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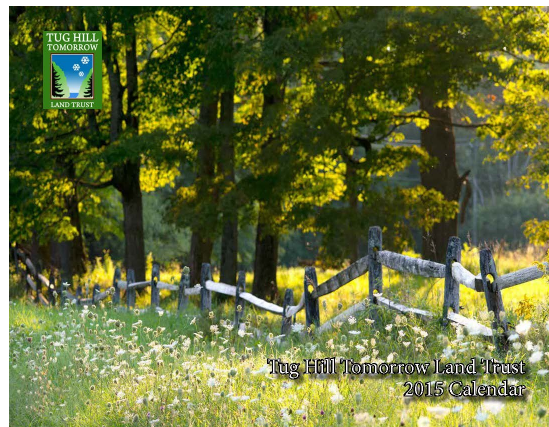
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## Tug Hill Commission to Meet

The Tug Hill Commission will next meet on Tuesday, January 20 from 10:00 am –12:00 pm in Cleveland, NY. Highlights of the meeting will include routine business of the Commission, a report of activities in the North Shore Council of Governments, the latest updates of the Regional Economic Development Councils, and review of major projects and activities in the region. The public is welcome to attend and there will be a public comment period at the end of the meeting.

## 2015 Tug Hill Photo Calendar Available

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust has put together another high quality photo calendar highlighting the many beautiful places that make Tug Hill special. The photo shown below is the 2015 calendar cover, Partridge Hill Road, by Pamela Underhill Karaz. Browse the PDF version at <http://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2015-Calendar-website-2.pdf> to see more photo submissions that made it in the calendar.



Calendars are available online or visit one of the following locations: The Lewis County Chamber of Commerce in Lowville, Adirondack Art and Framing in Barneveld, Country Connections in Boonville, and Carpenters Hardware in Camden.

This year's calendar sponsors are Bob and Carol Keller, RBC Wealth Management Crossroads Inn & Cabins, Coughlin Printing Group, The Cheese Store, Community Consultants, Country Connections, International Wire Group, Bare Wire Division, Daley, Lacombe & Charette, PC, and the NYS Zoo at Thompson Park.

# North Country Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program 2/4, Carthage

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, the River Area Council of Governments, and the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization invite you to participate in the North Country Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program that will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:00 PM

Carthage Central School Auditorium

36500 New York 26

Carthage, NY 13619

The program seeks to provide citizens with the tools and resources to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

Each family that attends will receive a NYS Disaster Preparedness Kit that contains key items to assist individuals in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. All participants must register in advance at: <http://www.dhses.ny.gov/aware-prepare/nysprepare/>.

## LGRMIF Grant Workshops

Although the grant deadline for 2015 hasn't yet been announced, NYS Archives has scheduled grant workshops around the region for the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) 2015-16 application round. In addition to the Watertown and Westmoreland sessions highlighted below, there are several webinars available that focus on different aspects of the grant program. The grant deadline is expected to be early March 2015.

To see the schedule of workshops and to register, go to:

<http://iarchives.nysed.gov/WorkShops/workshopsServlet?owner=REG&cat=1>

January 13—Watertown

January 14—Westmoreland

## Municipal Mini-grants for Asset Management Inventory Development

A call for proposals through the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center's (Syracuse EFC) mini-grant program is offered with support from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD). The purpose of this mini-grant program is to provide municipalities with additional resources needed to fully conduct a water or wastewater Asset Management (AM) inventory. The Village of Lyons Falls successfully applied to this program in 2014. Three grants will be funded in 2015. This program intends to serve rural communities with a population less than 10,000.

Proposals must be received no later than **5:00 PM on January 16, 2015**. The full Request for Proposals is available at [http://syracusecoe.org/EFC/images/allmedia/publications/EFC-2015-AM\\_Inventory\\_Mini-Grant-RFP.pdf](http://syracusecoe.org/EFC/images/allmedia/publications/EFC-2015-AM_Inventory_Mini-Grant-RFP.pdf). Any questions regarding this opportunity should be directed to Brad DeFrees at [badefree@syrr.edu](mailto:badefree@syrr.edu).

# 2015 Training School and Annual Meeting February 15 - 18, 2015

Registration is open for the Association of Towns 2015 Training School and Annual Meeting on February 15-18, 2015 at the Hilton Midtown, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

Fees and Deadlines: \$100 per member and \$125 (non-member) before January 26, 2015.

Registrations postmarked between January 26, 2015 and February 5, 2015 will be processed at the onsite registration rates: \$135 members; \$160 non-members. For more information and to register go to:

[http://www.nytowns.org/sites/default/files/2015%20registration%20forms%20-%20mag%20no%20page%20numbers\\_0.pdf](http://www.nytowns.org/sites/default/files/2015%20registration%20forms%20-%20mag%20no%20page%20numbers_0.pdf)



## Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust Winter Outings

For more information, see their website at <http://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/treks-and-events/guided-treks-and-upcoming-events/>.

### Joseph A. Blake Wildlife Sanctuary Snowshoe

**Date:** Saturday, January 17th, 10am-1pm

**Place:** Joseph A. Blake Wildlife Sanctuary, Rutland

**Description:** Deer, fox, bobcats and porcupines are a few of the animals that call the Wildlife Sanctuary home. As we wander through the woods we will search for signs of these inhabitants. Great for all ages and ability levels, this easy to moderate 1.5-2 mile tour of the property is the perfect chance to get out and explore nature. Meet at parking lot on Middle Road.



### Boonville Snowshoe

**Date:** Saturday, January 31st, 10am-1pm

**Place:** Moose River Road, Boonville

**Description:** Great for all ages and ability levels, Bob and Carol Keller will lead an easy to moderate two-mile tour of their Boonville property. Their 140 acre protected property serves as an important corridor for wildlife traveling between Tug Hill and the Adirondack Park. After the snowshoe everyone is invited back to the house to enjoy a snack. Meet at 3626 Moose River Road just east of the Pines and Joslin intersection.

### West Turin Snowshoe

**Date:** Sunday, February 15th, 1pm-4pm

**Description:** Explore another one of our protected properties located in West Turin. Landowners, Al and Barb Weiman will lead us on a three part excursion over the hills and through the woods. The tour ends with a beautiful view of the East Branch of Fish Creek. Difficulty level is moderate with some uphill hiking. Once the snowshoe is done everyone is invited to warm up by the fire. Hot chocolate and a snack will be provided.

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## Local Government Conference Registration Brochure In Your Mailbox

Registration brochures for the March 26, 2015 Tug Hill Local Government Conference were mailed the last week of December. If you did not receive a copy, call the Commission office toll-free at 888-785-2380 or download one from the Tug Hill Commission's website, <http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2015THC-LGCRegistrationBrochure.pdf>.

**Registration is \$50 if postmarked by 3/4/15.  
If postmarked by 3/11/15, registration is \$75.  
After 3/11/15 or at the door, registration is \$100.**

We cannot issue refunds after March 11, 2015. Please, one attendee per registration form, and please return with your check or voucher payable to the Tug Hill Commission.

