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Building owners and managers sought for energy assessments ANCA announces energy efficiency project for Saranac Lake area

SARANAC LAKE, NY — Building owners and managers in the Saranac Lake area are invited to participate in a new program designed to reduce energy costs.

The <u>Adirondack North Country Association</u> (ANCA) has announced a project called the Aggregation for Community Energy Security (ACES), which allows businesses, municipalities and nonprofits who own or manage private or public-purpose buildings in and near the Village of Saranac Lake to receive reduced cost energy assessments and examine potential energy efficiency upgrades. ANCA and contractor <u>L&S Energy Services</u> are seeking participants for the energy assessments, which will be conducted through the end of May.

Interested participants are welcome to attend an informational kick-off event for the ACES project on Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Saranac Lake Village Board Room in the Harrietstown Town Hall, 39 Main Street, Saranac Lake.

"This is a great opportunity for people with commercial or public-use buildings," said ANCA Clean Energy Program Director, Sean Connin, PhD. "The ACES aggregation project will provide them a professional energy assessment, at reduced cost, as well as decision support to meet their energy efficiency goals and needs."

ANCA and local business partners selected L&S Energy Services, a Clifton Park-based consulting firm that focuses on energy efficiency, to oversee the project.

"We're excited to partner with ANCA to help the Saranac Lake area community identify opportunities to increase energy efficiency in its buildings," said Michelle Wooddell of L&S. "The main focus of our 20 years of work throughout the state is to improve energy efficiency for our clients. This study will take a close look at the challenges property owners here are facing and identify ways individual buildings can benefit from updated systems and leverage available funding sources."

By aggregating participants for the project, ANCA and L&S are able to offer energy assessments for free or at a low-cost. Participants will receive a report characterizing the energy-efficiency performance of their buildings as well as specific measures they can take to lower their energy use and related expenses.

"The more people who participate in this project, the better," said Ben Kline, a Bloomingdale resident who took over management of an office building on 43 Broadway last June. "Having an energy assessment is a great way for me to understand more about the building and its systems including heating, electrical and structural elements. The assessment will establish a baseline for the building and create a list of priorities for improvement."

For more information about the launch event or the ACES project, contact ANCA Energy Circuit Rider Jennifer Perry at jperry@adirondack.org or (518) 891-6200.

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