

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Landowners Learn About Emerald Ash Borer

Representatives from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), National Grid, and the USDA - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) were on hand to present information and answer questions Wednesday, August 17 in the Town of Lee. Approximately 25 interested landowners learned more about the insect's biology, prognosis for long-term impacts of ash tree death, and where they can go for assistance, as the insects are expected to spread from the recently found local infestation in Rome. The workshop was co-sponsored by NYSDEC, Tug Hill Commission, and Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust.



A native of Asia, the insect was originally found in Detroit, Michigan in 2002. Since then it has spread across the northeastern US as it has no natural predators. Although purple prism traps continue to be deployed in the area to try and detect new infestations, observations by individuals is the best way to determine where the emerald ash borer may be.

The presentation from the August meeting is available on the commission's website at: http://www.tughill.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/EAB_Presentation_Town-of-Lee2016.pdf

For more information: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/emerald-ash-borer>

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html>

Northern Border Grants Announced

Two projects in Tug Hill were awarded grant funds from the Northern Border Regional Commission in the 2016 grant round. The village of Lyons Falls will receive over \$164,000 to extend water service to a new United Cerebral Palsy facility, which will bring in 18 jobs to the village. Additionally, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust was awarded over \$248,000 for the purchase of an additional 604 acres of conservation easements on agricultural lands surrounding Fort Drum.

A full list of the successful 2016 projects can be found at <http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-18-million-spur-economic-development-eight-upstate-communities>. More information about the Northern Border Regional Commission is available at <http://www.nbrc.gov/>.

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Tug Hill Commission Meeting Scheduled

The Tug Hill Commission will meet on September 19 from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the town of Wilna Office located at 414 State Street, Carthage.

Lorraine Adopts Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Lorraine recently adopted a new comprehensive plan. The planning board has been meeting monthly over the past year analyzing community indicators and brainstorming on opportunities to improve the town. The first public hearing on the plan was held in March. After review by the Jefferson County Planning Board, the town board made final edits and, after another public hearing, adopted the plan.

New Video on Manure Management

The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District has released a new educational video on manure management in northern New York entitled "Dairy Farmers – Nature's Recyclers". The video was created as an educational tool for the general public, primarily those who are unfamiliar with modern farming practices.

Watch the video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUzgmcmN9J0&feature=em-upload_owner#action=share

Production was possible with funding from the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee and Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Protection Alliance. The video was produced by the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District and Reckoning Studios.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Workshop

Date/Time: Saturday, November 12th; 11am-3pm

Location: 4-H Amboy Education Center, 748 Rt. 183 Williamstown, NY

Event is **Free** and Open to the Public, Please **Pre-Register**.

For more information and to pre-register contact: Megan Pistolesse (SLELO PRISM Education) 315-387-3600 x7724 or megan.pistolesse@tnc.org



Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tusgae*) (HWA), is an invasive forest pest that causes extensive hemlock tree mortality and dramatically reduces the species biodiversity, the landscape and the overall ecology of infested areas.

Workshop Topics:

- ❖ HWA biology/infestation symptoms
- ❖ HWA Distribution in NYS
- ❖ Hemlock tree identification
- ❖ Early Detection Techniques
- ❖ How to Report Sightings
- ❖ How to use iMapinvasives.org
- ❖ Guided Field Session

Learn How to Become Part of a Volunteer HWA Monitoring Group!

Save the Date!

**Tug Hill Commission
Local Government Conference
Thursday, March 30, 2017
at Jefferson Community College**

**NEW THIS YEAR
Registration forms will be mailed
at the end of November!**

Salmon River Fish Hatchery Open House

Saturday, September 24

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Salmon River Fish Hatchery will hold its annual open house on Saturday, September 24, at 2133 County Route 22 in Altmar. Held on National Hunting & Fishing Day, the day features fishing, hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities in the Salmon River greenway. There are environmental education programs and displays; hatchery tours; fly-fishing demonstrations; fish petting zoo; fishing instruction and related vendors for visitors to enjoy. Admission is free!



Photo courtesy of NYS DEC

Free Tire Disposal for Jefferson County Residents

Saturday September 17th

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Jefferson County Highway Department
21897 County Route 190 in Watertown*

Saturday September 24th

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*Town of Adams Highway Department
13269 Victory Lane in Adams Center*

Each household will be permitted to dispose of up to **eight** tires with the usual fee being waived. Please note, tires must be removed from rims and no tractor tires will be accepted.

Training on Water Systems Available from Environmental Finance Center

Webinar - September 13, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

[Are your Rates too High? Looking at Affordability of Water Rates](#)

Webinar - September 15, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[Succession Planning](#)

**Workshop - October 6, 2016 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Syracuse
Risk, Resiliency, and Managing Your Assets**

This workshop hosted by the Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN) will help water systems plan for an uncertain future. Attendees will gain an understanding of potential climate and extreme weather impacts in their region, and then learn the tools necessary to help them identify risks as well as manage and plan for impacts.

In this workshop, you will learn:

- How extreme weather events can pose a risk to your system;
- How to build and assess impact scenarios to identify vulnerability; and
- The basics of asset management and how to conduct an asset inventory.

For more information visit: <http://efcnetwork.org/events/new-york-state-risk-resiliency-managing-assets/>

State Archives Upcoming Webinars

State Archives is offering four webinars focusing on archival and records management topics sure to please. All workshops are FREE and open to the public, but you must register in advance to receive handouts and instructions.

How to Process and Purge Inactive Records (Webinar)

Wednesday, September 21st, 10-11 a.m.

Local Historian's Role in Identifying and Promoting Historical Records (Webinar)

Wednesday, October 19th, 10-11 a.m.

Email Essentials (Webinar)

Wednesday, November 30th, 10-11 a.m.

Digital Imaging and Electronic Document Management for Grant Writers (Webinar)

Wednesday, December 14th, 10-11 a.m.

To register or view other available live workshops that have been scheduled throughout the state, follow this link: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule>

For questions or more information contact: Kent Stuetz, NYS Archives, CNY Regional Office, at kent.stuetz@nysed.gov, or 315-542-5909

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Electronic versions appear in full color!

NYS Association of Towns Fall Cemeteries Workshop Scheduled

Due to an overwhelmingly enthusiastic response to the June session, a fall session for the Cemeteries, Material and Care Workshop will be held Tuesday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 28 at Great Camp Sagamore, Sagamore Road, Raquette Lake, NY 13436

For many people, cemeteries are sacred sites – locations that not only provide spiritual comfort for both the living and the deceased, but also help communities maintain connections with their collective cultural history. Over time, however, many small cemeteries fall into disrepair and decay, as loved ones move on and communities grow.

Over the course of the past decade or so, many individuals in these same communities have come to recognize the value of abandoned cemeteries, and their important role in honoring the deceased and preserving local history. What they lack, however, are the tools – legal, instructional and physical – to help them in their efforts to restore these important places.

Register by contacting Sagamore's Registrar at 315-354-5311 x 1021 or info@greatcampsagamore.org.

For detailed information go to: www.nytowns.org/