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Municipal De-Icing Best Practices Forum a Success

April 26, 2013 – On April 17, 2013 a Municipal De-Icing Best Practice Forum was held in Lake George for local Highway Superintendents and their spreader crews. The Forum was sponsored by the Lake Champlain Basin Program and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and organized by staff at the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board, Lake George Association and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District. Over 65 local Highway Superintendents and staff from 21 municipalities attended. Also in attendance were NYS DOT employees from Warren, Washington, Clinton, Essex and Hamilton Counties.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better turn-out,” said Beth Gilles of the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board. “Our goal was to educate our local highway guys on improved Best Management Practices for de-icing operations, and that’s what we achieved. We hope to keep working closely with them to help implement these small changes that can have a huge impact on salt use and DPW budgets in the Lake Champlain and Upper Hudson River regions.”

Speakers at the Forum included; Jeff Tennyson, PE, Highway Superintendent, Warren County DPW; Larry Eichler, Research Scientist, Darrin Freshwater Institute; Duane Amsler, PE, Cornell Local Roads Program; Paul Brown, PE, Massachusetts DOT; and Mike Lashmet, PE, Snow and Ice Program Engineer for NYS DOT. Opening remarks were given by Bob Winans, PE, Acting Co-Director, Office of Transportation Maintenance, NYS DOT. Also part of the Forum was a Municipal Panel, where local Highway Superintendents spoke about the hurdles of being able to implement new Best Management Practices. To see all the presentations, visit www.lclgrpb.org.



Photo Caption: Paul Brown, PE, of the Massachusetts DOT speaks to attendees on how to be more efficient with de-icing operations.

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About the Lake Champlain – Lake George Regional Planning Board

The Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board was created in 1967 as a development organization operating in New York State. Our mission is to promote sustainable economic development that strengthens our communities, provides quality jobs and preserve the unique natural, historical and cultural characteristics of the region. For more information, call 518-668-5773 or visit www.lclgrpb.org.

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