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Red Flags Workshops March 1st, 2nd

Presented by the Office of the State Comptroller's Syracuse Regional Office, this training program is designed to assist village and town officials in carrying out their fiscal oversight responsibility. Topics to be covered include:

- **What are the board's fiscal oversight duties?**
- **What is the purpose of an audit and who is responsible?**
- **An overview of the records of the chief fiscal officer (supervisor or treasurer).**
- **An overview of the fiscal responsibilities of the justice and clerk.**
- **Important audit concerns and key records to look at (a checklist approach).**
- **What do you do if questions are raised during the audit process?**
- **What are the major red flags for *fraud* you should watch for?**
- **What do you do if you suspect *fraud*?**

The same workshop will be held in two convenient locations:

Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Lewis Town Hall, 1039 State Rt. 26, West Leyden, NY 13489

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Parish Fire Hall, 16 Union St., Parish, NY 13489

The workshops are free but pre-registration is requested, to (888)785-2380 or tughill@tughill.org

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Commission Celebrates 43 Years of Service

Over 90 people attended the Tug Hill Commission's 2016 annual dinner, held at the Tailwater Lodge & Barn in Altmar in November. Attendees were able to view the new Venerable Folks of Tug Hill exhibit (see article on page 3) and many attendees took home one of the new Tailwater Lodge's a great example of adaptive reuse of an abandoned building, in this case a former elementary school.

The evening's keynote speaker was Ken Lynch, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and former Region 7 Director. Ken's presentation highlighted many of the ongoing efforts of DEC on Tug Hill, including ownership soon of 2,800 acres of National Grid land along the lower

Salmon River and Salmon River Reservoir, the new Tug Hill Traverse non-motorized trail being built in the core forest, and the pending acquisition of over 3,000 acres of former Harden property in the towns of Orwell and Redfield.

The evening concluded with a year-in-review presentation by Executive Director Katie Majewski, as well as a look forward to priorities in 2017. The full presentation can be viewed on the commission's website.

The Barn at Tailwater Lodge, Altmar NY

Special thanks to Don Alexander from Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency for volunteering to narrate the video, and to Jackie Hobbs with the NYS Old Time Fiddlers' Association for use of her fiddling music. Staff member Mickey Dietrich donated the aerial footage and Betty

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Headwaters in your Mailbox!

The commission just released Headwaters, our 2016 Newsletter and 2016-17 Annual Report. For those who receive it via email, it should be in your inbox. Hard copy versions are in the mail this week! You can also view it on our website at:

<http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/THC-HeadwatersFINAL.pdf>



The Next Generation of Wind Farms on Tug Hill Paper Updated

After incorporating feedback and updating information, the commission has re-released *The Next Generation of Wind Farms on Tug Hill* white paper. To download a copy, please go to <http://www.tughill.org/publications/white-papers/> or call the commission for a hard copy.



LGC Registration Now Open; Early Registration Ends March 15

Don't forget, the early registration fee is \$50 if registered by March 15, 2017. Between March 16th and 26th, registration will cost \$100.

Four sets of concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day, with seven workshop options during each session. A full set of course descriptions is being mailed to Tug Hill communities and previous attendees, and should be in your mailbox early next week. The descriptions are also on the conference website at www.tughill.org/LGC2017



Phil Street, Tug Hill Commission Director of Planning in discussion with workshop attendees.

ZBA Workshop Held in Amboy

The Tug Hill Commission held a ZBA basics workshop in Amboy on Tuesday, January 31. The workshop, conducted by Phil Street, provided information about the zoning appeals process to ten planning board and ZBA members from five Tug Hill towns and villages, and was good for two hours training credit toward the four hour annual requirement for planning board and ZBA members.

2016 New York State Beach Cleanup Report

The American Littoral Society is excited to report that over 6,600 volunteers participated in the 2016 New York State Beach Cleanup. Our Black River Trash Bash contributed to the removal and documentation of 66,830.93 pounds of trash in 24 New York State counties. In addition, more than 230 miles of New York state shorelines were cleaned and just as importantly, more than 6,600 New Yorkers were educated about the need for a cleaner, healthier environment. The 2016 data for New York state below shows the exact people, pounds and miles, as well as the "Dirty Dozen" (the most commonly collected items) from New York State's shorelines.

Statewide Numbers:

Number of volunteers: 6,645

Pounds of debris removed: 66,830.98

Number of miles cleaned: 233.68

Number of bags used: 3,959

To see more results of the New York State Beach Cleanup, please visit www.NYSBeachCleanup.org. Thank you all for your help and hard work with the Black River Trash Bash, the New York State Beach Cleanup!!

The Dirty Dozen for 2016 NYS Beach Cleanup (statewide)	
Trash	Total
Cigarette Butts	47,720
Plastic Pieces	26,607
Bottle Caps (Plastic)	25,062
Food Wrappers (Candy, Chips, Etc)	21,249
Bottle Caps (Metal)	18,737
Glass Pieces	16,881
Foam Pieces	13,282
Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	13,182
Straws, Stirrers	11,127
Beverage Bottles (Glass)	9,102
Other Plastic Bags	8,316
Grocery Bags (Plastic)	7,852

2016 Black River Trash Bash Results

The Black River Trash Bash contributed to both the statewide beach cleanup and the worldwide Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. In the fall of 2016, 57 participants removed over 400 pounds of trash (29 bags) and recyclables from 6 miles of shoreline in the Black River Watershed. Participants included the Adirondack Communities Advisory League (Oneida County), Lyons Falls Alive (Lewis County), the Haderondah 4H Club (Herkimer County), the American Society of Civil Engineers student club (Oneida County) and the Jefferson and Lewis County Water Quality Coordinating Committees.

Black River Watershed Numbers:

Number of volunteers: 57

Pounds of debris removed: 405

Number of miles cleaned: 6

Number of bags used: 29

The Black River Trash Bash participants received a donation of protective work gloves from White's Lumber in Watertown and water from Alder Creek Beverages in Boonville. In addition, the Development Authority of the North Country assisted with trash and recyclable hauling.

The Dirty Dozen for 2016 Black River Trash Bash (Black River Watershed)	
Trash	Total
Cigarette Butts	1,655
Food Wrappers (Candy, Chips, Etc)	422
Plastic Pieces	305
Foam Pieces	209
Plastic Takeout Containers	113
Glass Pieces	104
Cigar Tips	96
Beverage Cans	95
Beverage Bottles (Glass)	94
Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	83
Plastic Lids	83
Foam Takeout Containers	77

State of Lake Ontario Meetings Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced its 2017 round of annual State of Lake Ontario meetings. The meeting closest to the Tug Hill region will be held Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Pulaski High School auditorium, 4624 Salina Street, Pulaski. The alternate date in the event of bad weather is Tuesday, March 14. Agenda items are scheduled to include the most recent Lake Ontario tributary creel survey.

Other meeting locations will include Lockport, New York on Tuesday, March 7, and the campus of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) on Thursday, March 9. These meetings are open to the public.

Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control Funding Available

Two million in funding is available through the Invasive Species Rapid Response and Control Grant Program for municipalities, not-for-profits, and educational institutions across the state. The program will support projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species throughout New York.

The NYS Environmental Protection Fund is providing the \$2 million in funding for eligible projects. Grants range from a minimum of \$11,000 to \$100,000, with a required 50 percent match. The deadline for grant applications is March 24, 2017. For a full list of eligible and ineligible projects, please view the Request for Application at https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=3

Springtime Damage to Roads and Seasonal Load Limits Webinar

This webinar will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2017, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This webinar was organized by the TRB Standing Committee on Seasonal Climatic Effects on Transportation Infrastructure. Participants must register in advance of the webinar, and there is a fee for non-TRB Sponsor or non-TRB Sustaining Affiliate employees. A certificate for 1.5 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be provided to attendees who register and attend the webinar as an individual.

Webinar Outline

1. Basic thaw weakening theory.
2. Overview of methods used to determine thaw weakened conditions.
3. Prediction models incorporating measured/computed subsurface conditions and weather forecasts.
4. Demonstrations of websites:
 - Frozen or thawed pavement conditions
 - Thaw predictions
5. Question and answer session.

For registration information: <http://www.trb.org/ElectronicSessions/Blurbs/175499.aspx>

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