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Commission Highlighted in NNY Business Magazine

Commission executive director Katie Malinowski was recently interviewed by the Northern NY Business Magazine about the work of the Tug Hill Commission. Questions included a broad range of topics, from councils of governments and circuit riders, to ATV access on public roads, renewable energy, minimum maintenance roads, and watershed planning. Read the full story at <http://www.nnybizmag.com/index.php/2018/06/18/20-questions-preserving-a-unique-landscape/>.

CTHC Executive Committee Meets

The executive committee of the Cooperative Tug Hill Council met on Tuesday June 26th at the town hall in Boylston. Following reading and approval of the minutes and the financial reports, the Committee heard from Katie Malinowski and Phil Street from the Tug Hill Commission about several topics and projects that CTHC and the commission are working on. The committee also reviewed a proposed updated contract for their associate circuit riders and the proposed new inter-municipal agreement (IMA), which shows the addition of the town of Adams, who the Council approved for membership at the spring meeting. Copies of the new IMA will be out to the CTHC municipalities soon for approval. The committee set a tentative date of **September 27th** for the 2018 fall meeting. Information on the fall meeting will be going out as soon as the location and other details have been firmed up. The Committee members also discussed several other administrative matters prior to adjourning.

Document Scanning Essentials Workshop

Tuesday, July 31, 2018, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Town of Watertown Municipal Building, 22867 County Rte 67, Watertown, NY 13601.

Although imaging systems can store and quickly retrieve a large volume of documents, they can rarely be justified on that basis alone. To make optimal use of this technology, state agencies and local governments must understand standards and best practices for scanning records and maintaining them in these systems.

This workshop will cover:

- Current imaging and scanning practices
- What you need to know to prepare for a scanning project
- How to incorporate Records Management principles into scanning your records
- Strategies and best practices for conducting your own scanning project

Registration: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/document-scanning-essentials-2018-07-31>

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Save the Date NOCCOG Annual Meeting

The annual business and dinner meeting of the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments will be **Thursday, September 27th** at the Delta Lake Inn in Rome. In addition to electing a new executive committee member, our guest speaker will be Khristina Dodson, from Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center, discussing project and grant preparedness. More details to follow!

DEC Draft Flood Risk Management Guidance Open for Public Comment

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has developed two draft flood-risk management documents: *New York State Flood Risk Management Guidance* and *Guidance for Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Assessment*. The documents were developed under the Community Risk and Resiliency Act (CRRA), which requires applicants for some State permits, State funding, and certain facility-siting regulations to consider future physical climate risk due to sea-level rise, storm surge, and flooding. The proposed guidance also addresses mitigating risk due to sea-level rise, storm surge, and flooding in the approval and funding of public infrastructure. CRRA added mitigation of these hazards to the State's list of smart-growth criteria for public infrastructure.

DEC is proposing these documents as nonbinding technical guidance to agencies responsible for implementation of permit and funding programs specified by CRRA. DEC is accepting written public comment through August 20, 2018, with the proposed documents available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/102559.html>. Comments may be submitted by email to climatechange@dec.ny.gov, please include "CRRA Comments" in the subject line of the email; and by mail to DEC, Office of Climate Change, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1030.

Three public information and comment meetings are being held to provide the public opportunity to learn about and comment on these guidance documents.

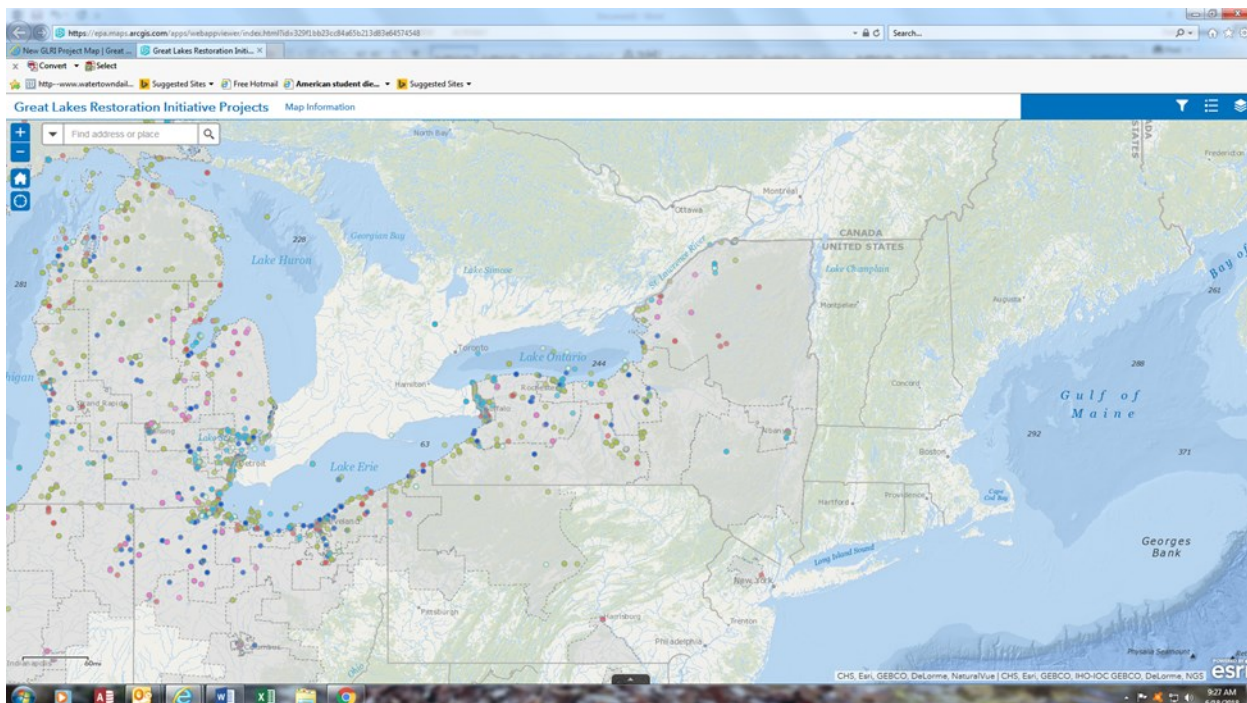
- 1:00 p.m., Wednesday July 18, DEC Region 8, 6274 East Avon-Lima Rd., Avon
- 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, DEC Headquarters, 625 Broadway, Room 919, Albany
- 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, Suffolk County Water Authority Education Center, 260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge

At these meetings, DEC will present information on CRRA and review recommended flood-risk management guidelines. Attendees are required to pre-register by e-mailing climatechange@dec.ny.gov or calling (518) 402-8448. The July 19 meeting will also be accessible via WebEx webinar service. Instructions for accessing the webinar are at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/102559.html>.

Interactive Map of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Projects

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a new interactive map showing program investments since the beginning of the fund. With filters, GLRI projects can be sorted by state, congressional district, county, city, funding agency, and focus area.

Check it out at <https://www.glri.us/node/114>



Comptroller Report Outlines Intermediate and High Hazard Dams

The Office of the NYS Comptroller released a report looking at intermediate and high-hazard dams across the state, and estimated a cost of \$360 million to fix locally-owned dams that are considered a high or intermediate-hazard to public safety.

The definitions of high-hazard and intermediate-hazard dams (from NYCRR Part 673, Section 5) are:

High-Hazard Dam: "A dam failure may result in widespread or serious damage to home(s), damage to main highways, industrial or commercial buildings, railroads, and/or important utilities, including water supply, sewage treatment, fuel, power, cable or telephone infrastructure, or substantial environmental damage, such that the loss of human life or widespread substantial economic loss is likely."

Intermediate-Hazard Dam: "A dam failure may result in damage to isolated houses, main highways, and minor railroads, may result in the interruption of important utilities, and/or is otherwise likely to pose the threat of personal injury and/or substantial economic loss or substantial environmental damage. Loss of human life is not expected."

In the Tug Hill region, there are 21 such dams, of which three are locally owned, shown in the table below. Additionally, the DEC maintains a database of all dams in NYS, that is viewable in Google Earth: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/103459.html>.

The full OSC report is available at <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/dam-infrastucture-2018.pdf>

New York Dam Condition Ratings (6 NYCRR 673.16)

Unsafe: Dams with deficiencies of such a nature that the failure of the dam is imminent and immediate action is required to eliminate or reduce the danger.

Unsound: Dams with deficiencies of such a nature that the safety of the dam cannot be assured. Among the deficiencies which could result in this rating are developing seepage problems, structural stability inadequacies, or seriously inadequate spillway capacity.

Deficiently maintained: Dams with physical or operational deficiencies which do not require further significant engineering analysis. Some corrective action is required, often in the form of increased maintenance, to correct the condition of the dam.

No deficiencies noted: A safety inspection or engineering assessment, and/or investigation by DEC, did not reveal deficiencies.

Name	Location	Hazard Class	Ownership	Last Condition Rating
Herrings Dam	Wilna (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Black River Power Dam	Black River (V)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Kamargo Dam	Black River (V)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Deferiet Dam	Deferiet (V)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Whetstone Gulf Storage Dam	Martinsburg (T)	High Hazard	State (Incl. Joint State and Private)	Unsound
Denley Dam	Leyden (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Port Leyden Lower Dam	Lyonsdale (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
High Falls Dam At Copenhagen	Copenhagen (V)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Rome City Dam	Lewis (T)	High Hazard	Local Government (Incl. Joint)	Unsound
Rome City Dam Dike	Lewis (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Local Government (Incl. Joint)	Unsound
Lighthouse Hill Dam	Orwell (T)	High Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Bennetts Bridge Dam	Orwell (T)	High Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Cedar Lake Dam	Orwell (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Unsound
Sage Pond Dam	Orwell (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Deficiently maintained
Mallory Dam	Hastings (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Delta Dam	City of Rome	High Hazard	State (Incl. Joint State and Private)	Unsound
Alder Pond Dam	Not Found	High Hazard	State (Incl. Joint State and Private)	Not Rated
Kayuta Lake Dam	Not Found	Intermediate Hazard	State (Incl. Joint State and Private)	Not Rated
Forestport Reservoir Dam	Not Found	Intermediate Hazard	State (Incl. Joint State and Private)	Not Rated
Big Drumlin Pond Dam	Trenton (T)	Intermediate Hazard	Private	Not Rated
Oneida City Reservoir Dam	Annsville (T)	High Hazard	Local Government (Incl. Joint)	Unsound



PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to support bicycle infrastructure projects such as bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges; mountain bike facilities; bike parks and pump tracks; BMX facilities; and end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, and bike storage. Grant requests in which PeopleForBikes funding would amount to 50 percent or more of the project budget will not be considered. To be eligible, applicants must be a nonprofit organization with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; a city or county agency or department; or a state or federal agency working locally.

Deadline: Letters of Interest must be received no later than July 23. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by October 19, 2018. More information at <https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>.

June Whitewater Release on Salmon River Cancelled

Last week the Salmon River Flow Management Executive Committee, after consultation with Brookfield Renewable, determined that the recreational whitewater release that was scheduled for the weekend of June 23-24 had to be canceled. The reservoir elevation determined for cancellation is 933.92 ft. and at the time of the cancellation the elevation was 933.75 ft. Lack of rain and no appreciable rain in the forecast has resulted in the reservoir elevation not being sufficient to recover by the release event under the agreed upon protocols.

As per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Salmon River Project License base flows and power production take precedence over recreational whitewater releases. Information about the Salmon River flows can be found at <http://www.h2online.com/default.aspx?pg=si&op=365123>. Additional information is available from the USGS website, <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?04250200>.

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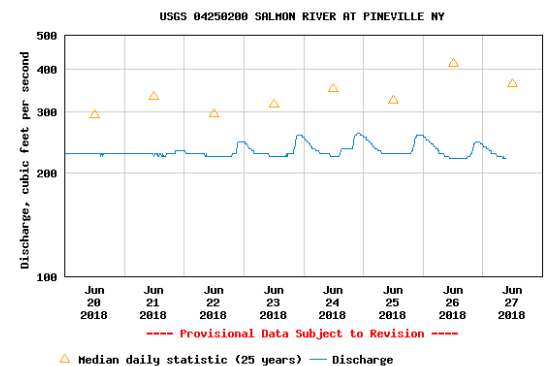
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Electronic versions appear in full color!

Discharge, cubic feet per second

Most recent instantaneous value: 220 06-27-2018 09:15 EST



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Daily discharge, cubic feet per second -- statistics for Jun 27 based on 25 years of record [more](#)

Min (1995)	Most Recent Instantaneous Value Jun 27	25th percentile	Median	Mean	75th percentile	Max (2013)
74.0	220	251	363	538	550	2250

Gage height, feet

Most recent instantaneous value: 5.34 06-27-2018 09:15 EST