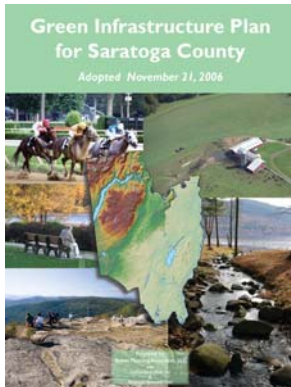




**ELCR Conservation Partner Educational Conference Call Fall Series: Number 5
Purchase of Development Rights Program, How They are Formed, How They Work & Benefits
to Land Owners**

Presenter Biographies



Jaime L. O'Neill MRP has been a planner with Saratoga County for over 10 years. With a Master's Degree in Regional Planning, Ms. O'Neill's primary focus has been on farmland protection, Agricultural Districts and Open Space planning across Saratoga County. She has leveraged over \$3 Million dollars in farmland protection funding from New York State Farmland Protection Grant Program for Saratoga County to purchase the Development Rights to several farms in the county. Ms. O'Neill serves as staff to the County's Land Preservation Committee, which oversees the County's grant program, which has invested \$3.8 Million dollars in farmland and open space conservation to date.



Billy Van Pelt, RLA, MBA, has been the Director of the Purchase of Development Rights farmland conservation program in Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky, for almost 9 years. Growing up on a general agriculture farm in nearby Woodford County gave Billy a life-long interest in land issues. With a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Transylvania University and a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from the University of Kentucky, Billy recently completed his Master's in Business Administration from Midway College.



Lorraine Garkovich, Ph.D., is a professor at the University of Kentucky, where her research focuses on farm/family household change, rural community change and land use issues. She is the author of several books and articles to date. Dr. Garkovich received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a specialization in social demography. As an extension agent, her work has focused on strategic planning, community visioning, community/economic development, and socio-demographic trend analysis. She has facilitated strategic planning related to economic development, land use and growth management, tourism development, and general community development. A board member of Mountain Association for Community Economic Development for over 20 years, she has also served in several elected positions on the Council of the Rural Sociological Society. Her accolades include the Bonnie Teater Community Development Educator Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Southern Rural Development Center; the Rural Sociological Society's Excellence in Teaching Award, and numerous other prestigious awards in her field.