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## Upstate APA Conference: Rethinking Upstate - Common Threads October 8-10, 2008

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The 2008 Upstate American Planning Association Chapter Conference will be here before you know it and the Genesee-Finger Lakes Section has been busy with preparations for the conference in Henrietta and Canandaigua, October 8th-10th.

This year's conference is entitled "Rethinking Upstate - Common Threads," highlighting the connections and interdependencies between urban, suburban, and rural places throughout Upstate New York. The Conference will begin with registration and a welcome reception at 5pm Wednesday October 8th and will continue with full days of sessions Thursday and Friday, concluding Friday October 10th at 4pm. Session topics include Historic Preservation in the Suburbs, Municipal Responses to Climate Change, Financing City Center Residential Development, New Urbanism in Upstate New York, Navigating the Environmental Permit Process, a Panel Discussion on Sustainability and many more. Of particular note are two sessions, Planning Ethics and Planning Law, presented by Patty Salkin, Distinguished Professor of Law, Associate Dean, and Director of the Government Law Center at Albany Law School. These two sessions will fulfill the AICP Certification Maintenance requirement for ethics and law. Most, if not all, conference sessions will be submitted to AICP for approval for Certification Maintenance credits.

Thursday night will be a Night in the City. Free transportation will be provided to and from the hot spots around the City of Rochester including the East End, Cornhill Landing, and the South Wedge. Conference attendees will receive information on restaurants and suggestions for after-dinner entertainment.

While most of the sessions will be held at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta [www.ritinn.com](#), the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake will be our venue for lunch on Friday and feature Alexa Gifford from the New York Wine and Culinary Center. Following lunch, attendees can visit the nearby Wine and Culinary Center [www.nywcc.com](#) or take a tour of lakefront projects in Canandaigua as part of conference sessions. You may wish to plan to stay after the conference for a long weekend in the Finger Lakes region. The fall foliage should be spectacular and the region's harvest season will be in full swing.

On behalf of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Section, and the entire Upstate Chapter, we hope that you will join us for the 2008 Conference: Rethinking Upstate - Common Threads. The knowledge and networking that will be gained from the experience are invaluable. We hope to see you there.

Registration information will be mailed to all chapter members in July; information will also be posted on the Chapter website: [www.nyupstateplanning.org/ChapterConference.htm](http://www.nyupstateplanning.org/ChapterConference.htm)

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