

**The New York State Association of Towns honors
Amherst Councilmember Deborah Bruch Bucki RN, PhD**



In February of 2018, Town of Amherst Councilmember Deborah Bruch Bucki became the first elected official in Erie County to achieve the honor of **"Certified Town Official"**.



The Association of Towns established the Certified Town Official (CTO) program in 2014 at the request of its membership as an official acknowledgement of their training efforts. The CTO program is designed to hone management and leadership skills, expand town officials' knowledge and capabilities, and recognize town officials who have committed themselves to continuing education opportunities.

With the requirement of 30 credit hours spread across 10 offices/subject areas, the program provides an overview of all major town operations and a familiarity of each office's tasks and responsibilities. Participants pursue certification for a host of personal and professional reasons.

Currently, there are more than 600 participants; with Councilperson Bucki being the fifth individual to achieve certification. The Association of Towns would like to commend Debbie for her hard work and commitment to public service.

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