

NOCCOG Holds Annual Meeting

The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments held its annual dinner and business meeting on September 27th at the Delta Lake Inn with about 80 local officials in attendance.

Among the action items approved was the 2019 budget, which includes purchase of two GPS units and accompanying accessories for use among member communities in mapping assets. This shared service project is expected to take several years, but will result in a thorough map of infrastructure, including water, sewer, lighting, and sidewalks for interested municipalities. Also approved was the re-election of officers and the addition of town of Steuben Supervisor Joe Rowlands to the NOCCOG Board of Directors.

Guest speakers included Tug Hill Commission Executive Director Katie Malinowski, presenting results of the local leaders survey; and Khris Dodson, from Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center speaking to the value of project planning and grant preparedness.

Commission Meets in Steuben

The Tug Hill Commission board met Monday, October 15 in Steuben. At the meeting, commissioners approved a contract with the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization to undertake Complete Streets work, as well as a contract with the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College to complete a 2019 Residents and Landowners Survey. Several local officials from the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments were in attendance and shared updates from their communities.



December 10, 2018 was set as the commission's organizational meeting to elect officers for the 2019-20 term.

Regional LED Street Light Conversion Moving Forward

The River Area Council of Governments board met on October 16, and heard a presentation from Paul Vesel from RealTerm Energy Corporation about municipal owned LED street light conversion. Several communities, including some outside of RACOG, are considering a combined project. The board decided to have the NY Power Authority present at their January meeting, and then decide what direction to take.

The board's will next meet on December 4, 2018 to hear from Fort Drum representatives. For more information feel free to contact Mickey Dietrich at mick-ey@tughill.org or (315) 681-5023.

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You Are Invited

NYS Tug Hill Commission's 45th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, November 8, 2018
Grape N Grog
85 Taberg Street, Camden, NY 13316

Cost: \$25/per person with cash bar

Please return enclosed card with your check made payable to "NYS Tug Hill Commission" by Friday, October 26th.

Please call 315-785-2380 with any questions.



Photo Credit: East Branch of Fish Creek, by Anthony Machia

We hope you can join us!

Number Three Wind Farm Application Complete; Upcoming Meetings

The Number Three Wind Farm Article 10 application has been found complete by the Siting Board. Information forums and public statement hearings will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Lowville Town Hall, 5533 Bostwick Street, Lowville. The first information forum will be held at 2 pm, followed by a public statement hearing at 3 pm. The second information forum will be held at 6 pm, followed by a public statement hearing at 7 pm.

At the information forums, the Examiners will provide an overview of the certification process before the Siting Board. Next, Number Three Wind will provide a brief description of the proposed project and will have maps of the proposed project area available for viewing. Then, members of the public will have an opportunity to pose questions about the process and the proposed project. Each information forum will last no more than 55 minutes, as this will allow for a short break between the forum and the public statement hearing that follows it.

At the public statement hearings, those wishing to comment on Number Three Wind's proposal will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance to speak at the hearing. Persons wishing to comment will be asked to complete a card requesting time to speak when they arrive at the hearing and will be called in the order in which the cards are received. Speakers are not required to provide written copies of their comments.

Each public statement hearing will be held open for a minimum of one hour, and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made.

There will also be a procedural conference held on Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 am at the Lowville Town Hall.

The proposed project would consist of up to 43 wind turbines with a generating capacity of 105.8 megawatts, access roads, an electrical collection system, meteorological towers, an operation and maintenance building, and electrical interconnection facilities. The electrical interconnection facilities would include a project substation, a 115-kilovolt switchyard, and an overhead 115-kilovolt interconnection line approximately 4 miles in length that connects the substation to the switchyard and then to National Grid's Lowville-Bremen transmission line.

All of the documents pertaining to the project, and information on other ways to provide public comment, are available at <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterSeq=50941&MNO=16-F-0328>.

East Branch of Fish Creek Working Group Meets in Constableville

Around 45 individuals gathered at The Alpine on October 4 to hear updates on the East Branch of Fish Creek lands in southern Lewis County. Tim Burpoe, property manager with Molpus Woodlands Group who manages the 30,000 acres south of G&W Road on behalf of owner Corrigan Fund, talked about lease administration, timber harvest operations, and roads. Brian Road, from The Nature Conservancy who owns approximately 15,000 acres north of G&W Road, discussed leases, PILOT agreement, and forest restoration work. Mike Giocondo and Keith Rivers from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, who holds a conservation easement on the entire property, reviewed posting and road work taking place this past year. They also shared that the East Branch of Fish Creek Management Plan update process will begin this year, in conjunction with a Unit Management Plan for the adjacent state land. There will be a November 29 scoping meeting at the Constableville Fire Hall for the public to provide input.

For a more detailed review of the meeting's discussion, please see the latest Fish Creek Update at <http://www.tughill.org/services/natural-resource-management/east-branch-of-fish-creek/>.

Sustaining Your Community Vitality into the Future Workshop, October 29, JCC

The Jefferson County Department of Planning and the NYS Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring a land use training session on Monday, October 29, 2018, 6:30-8:30 PM, at Jefferson Community College, 1220 Coffeen Street, Jules Center, Room 6-002, Watertown, 13601.

Please [register online](#) by Friday, October 26. For more information contact the Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144, planning@co.jefferson.ny.us.

Six Town Community Fund

The Six Town Community Fund, an affiliate of the Northern New York Community Foundation, is offering up to \$5,000 in grants to any not-for-profit organization serving the residents of Adams, Lorraine, Rodman, Worth, Ellisburg and Henderson. The Fund supports projects and activities that enhance the quality of life for our community. If you have a great idea but do not have an eligible organization to help complete the project, the NNYCF encourages you to contact them for assistance with finding an interested organization to apply on your behalf.

To request an application or for further questions regarding guidelines, call (315) 782-7110. You may submit your proposal via email to Max DelSignore (max@nnycf.org) or mail to Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, New York 13601.

The grant application is due by **November 15, 2018**.

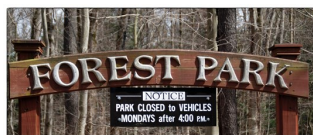
SLELO PRISM Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Walk & Talk

RESCHEDULED:

Date/Time: Tuesday, October 23rd, 10:30am -2pm

Location: Forest Park located at 10-24 Ripley Rd., Camden, NY 13316.

(Meet at Raymond Woods Pavilion inside Forest Park, look for signs)



Help Protect Forest Park—This is a guided hike and to learn about identification and early detection.

Please contact Megan Pistolese, SLELO PRISM Education/Outreach Coordinator at 315-387-3600 x 7724 or megan.pistolese@tnc.org

Bring your own bagged lunch/beverages and dress for the weather as the entire event is outdoors

Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting Wednesday, October 24

The Erie Canalway Commission and Heritage Fund Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tavern on the Lock, 24 South First Street (just right off of the Oneida Street Bridge), Fulton, New York.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor spans 524 miles in upstate New York, including communities on the southern extent of the Tug Hill Commission area.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission can be found on the Internet at: <https://eriecanalway.org/>

The Tavern on the Lock can be found on the internet at: <http://tavernonthelock.net/>

Emerald Ash Borer Workshop November 14



Preparing for The Bad Bug—Emerald Ash Borer, Wednesday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Adams Municipal Building, 3 S. Main St, Adams, 13605.

Please pre-register for the meeting by emailing or calling Mike Giocondo, michael.giocondo@dec.ny.gov, 315-376-3521.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust Annual Dinner

To be held Thursday, October 25th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Old McDonald's Farm, 14369 County Rte. 145 (North Harbor Rd), Sackets Harbor, NY 13685. Cost is \$40/individuals and \$80/couples. For more information please call 315-779-2239 or [register online](#).

Solar Workshop November 15

American Farmland Trust, along with Cornell CaRDI and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, is planning a Farmland Protection and Smart Solar Siting Forum for Thursday, November 15th from 9am-12pm in St. Lawrence County at the Gouverneur Community Center. This forum will feature presentations from experts on how to design local laws to preserve our best farmland in the face of large scale solar development. Municipal officials, planners, land trusts, advocates, farmers, and other local leaders from all around the North Country who have an interest in farmland protection and farm viability are encouraged to attend. There will also be time for discussion and networking, and lunch will be provided. Attendance is free but space is limited. For more information and to RSVP by November 1, go to www.farmland.org/farmlandforum.

Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Workshops & Webinars

Friday, November 16, 2018

[LGRMIF Grant Application Information Session Workshop](#)

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Lowville Town Hall

5533 Bostwick Street

Lowville NY 13367

Available webinars:

[Introduction to the LGRMIF Grant Program](#)

Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 10-11 AM

[LGRMIF Shared Services Grant Information Session](#)

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2013, 10-11 AM

[How to Write a Superior LGRMIF Grant Narrative](#)

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, 10-11 AM

For more on the New York State Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grants schedule for November and December see the [workshop schedule page](#). More information for 2019-2020 is available at http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml.

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State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Basics Workshop Video Now Available

The SEQRA workshop held on Monday, September 17, 2018 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at JCC is available to view at <https://co.jefferson.ny.us/departments/Planning/seqra-basics>

Among other basic SEQR topics, NYSDOS trainers Christopher Eastman and Jennifer O'Donnell discussed upcoming SEQR changes that will take effect on January 1st. The changes include minor changes to the short and long environmental assessment forms (EAF), minor changes to the Type 1 and Type 2 lists, and mandatory scoping. The changes can be viewed at the following DEC website address: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/83389.html>.

Local planning officials can use this for planning credit if approved by their municipality.

Rebates for Zero Emission Vehicles Now Available to Municipalities in New York State

The [2018 Zero Emission Vehicle \(ZEV\) Clean Vehicle Municipal Rebate program](#) is now open! DEC is accepting applications through 3:00 pm on **July 26, 2019** or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first. A **total of \$300,000** will be distributed in this round on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebates are available to municipalities that purchase (or lease for a minimum of 36 months) a new, eligible clean vehicle from a dealership in New York State on or after May 1, 2018 and place it into municipal service before July 26, 2019.

Applications are available only on the New York State Grants Gateway under the opportunity name "**2018 Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Clean Vehicle (Purchase or Lease)**." Information regarding registration in the Grants Gateway can be found on the Grants Reform website, <https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>

For questions about municipal clean vehicle and ZEV infrastructure rebates, email ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov, call DEC's Office of Climate Change (OCC) at 518-402-8448, or see the OCC funding page at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/109181.html>.