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State Archives Grants Awarded

State Archives recently announced 2019-2020 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) awards. The LGRMIF deadline was January 28th. The commission assisted with two of the three successful applications covering the Tug Hill region:

- The town of Leyden was awarded \$15,236 for minor renovations to improve an inactive records storage room and to purchase fire proof filing cabinets for use in their historic town hall and highway department.
- Jefferson County Local Development Corporation, a first-time LGRMIF applicant, submitted a shared services application, with the JCIDA and JCCFDC, for \$82,028 to remodel a portion of shared offices for an inactive records storage facility. The award also includes a consultant to assist with an inventory, reorganization and transfer of records to the new storage room.

Oswego County was also awarded for a document conversion and access project totaling \$71,698. Congratulations to all awardees! For the full award list, information on LGRMIF, upcoming workshops and State Archives publications, please visit http://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/grants_lgrmif.shtml

Remember it is never too early to begin planning for the next LGRMIF grant round! Our State Archives Regional Advisory Officer, Michael Martin, is available to assist you with your records management questions. He can be reached at Michael.Martin@nysed.gov or 518-330-7987.

Complete Streets Work Underway in Boonville

The village of Boonville is making progress on Complete Streets projects, as discussed at a June 19th stakeholders meeting. Debbie Seguin of the Oneida County Health Department, along with representatives from the NYS Department of Transportation, local trustees, police, DPW staff and others reviewed the report prepared by consultant Mark Fenton following a walking tour last year. Several projects initially outlined have been completed, including flashing speed trailers in school zones, tree trimming, and enhanced crosswalks.

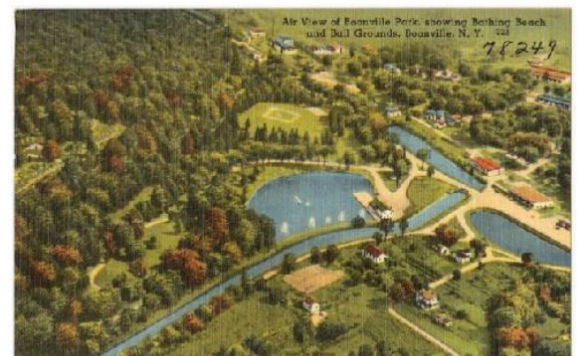
Projects of importance moving forward include redesign and safer crossing at the intersection of NYS Rt. 12, which provides safer access to Erwin Park; improved access at the elementary school which is also a high traffic area; access from the village center to the only grocery store on Rt. 12 via a trail, and bicycle lanes. Community members and others involved will research potential funding opportunities and viability of options. The group will meet again in August.

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Boonville Village: Workshop Summary

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Preservation League's Endangered Properties Intervention Program

The Endangered Properties Intervention Program (EPIP) helps individuals, not-for-profits, companies, and municipalities return endangered historic properties to active use. The Preservation League, a statewide, not-for-profit membership organization, established this real estate program in 2007 to make it possible for the preservation community to take direct action when an important historic resource is threatened with disinvestment, neglect, or demolition. EPIP provides loan funds to those who are working to acquire, stabilize, and restore historic properties. Since inception, the program has centered on making loans, but it is also enabled to accept donations of property and contract to buy or sell a property. EPIP program criteria:

- Maximum loan is \$200,000.
- In some circumstances, the loan can be structured as a revolving line of credit to permit more work to be accomplished.
- Interest rate varies by project, but is typically around 4%.
- Loan fee of \$250 is due at closing. Borrower pays legal costs for closing.
- Loans typically pay interest only during the term of the loan.
- The term of the loan is up to 3 years.
- Collateral varies by project but prior loans have been secured by assignments of grants or other identified funding sources (tax credits, fundraising pledges etc.); mortgages on real estate; cash; business assets and/or personal guarantees.
- Property must be historically significant and located in New York State.
- Work proposed must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation.
- The EPIP program is both focused and flexible. Despite its focus – the preservation of historic structures – the program remains flexible and each loan is structured according to the needs of the applicant.

For information on the Preservation League, please visit <https://www.preservenys.org/about-us.html>. For more information on EPIP or to request a loan application, email EPIP Manager, Bill Schroeder, at bschroeder@preservenys.org or call (518) 462-5658 x26.

Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Proposal Moving Forward

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries recently held a public meeting on the proposed creation of a National Marine Sanctuary for the eastern portion of Lake Ontario under United States jurisdiction. This is the first step in the designation process, once the sanctuary has been nominated and accepted for consideration for possible inclusion. The Great Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary nomination was accepted in 2017 after submission by the counties of Oswego, Cayuga, Wayne and Jefferson, and the city of Oswego. Creation of the 1,700 square mile sanctuary, which spans 193 miles of Lake Ontario shoreline, is intended to protect shipwrecks in the designated area of the lake, and based on the experience of other marine sanctuaries, will result in expansion of tourism without adversely affecting existing uses. The meeting was well-attended.

Comments regarding the proposal may be submitted through the end of July via the Federal eRulemaking Portal, www.regulations.gov, using docket number NOAA-NOS-2019-0032, or by writing to Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 4840 South State Road, Ann Arbor MI 48108

NOAA's web page about the proposed Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary can be found at <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/lake-ontario/>



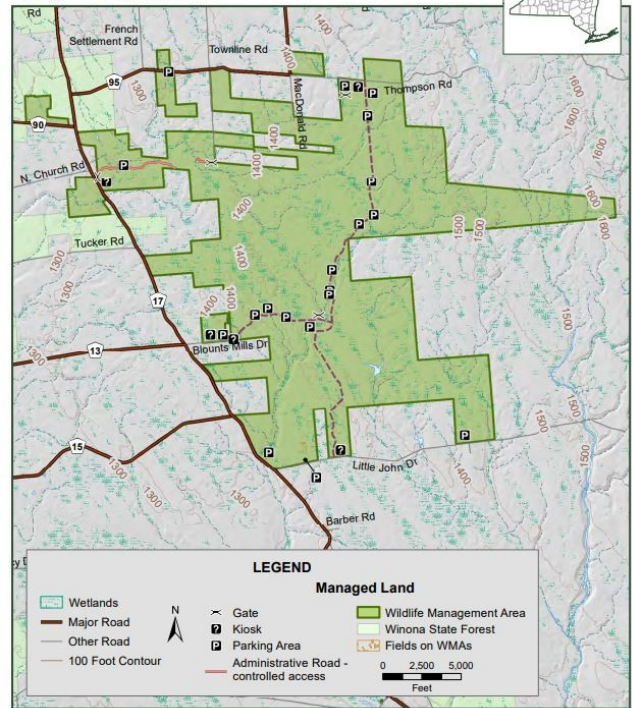
Little John Wildlife Management Area Info Session June 26

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will host a public information session about a recently completed habitat management plan for the Little John Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on Wednesday, June 26 from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Pulaski Village Offices, 4917 Jefferson Street, Pulaski, 13142.

Little John WMA is located in the towns of Boylston and Redfield in Oswego County, and in the towns of Lorraine and Worth in Jefferson County. The 7,918-acre property was established in 1928 on abandoned farmland that was transferred to the state. It is approximately 60% mature forest with a mixture of hard- and softwoods, and less than 3% open space, including water and grass- and shrubland. As part of DEC's Young Forest Initiative, Little John WMA will be managed to provide habitat for species such as snowshoe hare, American woodcock, and ruffed grouse.

The plan can be found at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/68724.html>.

LITTLE JOHN
Wildlife Management Area



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Lorraine and Worth, Jefferson Co.;
Boylston and Redfield, Oswego Co.



Information from Solar Siting Webinar Available On-line

The webinar entitled "Smart Solar Siting: Designing Solar Land Use Laws that Protect Productive Farmland" was held on June 17th.

Speakers from American Farmland Trust, Cornell University, and the St. Lawrence County Planning Department discussed how to design solar land use laws that permit solar development while protecting productive farmland in your community. Examples of Smart Solar Siting laws from other municipalities in New York as well as tools municipalities can use to support farm operations and keep land in farming were shared.

Below are the links to a recording of the webinar and other resources the speakers talked about in the session:

- [Recording of the webinar](#)
- [PDF of the presentation](#) from the webinar
- [High Voltage Power Line Data](#)
- New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets [guidelines for mitigation of solar projects](#) and [guidelines for mitigation of wind projects](#) which include Best Practices and standards for construction, operation, and decommissioning projects on farmland
- Additional compendium of [Solar Siting Resources](#) from the Farmland Information Center
- [Farmington, NY's Solar Photovoltaic Systems Siting Ordinance](#), with many strong elements to protect agricultural land in their community
- [Farms Under Threat Report](#)
- [Planning for Agriculture in New York](#) Guide: A Toolkit for New York Towns and Counties. This will give you all the background information you need to protect farmland and support farms with local laws and zoning in your community.

10th Annual Black River Trash Bash

This year, in conjunction with the 2019 International Coastal Cleanup Day, will mark our 10th Annual Black River Trash Bash! Simply put, this event, on a day of your choosing in September or October, is meant to draw awareness to the problem of trash and pollution along our waterways. Also, in cleaning up and cataloging what trash you've removed from the shore, you will be adding data to a worldwide dataset! Go here to see past years' reports: <https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/annual-data-release/>

During the 2018 the Black River Trash Bash, 53 event participants (many participants attended more than one event) collected 500 pounds of trash and recyclables from six locations along the waterways and shoreline of the Black River Watershed. The five groups across three counties were Lyons Falls Alive, the Lewis County and Jefferson County Water Quality Coordinating Committees, Jefferson Community College and the Haderondah 4H Club (Old Forge).

If you know of a group that would like to participate (you need as little as 2-3 people on a publicly accessible site) please contact Jennifer Harvill at jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392. You will be provided with data cards, bags, gloves (donated by White's Lumber) and grabbers (on loan from the Jefferson and Lewis County SWCD's) for the event.

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Census 2020 Updates

The upcoming decennial census will be the first census done primarily through the internet. In most areas of NY, the Census Bureau will mail a package to households in March 2020 with information about the count. In areas where most households have internet access, these packages will include a unique ID and web URL and will ask the household to complete their questionnaire online. In areas where internet is less available, the package will include a paper questionnaire. Additionally, some rural areas or those with large numbers of seasonal homes will not receive a package via the mail in March 2020, but will instead be visited by a Census Bureau employee who will hand-deliver a package of materials, including a paper questionnaire.

The map below roughly shows the Tug Hill region, and census tracts that are predicted to have a low response rate. The interactive map is available online at <https://www.census.gov/roam>.

For more information about the 2020 Census, see <https://www.ny.gov/programs/2020-census> or <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census.html>

