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Lyons Fall Brownfield Opportunity Area Public Meeting October 12th



The Steering Committee is hosting a second public meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm** at Forest Presbyterian Church on Center Street, Lyons Falls, NY. Residents, business owners, property owners and all interested stakeholders are invited to provide input on future redevelopment scenarios for the Village. Refreshments will be provided.

For a pdf version of the presentation given at the Public Vision Workshop held on April 13, 2011, please click: <http://lyonsfallsboa.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/vision-workshop040511.pdf>. Please go to <http://lyonsfallsboa.wordpress.com/> to learn more about the project.

URGENT REMINDER! Need Your Input Now!

Ideas for State Senator Patty Ritchie's **Mandate Relief Working Group** are due Senator Ritchie **October 15th** so please let us know your ideas.

- Support for Low Volume Roads legislation
- Amending the "New NY Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act" regarding elector initiated dissolutions/consolidations
- Amending state law to allow for consolidated justice courts
- Adding health care to the 2% tax cap exemption list
- Reinstating "oil and stone construction" back into CHIPS reimbursements
- Streamlining SEQR to integrate into zoning and planning processes



These are but a few ideas that have been worked on or discussed over the years. If Tug Hill communities want to be heard on this effort, we need your input now. If you have any mandate relief ideas, please contact Philip Street at phil@tughill.org or call 785-2380.

Commission Meeting October 19th In Williamstown

The Tug Hill Commission "Commissioner's Meeting" will be held from 4:00 pm —5:30 pm at the Williamstown Community Center. This is an open public meeting and all are welcome to attend. The Williamstown Community Center is located at 2910 County Route 17 in Williamstown, NY.



If you own wooded land in the Tug Hill Region and would you like to learn how to maintain or encourage birds and other wildlife on your property and what you can do to take care of your land for future generations, you are encouraged to attend this workshop. It will take place on **Tuesday, October 25th** from 6:00 pm -8:30 pm at the Constableville Fire House, Main Street, Constableville, NY 13325. Arrive at 5:30 PM for refreshments. This workshop is free, but **registration is required** by contacting Jillian Liner at jliner@audubon.org or 607-254-2437. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 18th.**

Topics will include: The wildlife commonly found in forests of the Tug Hill region; How different types of forests attract different kinds of wildlife; How to encourage wildlife to use your property; Resources, tools and potential partners available to help you meet your goals; and, Planning for the future of your woodlands.

This workshop is sponsored by Audubon New York with support from Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Empire State Forest Products Assoc. SFI-SIC Committee, Cornell University Human Dimensions Research Unit, Molpus Timberland Mgmt, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tug Hill Commission, NYS DEC, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, and The Nature Conservancy.

Iroquois Community Grant Program

The Iroquois Community Grant Program is approaching a deadline for receipt of project proposals on November 15th. This is a competitive-based program, with grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 and is reserved exclusively for communities where Iroquois facilities are located. Priority is given to those proposals that meet established criteria and rank high with the program's focus areas, which are:

Primary Focus Areas: Environmental Initiatives (Preservation, Enhancement, Education) and Passive Recreation;
Secondary Focus Areas: Historic Preservation, Civic & Community, Targeted Arts & Culture.

Local, state and county governments of pipeline host communities; tax-exempt, not-for-profit environmental organizations and land trusts; and private tax-exempt organizations under IRS Section 501(c)(3) are eligible to apply. Proposed projects must be located in a community in which Iroquois facilities are located. Funding decisions are expected to be announced by December 30th. For more information about this program please follow this link: <http://www.iroquois.com/iroquois-grants.asp> or for assistance in developing your project, please contact the Commission at 888-785-2380.

Reminder: Consolidated Funding Applications Due October 31st!

If your community or community group is considering applying for grants through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA), please remember the due date for most of these is **October 31, 2011**. This new approach to obtaining grants gives you access to over 29 different programs through one CFA. Project-based grant funding that you can access include: Affordable Housing Development (4 programs), Community & Waterfront Revitalization (3), Direct Assistance to Business (5), Energy & Environmental Improvements (9), Low-Cost Financing (1), Municipal/Public Infrastructure (2), Parks, Historic Preservation & Heritage Areas (1), Sustainability Planning Assistance (1), Transportation Infrastructure (3), and Workforce Development (2).

This funding is being offered through nine state agencies: Empire State Development; NYS Canal Corporation; Energy Research and Development Authority; Environmental Facilities Corporation; Homes and Community Renewal; Department of Labor; Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Department of State; and Department of Transportation. In addition, the New York Power Authority and Economic Development Power Allocation Board will be using the CFA to implement "Recharge New York," a new, low-cost power program for businesses and not-for-profits.

Important information from about the CFA process, including information presented at recent CFA Workshops, can be found online at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>. If you need assistance, please contact the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2380.

Parks & Trails New York is offering a new round of Capacity Building Grants for park and trail groups in New York State. The grants, of up to \$3,000, will strengthen not-for-profit organizations that are working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state --- helping to not only provide places for close-to-home, healthy physical activity, but also generate additional tourist dollars to strengthen local economies. **The deadline for submitting applications is November 16, 2011.**



Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a pre-application conference call to be held Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. This call will be designed to review the application form and answer questions. The call in number is (712) 432-0180. Participant Access Code: 786019#. For more information email fgotcsik@ptny.org or call 518-434-1583.

Central New York Stormwater Management Training Series

The Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board (CNY RPDB) is pleased to announce that registration for the 2011 – 2012 Stormwater Management Training Series is now open. CNY RPDB is partnering with the Environmental Finance Center at the Syracuse Center of Excellence to present 5 professional level stormwater training courses. Seven PDHs will be awarded for each course completed.

Courses include: [Soils & Hydrology for Green Infrastructure](#) on November 16, 2011; [Applied Green Infrastructure](#) on January 11, 2012; [Stormwater Ponds and Wetlands](#) on February 8, 2012; [Stormwater Management for Linear Projects](#) on March 15, 2012; and [SWPPP Preparation and Review](#) on April 25, 2012

Who Should Attend

Consulting/municipal design engineers; Code Enforcement Officers; Landscape Architects; Municipal staff; Municipal planning board members; Land use planners/developers; Stormwater professionals.

Registration

Advance registration is required for all courses. Online registration and complete information is available at www.cnyrpdb.org/stormwater. For more information, contact CNY RPDB at 315-422-8276 Ext. 200 or email Kathleen Bertuch at: Bertuch@cnyrpdb.org with questions.

Course Fees

The registration fee for each course is \$230 which includes course handouts, lunch and refreshments.

**2ND Annual Lewis County Economic Development Conference
“Public/Private Partnerships and Their Role in Successful Projects”**

DATE: October 26, 2011 9 am to 4 pm
TIME: Lowville Elks Lodge, 5600 Shady Avenue, Lowville, NY

The purpose of this conference is to focus efforts in Lewis County to stimulate and grow the economy in Lewis County communities. Discussions during the day will focus on agriculture, tourism and infrastructure. The Conference is an open event, but is geared toward Lewis County business people, agriculture producers, municipal officials and local citizens.

Schedule of Events

9:00 am Registration and Coffee
9:30 am Opening Remarks
10:00 am Morning Breakout Groups - follow up from 2010
11:15 am Keynote Speaker: Patrick Hooker, Director - Agribusiness Development, Empire State Development Corporation
12 Noon Lunch

1:15 pm Afternoon Breakout Groups

Agriculture:

- Sheland Farms
- Old McDonald’s Farm

Tourism:

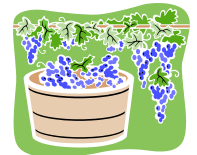
- Tug Hill Vineyard
- Lyons Falls Alive/The Edge Hotel/Boondocks Restaurant

Infrastructure:

- Maple Run Homes, Housing Developer
- Carthage Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC)

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Closing Session, Questions and Answers



Registration

There is no registration fee. Lunch, featuring local foods, will be provided free of charge. To attend, please RSVP by calling (315) 376-5422 or send an e-mail to sy-oung@lewiscountyny.org before Friday, October 14th.

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Thank you!

You still have until October 21st
to register for the **Northern Oneida
County Council of Governments An-
nual Dinner and Meeting on Thursday
October 27th at the Delta Lake Inn,
Fish Hatchery Road, Rome, NY.**

The cost for dinner is \$20 per person.
Please call Gerry Ritter at (315) 392-
2260 for more information
or to register.

North Country Regional Economic Development Council to Hold Community Forum

The North Country Regional Economic Development Council is pleased to invite the public to its next round of community forums designed to get your input and aid in the creation of a five-year economic development plan. This Strategic Plan will emphasize the North Country's strengths and unique as-
sets.

Four forums are scheduled, with the closest being in **Lowville, NY on
Wednesday, October 26th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** at the Lowville Acad-
emy and Central School Large Group Instructional Auditorium, 7668 State
Street , Lowville, NY 13367. Other forums will be held in Potsdam, Eliza-
bethtown and Indian Lake. See the website below for more information.
Seating may be limited so please register early:

Online: www.northcountryopenforbusiness.com

Email: nys-northcountry@empire.state.ny.us

Call: 518-561-5642 or 315-785-7907



Conflict Resolution Workshop

The Local Government Education Committee of Oneida & Herkimer Coun-
ties has scheduled a workshop on relations between the Municipal Board and
the Highway Superintendent. The session will be held on **Thursday, No-
vember 10, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM in the Café at Kunsela Hall, SUN-
YIT in Utica.** Presentations, given by two experienced professionals in this
field (Lori Mithen DeMasi, Counsel Association of Towns of the State of
New York and Laura Skibinski, Esq., NYS Office of the State Comptroller
Legal Services), will include such information as:

- The fiscal roles and responsibilities of the highway superintendent and the town board
- The budget process in relation to the Town Board and the Highway Su-
perintendent including proper charges to the highway fund, Highway
Law § 284 , etc.
- Creating, funding and classification of positions
- Hiring, working hours, firing, discipline & accrual of time

Pre-registration is required by November 1st. There is a **\$15.00** charge for
the workshop and checks should be made payable to the College Associa-
tion. Visit the Local Government Education Committee website at
www.lgcc.org for more information and a registration form. Refreshments
will be served!