

FIRST DRAFT

**REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE ON NATURAL GAS
DEVELOPMENT**

Saturday, June 20, 2009 9 a.m. to 12 noon
State University of New York at Morrisville Student Activities Building Theater
(conveniently located off State Rte. 20 in southern Madison County)

**A PROACTIVE MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT
IN UPSTATE NEW YORK**

Sponsored by:

Association of Towns of the State of New York
New York State Association of Counties
New York State Conference of Mayors
State University of New York at Morrisville
Madison County
Chenango County

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

Elected and appointed Town, County, Village and City officials who are currently experiencing natural gas development activities in their communities or are located in the Marcellus Shale reserve and expect such activity in the coming months and years.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. Pre-registration is not required but preferred by contacting Town of Lebanon Supervisor Jim Goldstein at Lebanon@citlink.net or (315) 837-4152

Program Agenda

Welcome from Morrisville College President Raymond Cross, Ph.D.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – What Municipalities Can Do Regarding Natural Gas Development

Speakers

Kimberly Rea, Esq, Bosworth, Gray & Fuller, Environmental and Municipal Attorney
Mark R. Millspaugh, P.E., President of Sterling Engineering, PC, Latham, N.Y.
Panel of Local Municipal Officials including Madison and Chenango County representatives

Topics to be covered:

1. Environmental Conservation Law Section 23-0303 – the powers it gives and the powers taken from local government and towns.

2. Impact of the draft Supplemental GEIS on hydrofracking process for gas drilling of Marcellus Shale gas wells for local governments – what will be the regulations and when will these be implemented and how.
3. Actions municipal governments can take to address local road impacts and protect local roads.
4. Actions municipal governments can take to protect critical, sensitive areas in their municipalities.
5. The current system of assessment of fuel production and property taxes in New York State and proposals to create a severance tax or fuel production tax, and its ramifications or opportunities for local municipalities.

11 a.m. to 12 noon – Discussion, Q&A and developing consensus on a comprehensive Legislative agenda for local municipalities in the region to advance in Albany to address local concerns and impacts.

GAS WELL IMPACT TOUR

Immediately after the conference, optional tours of existing gas well development in the towns of Lebanon and Smyrna for those who wish to participate. Lebanon and Smyrna, which adjoin each other in Madison and Chenango counties, currently have over 100 gas wells in various stages of operation, development and permitting.