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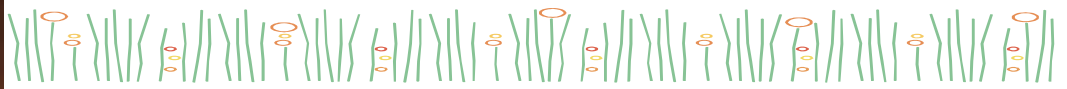
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Budget and Tax Cap Workshop

There's still time to register for the FREE Town Budget Workshop in Lowville. The workshop is **Tuesday, September 18th 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** at the Lewis County Cooperative Extension Office, 5274 Outer Stowe Street, Lowville, NY 13367. To register, please contact the Tug Hill Commission toll free at (888)-785-2380 or tughill@tughill.org.

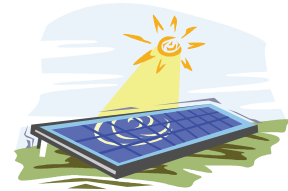


NYSERDA Grants for Solar Energy Projects - PON 2589

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has announced its **New York Sun Competitive Photovoltaic (PV) Program**. NYSERDA invites proposals for the installation of customer-sited PV projects in New York Independent System Operator load zones A through J and Renewable Biogas-fueled electric generation projects in load zones G through J. The following is a link to a map of the load zones: http://www.nyiso.com/public/webdocs/market_data/zone_maps_graphs/nyca_zonemaps.pdf.

Proposals Due:

- November 8, 2012, by 5:00 PM Eastern Time
- March 14, 2013, by 5:00 PM Eastern Time
- August 29, 2013, by 5:00PM Eastern Time



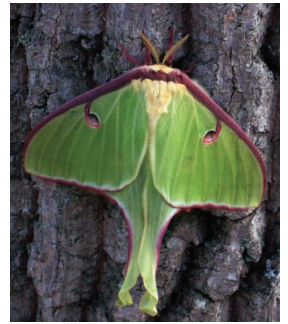
Application materials can be found here: <http://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/Funding-Opportunities/Current-Funding-Opportunities/PON-2589-New-York-Sun-Competitive-PV-Program.aspx>. **All systems must be greater than 50 kW.** (For comparison, the system installed on the Rodman Highway Garage was name plated at 33.8kW). Complete proposals that demonstrate project viability and capability will be competitively selected based on their incentive bid in dollars per kilowatt hour (\$/kWh). All projects must be installed within eight (8) months of the award date.

NYSERDA will conduct teleconferences for prospective Applicants on **January 17, 2013 and May 23, 2013 at 11am EST**. On each teleconference, NYSERDA will review the PON requirements and address questions. Those who wish to participate in the teleconference must send an email indicating such to PON2589@nyserdera.org, by **12:00 noon EST on January 10, 2013, and/or May 16, 2013**, with the subject line "Bidders' Teleconference." Respondents will be provided with a dial-in number and pass code. If you would like assistance, please contact the Tug Hill Commission.

Tug Hill Invasive Species Protection Zone

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The Tug Hill Core Forest remains an area dominated by native species with relatively little impacts from many invasive species. Because of this, an Invasive Species Prevention Zone (ISPZ) was established to monitor and prevent the establishment of high-priority invasive species within the Tug Hill Core Forest. To further outreach efforts about the ISPZ, the St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario (SLELO) Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) has produced a two page color brochure describing the Tug Hill ISPZ in terms of where it is and what it does. The brochure can be found at the SLELO website: <http://www.sleloinvasives.org/>.



Additionally, the invasive species field crew spent several days in the field this summer surveying this area for invasive species. The full report on the field work is available at <http://www.sleloinvasives.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Tug-Hill-I-S-P-Z-Field-Report-2012.pdf>.

NYSDEC Salmon River Fish Hatchery Open House

September 22, 2012

9:00 am until 4:00 pm

2133 County Route 22, Altmar, NY

Admission is FREE



Tour the hatchery, learn about fishing for Pacific salmon and learn about rare and endangered fish. Learn to cast a fishing rod, tie flies, fly cast and fly fish along the Salmon River.

Children's activities include fish identification, discovery of creatures of Beaverdam Brook, the popular "Backyard Bass" and "Hook and Ladders" fishing games, and the Oswego County Cooperative Extension 4-H laser shooting range.

2012 Black River Trash Bash

The Black River, winding from Forestport to Dexter, is one of the North Country's most important natural resources. The Black River Trash Bash is a watershed-wide event to clean up along the river and document what litters our shores. Data will be compiled and sent to the American Littoral Society (ALS), which will use the data to devise strategies to combat pollution. We also hope to increase public participation in solving the problem of litter and pollution and to increase public awareness and appreciation of the River.

This event is being sponsored in part by the ALS, which conducts an annual world-wide beach cleanup day. The event is being organized locally by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tug Hill Commission. Many thanks go out to the captains of the cleanup sites. Please contact one of them to find out how you or your community group can help!

Lyons Falls, Lowville and Carthage are holding cleanups this weekend. There will be a clean up day on September 29th in Watertown and October 6th in Boonville. Please call the Tug Hill Commission for details.

Development Authority's Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, 20th Anniversary Land Fill Celebration and Annual Open House

When: Saturday, September 15, 2012
Where: Solid Waste Management Facility, 23400 NYS Rt 177, Rodman, NY
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Hazardous Waste Collection is open to all residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties
and is**

**Sponsored by the Development Authority of the North Country, Jefferson County, and NYS
Department of Environmental Conservation**

- Free Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Equipment Collection
- Fun Activities for the Kids
- Environmental Displays & Presentations
- Bus Tours
- Nature Walks
- Live Birds of Prey
- NYS Zoo at Thompson Park Exhibit

More information about the Open House and the Household Hazardous Waste Collection day can be found on our website at: <http://www.tughill.org/proj/solid-waste-management-facility-open-house/>.

Lake Ontario Visioning Workshops Announced

Citizens living along Lake Ontario and its tributaries are being invited to provide input at a series of six Lake Ontario Basin Communities Visioning for a Healthy Lake workshops September 24-29. The Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA) and New York Sea Grant are holding the workshops in Lyndonville, Piffard, Webster, Henderson, Sodus, and Oswego to provide information on issues related to Lake Ontario and its priority tributaries, including the Genesee and Oswego Rivers, and to gather input from the public on lake basin conditions and priorities for a healthy lake system.

Workshop discussion will include review of the current Bi-National Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan and Lake Ontario Area of Concern Remedial Action Plans. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will present its Great Lakes Basin Action Agenda and the Agenda's 13 priorities will frame discussions and small group work sessions.

- September 24, 2012: Lyndonville, Fire Department, 148 N. Main Street, 5-7 pm
- September 25, 2012: Piffard, Town of York Office, 2668 Main St, 6-8 pm
- September 26, 2012: Webster, Liberty Lodge, 850 Maple Drive, 5-7 pm
- **September 27, 2012: Henderson, Fire Department, 8939 NY Rt 178, 5-7 pm**
- September 29, 2012: Sodus, Wallington Fire Department, 7863 Ridge Road, 10 am - noon
- **September 29, 2012: Oswego, SUNY Oswego Campus Center Room 201, 2-4 pm**

The free workshops are funded in part a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, obtained by the Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District, for the Lake Ontario Education and Outreach Project. For more information, visit www.flowpa.org. Come test your knowledge of Lake Ontario – prizes will be awarded. Light refreshments will be served.

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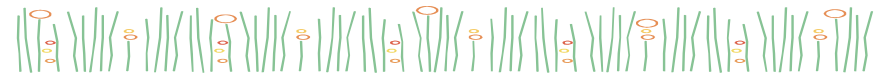
2013 ArtPlace Grants

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ArtPlace, a collaboration of 11 major national and regional foundations, six of the nation's largest banks, and eight federal agencies including the National Endowment for the Arts to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S., has just launched its third round of grant applications to support creative placemaking in cities and towns across America. To date, ArtPlace has awarded \$26.9 million in grants – in amounts up to \$1 million – to 76 organizations in 46 communities across the country, including several projects in rural communities.

Creative placemaking has been gaining traction as a locally-driven strategy for bringing new life to communities of all sizes. ArtPlace defines creative placemaking as “a means of investing in art and culture at the heart of a portfolio of integrated strategies that can drive vibrancy and diversity so powerful that it transforms communities.”

Grants will be awarded to projects that involve arts organizations, artists and designers working in partnership with local and national partners to produce transformative impacts on community vibrancy. Applications are encouraged from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Descriptions of projects and many other can be found at www.artplaceamerica.org. Complete guidelines for applying for an ArtPlace grant can be found at www.artplaceamerica.org/loi. For more information, contact Tim Halbur at ArtPlace at (415) 948-1398.



Center for Community Studies at JCC to Free Host Civic Engagement Forum on September 20th

The Center for Community Studies (CCS) Civic Engagement Series will feature guest speaker, Bob Deans, at Jefferson Community on **Thursday, September 20**. Bob Deans, author and associate director of communications for the Natural Resources Defense Council, will lead a discussion of civic engagement with respect to the environment. **The public forum takes place 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Sturtz Theater on campus. Admission is free.**

Bob Deans was a correspondent for the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* for 25 years and former president of the White House Correspondents Association before joining the Natural Resources Defense Council. He has authored, co-authored and contributed to a number of books including most recent *Reckless: the Political Assault on the American Environment*. Other titles include *The River Where America Began: A Journey Along the James*; *In Deep Water: The Anatomy of a Disaster, the Fate of the Gulf and How to End our Oil Addiction*.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Raymond Petersen, Center for Community Studies at JCC, 315-786-2488.