Local Government Leadership Institute to Hold Training -
Living Within the Property Tax Cap: Innovative Strategies to
Adapt to the New Fiscal Reality

This Local Government Leadership Institute (LGLI) training is being given in Partnership with Plattsburgh University. It is only open to local officials from Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Warren and Washington Counties.

The free LGLI session will take place on Thursday, August 25th at SUNY Plattsburgh, Angell College Center. Seating for the event is limited. To obtain registration information and for a complete agenda, go to http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/lgli/ and see “Upcoming Events” in the upper right corner of the page.

The event will feature panel discussions on the following topics: Sharing Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health and Property Tax Cap: Tools for Local Government Leaders. During this session, an overview of property tax cap legislation and the Office of the State Comptroller’s statutory function will be covered. Guidance material such as Frequently Asked Questions and the Real Property Limit Calculation Form will be provided. An overview of multiyear financial planning to show the importance of planning under the tax cap will also be given. Finally, economic development and shared services grant opportunities will be shared.

Other training sessions on the property tax cap, not associated with the LGLI, will be held at a later time at locations throughout the state. These will be open to all, regardless of what county you are from.

We will be sure to let you know when and where you can attend as soon as we find out.

Regional Economic Development Councils

Over the past few weeks Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has introduced “a new operating model for NYS government to stimulate regional economic development.” Under the theme of “Open for Business” the Governor has created a process to bring all economic development functions to the table in each region of the state to collaborate on a plan for their future.

The process includes 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) throughout the state. The Tug Hill Region is divided among three of these Coun-
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Conference Focusing on Small Communities October 6-7 in Ellicottville

Entitled “Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Governance,” the Syracuse Environmental Finance Center is hosting this conference October 6-7 in Ellicottville. The event will focus on the needs of municipal leaders and provide technical assistance, funding updates and practical skill-building sessions. Speakers will address pressing environmental topics, equipping attendees with the tools needed to address environmental challenges in small communities. For the full program and to register, click here http://efc.syracusecoe.org/efc/events.html?skuvar=24.
The Cornell Local Roads Program has announced their Fall 2011 Workshop Series. Although none of the workshops are held in the Tug Hill region, two are close by. Snow & Ice Control will be held in St. Lawrence County on September 20th and Limited Legal Liability will be held in Herkimer County on October 4th. For a complete listing of workshops in this series, go to [www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm](http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops.htm).

The ADK North Country GIS Users Group Meeting is next week! The event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the SUNY ESF Ranger School in Wanakena, NY. The agenda is as follows:

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If you are interested in attending, contact Mickey Dietrich at the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-2389 or email him at [mickey@tughill.org](mailto:mickey@tughill.org). There may be room for carpooling to the event. The deadline to reserve lunch for $10 at the Ranger School is August 9th. Otherwise, you will probably need to bring a lunch, since dining out is limited.

The Syracuse Environmental Finance Center is holding a Technical Assistance Partnership Forum (TAPF) on September 22nd, to include public infrastructure funding updates, as well as an overview of the new land bank legislation in New York, and what it means for local community leaders and technical assistants. The workshop will take place in conjunction with the Syracuse Center of Excellence's annual Symposium at the Oncenter Complex in Syracuse, NY. For the full program and to register, click here [http://efc.syracusecoe.org/efc/events.html?skuvar=25](http://efc.syracusecoe.org/efc/events.html?skuvar=25).
The NYS Woodmen’s Field Days Corporation recently announced that Bob Sauer of Camden will serve as the 2011 parade’s honorary Grand Marshall. A graduate of the NYS College of Forestry in Syracuse, Bob served as the first forester on staff for Harden Furniture and worked as their senior forester until his retirement in 1999. He continues to work in the forest industry doing private forestry consulting work, mainly on Tug Hill.

Bob belongs to many professional organizations in the wood industry. He is an active member of the American Tree Farm, Empire State Forest Products Association, NYS Cooperating Consultant Forester Program and Society of American Foresters. Bob currently is a member of the Town of Camden Planning Board and ZBA, the chairman of the Region 6 Forest Practice Board, a board member for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Region 6 Open Space Advisory Committee, the NYS Timber Theft Advisory Board and Chairman of Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG). In 2003, Bob was named a Tug Hill Sage which recognizes him for his knowledge and wisdom related to the Tug Hill area.

Bob will lead the Woodmen’s parade on Saturday August 20th and will receive a plaque honoring him for his many years of service to the forest industry.

Bob Sauer to Serve as Woodmen’s Grand Marshall

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Thank you!

WOODSMEN’S FIELD DAYS
The 64th Annual Woodsmen’s Field Days is coming up August 19, 20 and 21! The rain or shine event will take place at the Boonville - Oneida County Fairgrounds, Route 294 in Boonville, NY. For a complete schedule of events and more info, go to: http://www.starinfo.com/woodmen/schedule.html

On a beautiful summer evening in July, a sign with the longest name for a train station was unveiled at the Remsen depot. The 58 letter sign is a gift from the Welsh government to the people of Remsen and it will remain permanently on the station platform.

The original sign stands on the station of a village on the island of Anglesey, Wales, the current home to the royal couple Prince William and Catherine Duchess of Cambridge. In the 1850’s, three quarters of Remsen and neighboring town Steuben were Welsh settlers. It was the largest Welsh community in America and the new sign is in recognition of this heritage.

The Welsh government representative in New York, Catrin Brace, traveled to Remsen on the Adirondack Scenic Railroad to make the presentation to local officials. The unveiling ceremony was celebrated by an enthusiastic crowd, a band, speeches by local dignitaries, food with a Welsh flavor and people trying to pronounce the 58 word name.