

Tug Hill Times

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DEC To Hold Free Workshops On Alternative Land Care And Pest Management

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will hold four free workshops in August on alternative land care and pest management. Cornell Cooperative Extension will provide introductory training on alternatives to conventional pesticides, including organic methods, which will better protect the environment and public health.

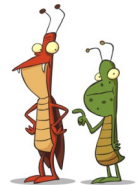
The workshops are part of DEC's Be Green in the Great Lakes Project, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The GLRI aims to address matters in the Great Lakes ecosystem, which is home to hundreds of species of fish, wildlife and flora. Land care businesses, certified pesticide applicators, schools, municipalities and the general public from the 33 New York counties in the Great Lakes Basin, are encouraged to attend.

The workshops will cover introductory information on: plant selection and planting techniques, soil structure and testing, pest management using mechanical or cultural techniques, minimum risk pesticides, organic methods and management and causes of plant diseases. Four recertification credits will be available for certified applicators who complete the training.

Workshops will be held at the locations below from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

August 8 - Watertown.....Italian American Civic Association
192 Bellew Avenue, Watertown, NY

August 9 - Syracuse.....Best Western Plus Carrier Circle
6555 Old Collamer Road South, East Syracuse, NY



Participants should register by July 19, as space is limited. For more information about workshop registration and locations, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/92163.html>, call 518-402-8651, or e-mail bggl@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Quantum GIS Training Held

On July 8th, 2013 a Quantum GIS training was held at Carthage Central High School. The training was hosted by the Tug Hill Commission, Carthage Central High School, Tug Hill GIS User Group, and the NYSGISA Regional Outreach Program. A total of ten people were in attendance from Carthage Central High School, DANC, Jefferson County, Lewis County, NYS DEC, NYS Tug Hill Commission, St. Lawrence County, and the Village of West Carthage. Positive feedback was received from those involved.

Thank you to Dr. Van Hoesen from Green Mountain College for giving his time to provide this free training for us. Also, thank you to Carthage Central High School for the use of one of their computer labs and setting up the computers. It was a great success and team effort.

We will be looking to provide additional training in the near future, so stay tuned.

Protecting Your Records Before and After Floods - CNY State Archives

Once again, much of New York is facing the danger of severe thunderstorms and flash flooding. The area affected stretches from Poughkeepsie to the Canadian border and west to Syracuse. Given the saturation of much of the land in New York at the moment, flash floods could occur after one or two inches of sustained rain, so once again we are advising local governments to take precautions to protect their records before and after the flood.

Pay particular attention to the advice for after the storm. It's important to remember that wet records can be salvaged and that the State Archives must authorize any early destruction of damaged records.

Ahead of the Storm

Here are some tips to help protect your records in anticipation of possible flooding:

- Know what's coming your way.
- Keep contact information for key staff, services, and resources with you at all times.
- Review your emergency response plan and take it home with you.
- Back up your electronic records and store the backup in a safe place off site.
- Move priority collections out of basements and off floors.
- Gather plastic sheeting and cover records, file cabinets, and computer equipment stored in vulnerable locations.
- Identify and, if necessary, acquire alternative power source, such as generators.
- Hold a planning meeting with staff today.



As you prepare for the storm, remember that the New York State Archives is available to help. Visit their Disaster Assistance web page for advice on what to do before and after the storm hits: http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/records/mr_disaster.shtml

After the Storm

If you have sustained damage to your records, contact the State Archives through our disaster response mailbox (arch_sos@mail.nysed.gov) or via telephone at 518-474-6926, or call your State Archives Regional Advisory Officer, Kent Stuetz at 315-542-5909. He can provide advice and assistance as you respond to storm-related damage to records.

If your records sustain damage, please keep in mind two important points:

- Wet records can usually be recovered, so do not destroy them merely because they have become wet.
- Do not destroy any damaged records without first receiving authorization from the New York State Archives. Only the State Archives can give you permission to destroy records before they have reached the end of their retention periods.

Animal Control Workshop *It's All About The Dogs (and some other critters)*

Thursday, August 1, 2013 at Kunsela Hall, SUNY IT, Utica from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. *Sign in begins at 6:00 pm.*

Who Should Attend

- Supervisors & Mayors
- Town & Village Clerks
- Dog & Animal
- Control Officers
- Codes & Zoning Officers
- Town & Village Justices



Topics to Be Covered:

- Dog Licensing Process in New York State
- Abandoned Animals
- Rabies Vaccination
- Local Ordinances
- Municipal Enforcement
- Codes Regarding Animal Operations & Husbandry

The workshop is sponsored by the Local Government Education Committee of Oneida and Herkimer Counties. The fee is \$15.00 and light refreshments will be available. For registration forms and brochures go to: <http://lgec.org/content/Generic/View/17>.

Mail registration forms to Continuing Professional Education, LGEC Registration, SUNY IT, 100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY 13502. Checks should be made out to The College Association. Preregistration by July 24.

DEC Invites the Public To Comment On The Draft Oneida Hills Unit Management Plan

A public meeting on the draft Oneida Hills Unit Management Plan (UMP) will be held Wednesday, July 24, 2013. Public comments on the draft plan, will be accepted at the meeting. Comments must be submitted by August 1, 2013.

The meeting will be held in the Steuben Town Hall, 9458 Soule Rd, Steuben, (Turn west off of State Route 12 at Remsen onto Starr Hill Road, turn left on Fuller Road then continue to Soule Road), from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The first half hour will be an open house format to allow people to informally discuss the draft plan with DEC staff. At 7 p.m. there will be a brief presentation of the draft plan highlights. Following the presentation, the public will have an opportunity to comment on the plan.

The state forests included in the unit are Buck Hill, Canada Creek, Clark Hill, Jackson Hill, Penn Mountain, Point Rock, South Hill, Webster Hill and West Branch. The state forest lands total 13,460 acres and are located in the Oneida County towns of Ava, Boonville, Lee, Steuben and Western.

During development of the draft plan, DEC encouraged public participation and assessed the natural, physical, social and recreational resources of the unit's state forests. Information obtained and reviewed through the planning process helped build a solid foundation to support specific goals, objectives and management actions. The goals of the unit are to provide: a healthy, sustainable and biologically diverse forest; opportunities for forest-based recreation; economic benefits to local communities and residents; and sound stewardship.

These state forests provide many recreation opportunities, including: hiking, skiing, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, trapping, bird watching and horseback riding. The unit contains 4.5 miles of cross-country ski trails, 15.7 miles of snowmobile trails (some designated New York State Snowmobile Corridor Trails), 11.9 miles of forest access roads, and 14 parking areas.

No major changes to the current management strategies for the area are being proposed in the draft plan, but some items of note to regular users of these state forests include:

- 8 campsites are proposed to be created, including some Universally Accessible sites;
- Kiosks are proposed for each of the individual state forests to provide more information on the each forest and recreation opportunities;
- Improving road maintenance is a priority;
- Creating additional early succession (young) forest is a long-term goal.

The draft plan is available on the DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/83216.html>.

Those unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit comments to the DEC by mail to: NYSDEC, Division of Lands and Forests, Attn: Mary Kay Allen, 225 North Main St, Herkimer, NY, 13350 or alternatively by e-mail to r6ump@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Written comments will be accepted until August 1, 2013.

New Trees Planted In Adams



The Village of Adams Tree Committee was happy to witness the planting of trees in the village recently. A NYS Urban and Community Forestry Tree grant was awarded to the Village and will help pay for 63 new trees to be purchased and planted along Hungerford Ave and East Church, Phelps, South Park, Liberty, South Main, Roberts and Wardwell streets. Some of the tree species being planted include Japanese lilac, crab apples, oaks and Norway Spruce. The Tree Committee worked hard for 2 years planning the project and the Tug Hill Commission assisted with grant writing.

South Main Street Trailhead Enhancements To Begin



Assisted by GYMO Engineering Firm, the Village of West Carthage expects to begin construction of a permanent concrete boat dock, pedestrian walkway and park enhancements at the South Main Street Trailhead by July 31st. Funded through the Department of Transportation in 2009 through the Recreation Trails Program and administered through OPRHP, the village expects to complete the project by September 30th. When completed, the project will provide linkages to existing motorized and non-motorized trails while interconnecting the waterfront and downtown areas.

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2013 Planning And Zoning Summer Schools

Workshops sponsored by Association of Towns of NYS and New York Planning Federation. Topics Include: Planning and Zoning Case Law Update; Environmental Quality Review: New Forms and Proposed Changes; Cell Towers & Telecommunications Issues for Planning and Zoning Boards; Site Plan Reviews; Interpreting Zoning Court Decisions; and Planning for an Aging Population

Town of Huntington (Suffolk County)
Wednesday, July 24, 2013
Melville Marriott (I-495 Exit 49S or 49N)
1350 Walt Whitman Rd. Melville, NY 11747

Town of Bath (Steuben County)
Friday, July 26, 2013
Days Inn Bath (Route 17 & I-86 Exit 38)
330 West Morris Street,
Bath, NY 14810

Town of Malta (Saratoga County)
Wednesday, July 31, 2013
Hyatt Place Saratoga/Malta (Northway Exit 12)
20 State Farm Place,
Malta, NY 12020

City of Syracuse (Onondaga County)
Friday, August 2, 2013
Best Western Plus (Thruway Exit 35)
6555 Old Collamer Road S,
East Syracuse, NY 13057

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For registration form, go to: <http://www.nytowns.org/sites/default/files/articles/2013%20P%26Z%20Registration%20Form.pdf>
For agendas for each session, go to:

<http://www.nytowns.org/sites/default/files/articles/2013%20DRAFT%20Agenda%20FOR%20THE%20WEB.pdf>

Lifecycle Information for Other Versions of Windows

With the recent article on the upcoming end of support for Windows XP, some have asked about what the dates are for other versions of Windows.

As you'll recall, Microsoft support for Windows XP ends April 8, 2014.

Support has already expired for other, older versions of Windows. Those would include Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows 1.x, 2.x and 3.x, Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows ME.

Extended Support ends for Windows Vista on April 11, 2017.

Extended Support ends for Windows 7 on January 14, 2020.

Extended Support ends for Windows 8 on January 10, 2023.

Lifecycle information from Microsoft for all versions of Windows can be found at <http://support.microsoft.com/gp/lifeselectwin>

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