



# Tug Hill Times

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## NYS POLLUTION PREVENTION INSTITUTE COMMUNITY GRANTS DUE OCTOBER 22, 2010

The New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) is inviting proposals from community organizations, municipal departments, and other public sector and nonprofit entities for support under the Community Grants Program.

The goal of this program is to provide financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level. The program aims to improve the health, environmental quality, and economic vitality of New York State communities. Applications are available at: [www.nysp2i.rit.edu](http://www.nysp2i.rit.edu) and are **due October 22**.

Eligible organizations are community organizations with a focus in environmental, public health, or occupational health protection; neighborhood associations; environmental justice organizations; community development corporations; health centers; local unions and labor organizations. Community organizations do not need to be 501(c)(3) organization however, **all community organizations must submit a W-9 form with their application.**

Additionally, local government agencies are eligible, and consist of offices or departments of a city, town, county, or primary and secondary school in New York State. Specifically these may

include but are not limited to: local environmental agencies, boards of health, departments of public works, local emergency response offices, town commissions, planning and zoning boards, libraries, and schools.

## TUG HILL ISSUE AND TECHNICAL PAPERS UPDATED

Commission staff has been diligently reviewing our existing issue and technical papers. To date, the following have been reviewed and updated this year:

- Adopting & Amending Zoning by Local Law
- Conservation Easements
- Forming a Not-for profit Corporation in New York State
- GIS Resources for Local Governments
- Harnessing the Wind on Tug Hill
- How to Appropriate Unanticipated Revenues
- Open Burning Regulations in New York State
- Prior Written Notices

All are available on our website or by calling the Commission toll-free in the region, 888-785-2380. Check back periodically for more updates.

**To contact the  
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**Our website:  
[www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org)**

## **VILLAGE OF PARISH ACCEPTING OFFERS ON SURPLUS SEWER EQUIPMENT**

The village of Parish has done some housecleaning and updating of equipment, and has identified the following used items as surplus. They will be accepting offers on the following:

- two old gas chlorine scales
- two 2" trash pumps
- two 3" trash pumps
- a number of E/One AMGP grinder pumps
- with E/One Sentry panel box
- four old manhole flow meters
- 23 used manhole rings and covers
- one NEW Flygt sludge pump (120 volt) with panel box
- one large single Lamson TurboTron blower
- one other dual Lamson blower

All items are in where is, as is condition, and can be seen at the village's website: [www.villageofparish-ny.us](http://www.villageofparish-ny.us) or by arrangement with Mayor Leon Heagle at 315-625-4592, or by e-mail at [villagemayor@parish-ny.us](mailto:villagemayor@parish-ny.us).

## **TOWN OF PARISH SEEKS BIDS FOR HIGHWAY**

The town of Parish is requesting sealed bids for the following pieces of highway equipment:

- two chipper boxes on wheels (one for parts)
- one drag box paver
- one one-way plow
- one wing

All equipment is sold as is and is available for inspection at the Parish Town Highway Garage located at 25 Dill Pickle Alley, Parish, New York.

Bids should be delivered to Kelly Reader, Parish Town Clerk, 2938 East Main Street, P.O. Box 66, Parish, New York 13131 by Wednesday, October 20, 2010 no later than 4:00 p.m. All bids should be clearly marked sealed bids. The town reserves the right to reject any and all bids

Bids will be opened and read aloud at the regular town board meeting at the Parish Village Gym on Thursday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

## **SUNY OSWEGO TO STUDY TUG HILL SNOWFALL**

SUNY Oswego recently announced that they have received an \$86,000 grant to study lake effect snowfall. The grant will go in part toward a mobile Doppler radar unit which will be able to capture details about lake effect snowfall. The objective of the demonstration project is to show that the mobile radar unit can effectively capture valuable data on the composition of the type of snowfall in snowstorms east of Lake Ontario where accumulations can be measured in feet, not inches.

SUNY Oswego estimates that "Data analysis and writing for the project will take place next spring and summer, followed by publication and conference presentations in Year Two of the grant."

More information about the study can be found at: [www.oswego.edu/news/index.php/site/news\\_story/snow\\_chasers](http://www.oswego.edu/news/index.php/site/news_story/snow_chasers).

## **CELEBRATE THE BLACK RIVER!**

Show your community support and love of the Black River and join us for this watershed-wide event to clean up trash and debris along the Black River and its tributaries. Recently, the Black River Watershed Management Plan was completed and this event will mark the end of the planning process and beginning of the project implementation phase.

The Black River Trash Bash, organized by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Tug Hill Commission and with great assistance from the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, will be held over two Saturdays in October. "Beach Captains" have volunteered to lead the efforts in seven areas in the Black River watershed.

On **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., volunteers will be cleaning up two areas in Lyons Falls. One area is in the village of Lyons Falls and the other is at Burdick's Crossing. For more information on the

Lyons Falls events, please contact Rocky Fawcett of Lyons Falls Alive at (315) 348-9991.

Also on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., a cleanup group will be meeting in Boonville at Erwin Park. For more information about the Boonville event, please contact Ian Klingbail at 942-2610.

On **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Watertown, Carthage, and Port Leyden will also be holding clean up events.

In Watertown (**October 9<sup>th</sup>**), please contact Janelle Castro at (315) 779-2239; the Watertown group will be cleaning at the Bicentennial Park behind the fairgrounds (park and meet at the Skate Park near the arena at 10:00 a.m.).

For the Carthage event (**October 9<sup>th</sup>**), please contact Scott Burto at (315) 921-4008; Mr. Burto's group will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the boat launch on South Main Street in West Carthage.

Two sites in Port Leyden are going to be cleaned up on **October 9<sup>th</sup>**. They are at the Main Street Bridge in the village of Port Leyden and at the Davis Bridge Road. Groups for both sites should meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Main Street Bridge. Please contact Lois Compo of Port Leyden PLUS at (315) 348-6422 for more information about the Port Leyden sites.

Families, children and community organizations, such as scouts, are encouraged to attend. Volunteers will be provided with water, gloves, garbage bags and data cards by the American Littoral Society (ALS). Volunteers will be logging the types of trash collected on data cards provided by the ALS. This data will be sent to the ALS and included in their annual worldwide beach cleanup day report, along with similar data from all over the world! The report summarizes the types and amount of trash cleaned off our waters' edges.

All you need to do is bring yourself and a can-do attitude. Please contact one of the beach captains above if you'd like to participate.

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. Special thanks go out to the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust for their assistance with the planning and advertising of this event. Many thanks go out to the captains of the 7 cleanup sites. Please contact one of them below to find out how you or your community group can help!

### **2010 CONFERENCE FOR LAKE, STREAM AND WATERSHED ISSUES – IT ALL FLOWS DOWNHILL!**

The Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and the Herkimer-Oneida Counties Comprehensive Planning Program are offering a workshop on a variety of water quality issues. The *Conference for Lakes, Streams and Watershed Issues – It All Flows Downhill* is scheduled for **Friday, October 22** at Hamilton College, Fillius Events Center and Tolls Pavilion, Clinton, New York. Hamilton College will provide a shuttle service from campus parking lots for conference attendees. Topics for the conference will include:

- Climate Impacts on Lake Level Changes
- Local Options for Funding Lake, Stream and Watershed Projects
- Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management
- The Invasive Species Challenge in NY's Land and Water Environments: A Call for Action
- Determining the Influence of Surface Water on Municipal Groundwater Supply Systems

The sessions are targeted for local, county, regional and state agencies; city, town and village officials; environmental organizations; lake associations; engineering and consulting firms. The training is

eligible for annual training credits for planning board and zoning board of appeals members. The governing board of each municipality determines what training is eligible to meet the yearly training requirements. Please check with your governing board.

Pre-registration is required no later than **October 15, 2010**. A registration fee of \$25 will cover costs for conference materials, lunch and refreshments. Payments can be made by check or voucher. Please return registration forms with payment to: Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, 126 N. Salina St. Suite 200, Syracuse, NY 13202.

Additional information and registration forms can be found at:

<http://ocgov.net/oneida/sites/default/files/planning/Watershed%20Conf%20Regis.pdf>

Questions may be directed to Ms. Anne Saltman, CNY RPDB at 315-422-8276 ext. 206 (or) email to: [asaltman@cnyrpd.org](mailto:asaltman@cnyrpd.org)

### **THE LATEST NEWS FOR DOG LICENSING CHANGES IN 2011**

Most town clerks are aware that on January 1, 2011, the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (A&M) will no longer provide dog tags, issue license renewals or maintain dog licensing data as a service to municipalities. Municipalities currently authorized to issue dog licenses will assume the remainder of the dog licensing functions, pursuant to Part T of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2010.

To assist with this transition, A&M has established a "[Municipal Dog Licensing Toolkit](#)" that will be updated periodically as information is available. In addition, all municipal clerks, mayors and supervisors, dog control officers and contract animal shelters will receive concisely written guidance of the law changes and how they affect dog licensing, animal shelters and the Animal Population Control Fund. Follow this link to access the [Municipal Dog Licensing Toolkit](#):

[www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/municipal\\_doglic\\_toolkit.html](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/municipal_doglic_toolkit.html).

A&M cannot give specific legal advice about individual town's obligations and options under revised Article 7 and towns must rely on their own municipal attorney for such legal advice.

Town Boards need to consider when working on 2011 municipal budgets, the additional costs that will be incurred during 2011 when dog licensing will become a local government function.

#### **Reminder:**

Cooperative Tug Hill Council  
of Governments Dinner

September 30, 2010

Alpine Restaurant in Constableville

Social Hour @ 6:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.