

August 16, 2019



NOCCOG Communities Begin GPS Mapping

Several municipalities in the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments (NOCCOG) have begun mapping infrastructure with GPS equipment purchased by NOCCOG to promote shared services. Tug Hill Commission staffer Mickey Dietrich recently provided training to local officials from the villages of Remsen, Camden, Holland Patent, and the town of Floyd. Paul Phister from the town of Lee assisted with the training, and will serve as the local resource for municipal staff when collecting data.

The goal of the multi-year process is to map infrastructure in any interested community in NOCCOG. NOCCOG communities interested in participating should contact Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds at (315) 371-7612.

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Town Board Budget Process Workshop August 28

Office of the State Comptroller trainer Laird Petrie will present a training program to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets on Wednesday, August 28 at the Albion Town Hall, 15 Bridge Street, Altmar from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Topics to be covered include:

- An overview of the budgetary responsibilities of town officials
- How to develop a structurally balanced budget
- Key elements of the annual budget
- Tools available for assisting town officials in the budget process
- Monitoring and amending the annual budget
- Operating within the tax levy cap
- Question and answer period

To pre-register, contact the Tug Hill Commission ASAP at 1-888-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org.

Planning Board and ZBA Members Training August 19

The town of Osceola is hosting training for any interested Planning Board and ZBA members on Monday August 19th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Osceola Town Hall/Library, 2117 North Osceola Rd., Osceola. The Tug Hill Commission's Director of Planning, Phil Street will be conduct the free training. Contact CTHC Circuit Rider Angie Kimball at angie@tughill.org or 315-599-8825 (home) or 315-480-6857 (cell) with questions or to register by August 16 so an adequate amount of the training materials can be made available.

If approved by your town or village board, this class would provide two hours of training toward the annual four hours required for planning and zoning board members.

Salmon River Restoration Work

Approximately 1,500 linear feet of streambank on the Salmon River is being restored this summer by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), with toe wood installation and plantings in areas where the banks have eroded. Logs from the nearby Happy Valley Wildlife Management Areas are being used for material to tie into the banks, while fabric and plantings are installed on top. Additionally, "W" weirs are being built in the stream channel to create narrower, deeper areas of stream bottom to increase water flow in the center of the river and protect the banks from higher velocity flow. The projects are being funded by the Lake Ontario Sportfishing Restoration Natural Resource Damages fund and assisted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



Another construction project is underway on State Route 13 near the county transfer station and DEC Environmental Conservation Officer academy. The new building, once complete, will store equipment and materials to support on-going sea lamprey control in the southeastern Lake Ontario watershed. The project is funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. A new angler parking area will be built on the same site, to provide better access to Compactor Pool.

Comprehensive information about the Salmon River can be found at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/37926.html>.

10th Annual Black River Trash Bash Update

Several events are being planned for the 2019 Black River Trash Bash. Below are organizations that will be participating – in many cases, details on times and location are still being finalized, but we will update you as details begin to confirm. Mark your calendars or 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.

Organization	Date/Time/Location	For More Info or to Join in An Event:
Lewis County Water Quality Coordinating	September 11, 2019 9:00 am	Nichelle Swisher, nichelleswisher@lewiscounty.ny.gov
Jefferson County Water Quality Coordinating	September 18, 2019 1:00 pm at Waterworks Park, City of Watertown	Christine Watkins, cwatkins@centralny.twcbc.com
Lyons Falls Alive	September 28, 2019	Christine Chaufy, christinechaufy@gmail.com
Haderondah 4H Club of Old Forge	October 2019 - TBD	Jennifer Hartsig, jphartsig@gmail.com
Jefferson Community College	TBD	Chris Ebey, cebey@sunyjefferson.edu or Bruce Alexander, balexander@sunyjefferson.edu
Adirondack Communities	October 5, 2019	Ian Klingbail, ianjoan823@yahoo.com

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/>



2019 Land Use Training Workshop

for All Town and Village Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Code Enforcement Officials

“ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OVERVIEW”

And

“LAND USE MORATORIA”



Division of Local
Government Services

The Local Government Training program of New York Department of State is again partnering with the Lewis County Planning Department to present our annual land use training workshop. Local Government Specialists from Department of State will be training on the following course topics:

Zoning Board of Appeals Overview (2 Hours)

This introductory course to the Zoning Board of Appeals focuses on the statutory tests boards must follow to grant use and area variances and proper handling of the zoning interpretations. Meeting procedures and notice requirements will also be discussed, along with the ZBA's relationship with enforcement officials and the Planning Board, and the importance of making good findings.

Land Use Moratoria (2 Hours)

A moratorium is a local enactment that suspends a landowner's right to obtain development approvals while the local government considers changes to its regulations. Before enacting a moratorium, local officials should be aware of the circumstances in which a moratorium is the most appropriate action for a local government to take. This course looks at, among other things, the court cases that shaped the “rules” for adopting moratoria and the procedures local officials should follow in adopting moratorium laws.



TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

4:00—8:45 pm

Lewis County JCC Education Center

Conference Room #5

7395 East Road

Lowville, NY

AGENDA

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| 4:00 pm | Registration |
| 4:15—4:30 pm | Welcome and Opening Remarks |
| 4:30—6:30 pm | Zoning Board of Appeals Overview
Questions & Answers Session |
| 6:30—6:45 pm | Break |
| 6:45—8:45 pm | Land Use Moratoria
Questions & Answers Session |

RSVP's are strongly encouraged by

Friday, September 13th

To register, please call Lewis County Planning at
(315) 376-5422 or

Email: suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov

Register On-line at

<https://form.jotform.com/92094631175155>

Attending both courses at this workshop will provide four (4) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement for municipal board members.

Code Enforcement Officers can apply to use these courses as professional development electives.

Note to Planning Board and ZBA Chairs and Clerks—**Please share this notice with other Board members and officials in your community.**

Oswego County to Spray Toad Harbor Swamp as EEE Detected

Oswego County has announced its intention to spray for mosquitoes in the Toad Harbor Swamp, from U.S. Route 11 and Central Square to the west, up to but not including the village of Cleveland to the east. Spraying will be south of State Route 49. The area to be sprayed is about 10,000 acres in portions of the towns of Hastings, West Monroe and Constantia.

EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) has been detected in Toad Harbor Swamp and in area sampling stations. EEE is spread by mosquito bites, and can be fatal in humans and horses. A vaccine is available for horses; there is no human vaccine.



Spraying will begin sometime after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16, weather permitting.

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Tree Grant Workshop August 21

Funding for urban forestry grants will soon be available through the NYS Urban and Community Forestry program for projects throughout the state. The application for funding is expected to be available in fall 2019. Project categories include planting, maintenance, tree inventories, forest management plans and education programs. A workshop held next week, **Wednesday August 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** at Watertown City Hall, 245 Washington St, Watertown 13601. If you are interested in how to incorporate trees into your community, please attend!

For more information or to RSVP, call DEC Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) at 518-402-9428, email andrea.nieves@dec.ny.gov or sign up online at tinyurl.com/UCFGrantInfo. Space is limited. For all UCF upcoming activities: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/30859.html.

Brewerton Bridge Future Under Consideration

The U.S. 11 bridge spanning the town of Cicero and the Tug Hill town of Hastings is under consideration for rehabilitation or replacement in the not-too-distant future. The New York State Department of Transportation conducted an open house on Monday, August 12 at Brewerton Elementary School at which they presented four alternatives to the baseline "Do Nothing" alternative.

The Brewerton Bridge was closed temporarily in 2014 when structural deficiencies were identified. It was reopened after repairs were effectuated.

Of the four alternatives to 'no action' identified, all would require one or two years to complete, and all called for the use of a temporary detour bridge while the bridge was closed. The current timeline calls for construction to commence in 2022.