

AUGUST 26, 2016

CTHC Fall Meeting Scheduled

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council will hold their annual fall meeting **Thursday, September 22nd at the Steak 'n Brew restaurant**, 4497 State Route 26, Turin. Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting to follow.

On the agenda for the meeting are review of the April 2016 meeting minutes, the current financial report, and the proposed 2017 budget. The Tug Hill Commission will provide updates on projects that they are assisting the Council with, including minimum maintenance roads. Other topics for discussion are the updated CTHC website and the proposed Super COG meeting currently scheduled for October.

The speakers for the evening are anticipated to be representatives from some of the wind projects which are proposed in the Tug Hill area. The meeting will close, as usual, with supervisor topics and any other comments from the floor.

Invitations will be out in the mail soon, so be on the lookout. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person with representative's dinners being paid for by the CTHC. Reservations can be made by contacting Angie Kimball at angela@tughill.org or at 599-8825 or 480-6857. **Please RSVP by September 15th.**

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NOCCOG Annual Dinner Meeting

The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments invites you to attend the 33rd annual dinner meeting on **Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Delta Lake Inn**. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. Over 100 local government officials from northern Oneida County will be in attendance for an evening of networking and information sharing. NOCCOG will also hold its annual business meeting, including adoption of the 2017 budget and election of 2017 officers. Additionally, this year's meeting will feature an overview of NOCCOG's history and an introduction to Tug Hill Commission's new Executive Director Katie Malinowski.

The cost to attend is \$22 per person. Please send check payable to: NOCCOG, 20 Glenridge Drive, Taberg NY 13471 no later than **September 23rd.**

Save the Date!

**Tug Hill Commission
Annual Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Tailwater Lodge & Barn, Altmar**

Stay tuned for more details!

Community Survey Responses Requested

The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) is reaching out to organizations and leaders in the 14-county ANCA region (which includes all four Tug Hill counties) to help spread the word about their survey, "Unpacking Secrets of Successful Communities." ANCA recognizes that national trends are driving against economic viability in rural places and rural communities, but some of Adirondack North Country communities are bucking those trends. ANCA wants to understand how and why, and help other communities do the same. Results from this brief survey will be instrumental for building a relevant and comprehensive agenda for ANCA's annual meeting in September. Results from the meeting, in turn, will be used to create tools for individual communities to learn from each other and explore new ways to invigorate their own towns and villages.

Survey results so far show that the #1 priority is "The Basics: Infrastructure that works - water, sewers, roads, bridges...", #2 is "The Basics: Broadband (internet access) and cell phone service", and #3 is "The Economy: Living-wage jobs ". 43% say the "digital community" is very important and 54% of respondents say their community has gotten better in the last five years, while 7% say "I'm new here!" (therefore, the other 46% don't all say it's worse...).



Please consider answering the short survey by the end of August, found here: <http://svy.mk/2a8IToI>

2016 Transportation Alternatives Program Applications Due October 21

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is making available \$98.7 million in funding to support bicycle, pedestrian, multi-use path and transportation-related projects and programs as well as projects that reduce congestion and will help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act. Applications must be received by October 21, 2016. Federal grant funds will provide up to 80% of project-related cost, with the remaining 20% provided by project sponsors. This funding is designed for large projects, as the minimum federal project share is \$250,000, and the maximum is \$5 million.

These funds, from the Federal Highway Administration and administered by the NYSDOT, are provided through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). The TAP and CMAQ projects will be selected through a competitive process and rated based on established criteria that include public benefit, air quality improvement and innovation. Projects must be related to the surface transportation system and provide full access to the public. Applications must be sponsored either by a municipality, a state agency or public authority eligible to administer federal transportation funds. For additional information, please refer to the program guidance and application resource materials at www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/opdm/local-programs-bureau/tap-cmaq.

To facilitate the development of applications, NYSDOT will be hosting four webinars/workshops and providing opportunities to review pre-applications with NYSDOT staff. Regionally, the closest workshop location is in North Syracuse on Thursday, September 15 from 10 :00 a.m. to 1 :00 p.m. **Attendance at a workshop is a requirements to applying for these funds.**

Comments and questions regarding the TAP-CMAQ solicitation may also be submitted via email to TAP-CMAQ@dot.ny.gov

Grants for Municipal E-Waste Assistance

Funding has been made available in FY 2016/2017 to assist NYS municipalities with the unanticipated costs of collecting and recycling eligible electronic wastes. For the 2016 application cycle, municipalities may submit a supplemental form for E-Waste Assistance Grants either in addition to the usual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance application, or as a stand-alone request. **Applications for this funding will be accepted only between October 3, 2016 - October 31, 2016.** The total amount of funding available is \$3 million, and up to 50% of actual eligible expenses incurred during April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 may be reimbursed for the collection/recycling of covered e-waste. If total eligible costs exceed \$6.0 million, reimbursement will be made at a reduced, but equal, rate for all applicants.

Covered e-waste includes computers, computer peripherals, televisions, small scale servers, and small electronic equipment, as defined by NYS's Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (ECL Article 27, Title 26).

Eligible types of e-waste collection activities are collection events, pickup of abandoned e-wastes, managing or paying for the management of e-waste on behalf of one or more municipalities, or by being a registered collection site/consolidation facility. The purpose of this e-waste funding is to partially defray unexpected costs paid to an e-waste recycling firm (recycler) for covered e-waste recycling.

To apply, complete and file a signed e-waste supplement to the Household Hazardous Waste State Assistance Program grant application (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107384.html>). The applicant must provide documentation of actual incurred expenses for the time periods April 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016 and July 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016. Documentation includes vendor invoices, applicants purchase orders, and cancelled checks, if available. Estimated amounts for the second half of the funding period (October 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017) must be consistent with documented actual amounts. Additional documentation may be required by the NYSDEC to verify the accuracy of information on the application.

Fund disbursements will be through the NYS Master Grant Contracts (MGC) in digital format using the New York State Grants Gateway. **Applicant must be registered in Grants Gateway to receive a grant contract.**

Environmental Protection Agency Webcast: Septic Smart Tools and Outreach

This webinar will be held September 8, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will explore tools and outreach efforts for the upcoming SepticSmart Week 2016. Each year during SepticSmart Week, EPA seeks to: inform homeowners on proper septic system care, assist state and local governments and organizations in promoting homeowner education and awareness, and educate local decision makers about infrastructure options available to improve and sustain communities. For more information and to register: <https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-smart-decentralized-wastewater-webcasts>

Funding for Pollution Prevention Initiatives

The NYS Pollution Prevention Institute has funding available for community focused pollution prevention initiatives. Up to \$20,000 per project is available, and eligible applicants include community organizations and/or local government agencies.

Eligible projects are to increase awareness, understanding and/or lead to implementation of pollution prevention practices and/or behaviors at the community or municipal level. Applications are due by September 30th, 2016.

For more information: <http://www.nysp2i.rit.edu/community-grants-program>.

NY Mesonet Close to Completion

The New York State Mesonet, designed, implemented and operated by scientists at the State University of New York at Albany with support from the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, is well under construction and expected to be complete by the end of December. When finished, it will consist of 125 state-of-the-art environmental monitoring stations and serve as the foundation of an Early Warning Severe Weather Detection network for NY. Mesonet sites are distributed statewide with every county having at least one site, and provide local, updated weather information in real-time 24/7 to government, academic, and private sector partners as well as the general public. Besides weather forecasting, the new system will have benefits for emergency management, road maintenance, aviation, agriculture, energy and homeland security.

Five sites are located in the Tug Hill region: Central Square, Copenhagen, Harrisburg, Osceola and Redfield. The Harrisburg, Redfield and Osceola sites are also expected to be snow stations that measure snow depth and snow water equivalent. By clicking on a site in their interactive map (<http://nysmesonet.org/mesonow/?stid=REDF>), realtime data including temperature, wind speed, and humidity can be viewed.

Find more information at <http://nysmesonet.org> or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/nysmesonet](https://www.facebook.com/nysmesonet).



The Central Square station in Oswego County.

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