessions have been planned. Highlights include :

- A case study of the revitalization of City of Rochester through street reconstruction projects, new design based zoning regulations, rigorous code enforcement and city real estate policies.
- A discussion of the potential for new opportunities in the emerging field of energy production.
- An overview of the award winning project and plan by Genesee County to construct a countywide water supply system, develop a smart growth plan to combat sprawl and implement a regional sales tax revenue agreement .

Other sessions will address the efforts being made in Upstate New York to capitalize on tourism , to reinvent the suburbs, and to develop economic strategies for small communities.

We invite you to come visit Rochester, see the Fast Ferry and to discuss the state of Upstate and how to bring it back from the edge. Visit www.nyupstateplanning.org for more information.

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October 27 - 29, Clarion Riverside Hotel
Rochester, NY

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inclusion in the newsletter, please contact Sean directly at smaguire@albanycounty.com.

As you will note in this issue, it is once again election time. Please take a minute to mark your vote and return the ballot to Diane Carlton as indicated. Finally, mark your 2004 calendar for our annual Chapter conference coming up October 27-29 at the Clarion Riverside Hotel in Rochester. Our hosts, the Genesee/Finger Lakes Section, promise an exciting program designed around the theme of "Planning on the Edge". Look for more details on the Chapter web site at www.nyupstateplanning.org.

2004-05 Chapter Elections: Candidate Biographies

PRESIDENT

Michael H. Long, AICP, RLA

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Since 1980, Michael Long has worked in the Planning field in Auburn, New York. After graduation from the S.U.N.Y. College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry (ESF) at Syracuse with a Bachelors of Environmental Design and a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture (BLA), he began working for the Cayuga County Planning Board holding several titles. While working for this joint city/county agency, he continued his studies and in 1992 received both a Masters of Arts in Public Administration (MaPA) from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and a Masters of Landscape Architecture (MLA) from ESF. In 1992, the City of Auburn separated from the Cayuga County relationship and Mr. Long became part of the city's Office of Planning and Economic Development. Shortly afterwards, he was promoted to the position of Capital Improvement Program Manager and since this time has assisted in securing over \$70 million dollars of grants. Mr. Long has been involved with several not-for-profit organizations and is currently serving his second term as the New York Upstate Chapter Treasurer since 1999.

VICE PRESIDENT

Dan Aken, AICP

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Dan Aken is a Senior Planner for FRA Engineering, PC. He is currently working to expand the firm's services from site, civil, and structural engineering, and building code compliance services, to include short-term and long-range planning. Dan has a Master's in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University and a BA in Geography from the University of Buffalo.

TREASURER

Rocco Ferraro, AICP

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Rocco Ferraro is presently the Executive Director of the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. Prior to his return to CDRPC in 2002, he was a Principal Planner with Edwards and Kelcey in Saratoga Springs. He had been previously employed by the Commission as the Director of Planning Services between 1985 and 2000. Rocky has over 25 years of professional planning experience ranging from neighborhood to regional planning in the public and private sector. Rocky has also been a member of the Adjunct faculty at the University of Albany, SUNY since 1997. Among his civic activities, Rocky serves on the Town of Clifton Park's Environmental Conservation

Commission and is a Board member of the Saratoga Rural Preservation Company. Rocky received a Bachelors Degree in Urban Studies from Rutgers University and a Masters of City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University. Prior to his appointment as the Chapter President due to the death of Mike Krasner, he served as the Chapter's Vice President.

SECRETARY

Angela Ellis

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Angela Ellis presently works as a Senior Planner for the Ontario County Planning Department in Canandaigua. She previously served as the Planner for the Livingston County Planning Department in Geneseo between 1994 and 2001, and as a Planner for L. Robert Kimball & Associates in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, between 1991 and 1994. Ms. Ellis has a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, and a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Judy Breselor, AICP

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Judith Breselor has worked as a Sr. Planner for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council for the past four years. In this position she worked with 214 communities within the Hudson River Valley to enhance local land use planning and create a voluntary regional planning compact for the Hudson River Valley. Previously she held the position of Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Rensselaer. She will begin a new position in Rensselaer County in July, 2004. She has a M.R.P. from the University at Albany and a B.A. from the University of Albany, Rockefeller College in Public Affairs.

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Andrew Labruzzo, AICP

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Andrew Labruzzo is presently employed with the Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation, & Planning where he serves as Senior Planner. Previously he has worked for the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, NYS Department of State, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, New York City Department of Environmental

Protection and Putnam County Division of Planning. Andy has a M.S. in Environmental Health Science from New York Medical College, Graduate School of Health Sciences and a B.A. in Environmental Science from SUNY College at Purchase. Andy served as Secretary from 1999-2003 and has been the Professional Development Officer since 2003.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Mary Kopaskie, AICP

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Mary Kopaskie presently works as a Principal Planner for peter j. smith & company, inc. in Buffalo; she has also worked for NYS Tug Hill Commission and Dutchess County Department of Planning. Mary has a Master of Urban Planning Degree from the University of Buffalo and a B.A. in Geography with minors in Planning, Math and Computer Science from SUNY Plattsburg. Mary has been active in the Upstate Chapter as the Member-at-Large for the past 4 years and as the Membership Officer for 2 years. She was active with the Western New York Section where she has held the offices of Deputy Director and Treasurer. Mary has served as both a member and chair for the Chapter and Western New York Awards Committee.

EDUCATION OFFICER

Kristen Mark Hughes

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Appointed Ontario County Planning Department Director in February 2002, Mr. Hughes has over 24 years of senior management experience as an Executive planner and public administrator. He obtained his Master of Planning at the University of Virginia, Campbell School of Architecture, in Charlottesville, VA, with concentrations in Agricultural Land Preservation, Water Resources and Coastal Planning. He received his B.S., Majoring in Environmental Planning and Public Resource Management, Minor-Geology in 1978 from Allegheny College, in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

During his career he has served as Planning Director to four Maryland Counties (Kent, Carroll, Wicomico, and Frederick) in addition to Ontario County, New York. He was formerly Associate Legislative Director to the Maryland Association of Counties. And, also served as Executive Assistant to the Secretary and Legislative Liaison for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Hughes played key roles in the development of many of Maryland's Smart Growth, Environmental, Transportation, Historic Preservation, Community Development and Housing Laws and Policies.

Mr. Hughes served as a two-term President of the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association and is currently

Regional Vice President of the NYS Association of County Planning Directors, and a Board Member to the Finger Lakes Section, Upstate Chapter, American Planning Association. Mr. Hughes has also been appointed to the NYS Advisory Committee on Land Use to the Joint Legislative Committee on Rural Resources. He is a charter member on the Board of Directors of the Rochester Regional Community Design Center.

Kris grew up in Pittsford, New York, graduating in 1974 from Pittsford Mendon High School. He is active as a clarinetist in the Lima/Honeoye Falls Community Band and has been appointed as a Victor resident to serve on the Victor Business Development Team.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

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Gary is the Assistant Planning Director for the Town of Amherst Planning Department. Before coming to work for the town in 1987, Gary was the Executive Director of Southtowns Rural Preservation Company from 1986 to 1987, was the Executive Director of Cuba Community Development Corporation from 1985 to 1986 and briefly worked for the NYS Tug Hill Commission in 1985. Gary has a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Buffalo and a Bachelors of Arts Degree from Canisius College. Gary has been active in the Western Section of NY Upstate Chapter APA, serving as Section Secretary and Deputy Director in the late 80's and Section Director in the early 90's. He has co-chaired the Chapter conferences held in the Buffalo region in 1990, 1995 and 2000.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Diane V. Carlton, AICP

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Diane Carlton is the Planning Director for Otsego County (Cooperstown), NY. She manages the county's community development, transportation, land use, and agricultural programs and provides research and technical assistance to the County Board on a wide variety of topics. Before coming to work for Otsego County in 1990 she served as the land use director for the town of Naugatuck, CT, (1989-1990), senior planner for Sullivan County Department of Planning and Economic Development (1984-1989) and assistant planner for Westchester County Department of Planning (1983-1984). She is an adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Oneonta teaching courses in environmental planning and environmental impact analysis. She is a past president of the New York State Association of County Planning Directors and currently services as the Vice President for the Southern Tier region of the organization. She holds a B.A. from SUNY/Geneseo and an M.P.A. with a concentration in environmental planning from the University of Delaware.



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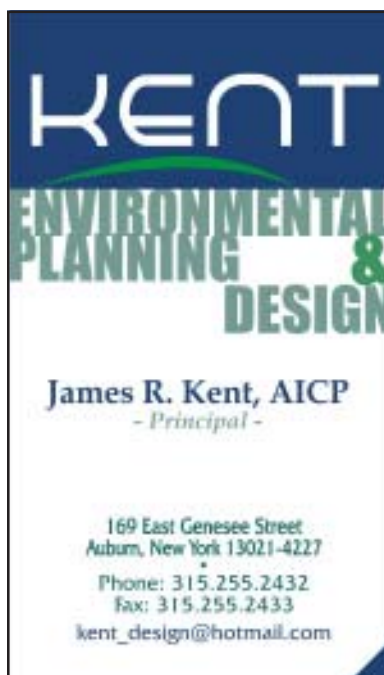
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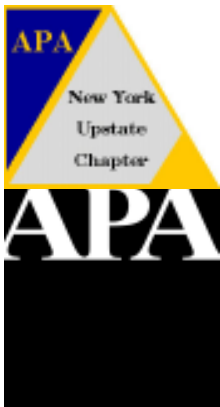
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Upstate Sections Update

Central New York Section

Earth Day, April 22, was the occasion of a meeting between **Dr. Scott Shannon, some of his planning students at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)**, and **Paul Yonge** representing the central New York Section. **Janet Marsden** was selected as the Student Representative and she will be investigating the formation of a Student Planning Organization at ESF. Training materials representing about twenty hours of instruction on CD-ROMs covering sixteen topics on planning issues were donated to Moon Library at ESF on behalf of the APA. This represents a long-awaited revival of interest in a mutually beneficial relationship between APA and ESF since the retirement of Professor Allen Lewis who had served as a strong supporter of APA and student participation for years.