

TUG HILL TIMES



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September 13, 2019

Invitations in the mail soon!

You Are Invited

NYS Tug Hill Commission's Annual Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019
Tug Hill Vineyards
4051 Yancey Road, Lowville, NY 13367

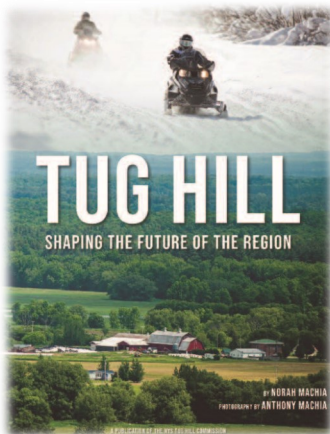
Cost: \$30/per person with cash bar

Please call 315-785-2380 with any questions.

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Machia Book Signing at Lowville Cream Cheese Festival September 21



Norah Machia, author of *Tug Hill, Shaping the Future of the Region*, will be available for book signing in the children's area at the Lowville Cream Cheese Festival on Saturday, September 21. She will be at the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust table, where books will be on sale at the special festival price of \$15. In addition, there will be children's crafts and a "Where is Tug Hill" display.

East Branch of Fish Creek Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Alpine, 3008 State Route 26, Constableville

Pizza and Wings provided

Meet and hear updates from a variety of stakeholders in the East Branch of Fish Creek area, including NYS DEC, Molpus, and The Nature Conservancy.

Please RSVP to the Tug Hill Commission, 315-785-2380 or gwen@tughill.org, by Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

Large-Scale Composters Installed in three North Country Communities

Local communities can now turn food waste into rich organic material using locally designed and manufactured composting systems. Three large-scale composters were installed this summer at Lake Placid Central School, Hermon Dekalb Central School and The Wild Center.

A model composter that was built at North Country School Camp Treetops (NCS/CTT) in 2017 has been replicated at the three institutions, allowing schools and communities to process up to 200 pounds of organic matter each day, turning waste into compost in about a month's time. The 2017 pilot project was funded through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Cleaner Greener Communities program. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) secured NYSERDA funding for the systems and worked closely with NCS/CTT and site hosts to ensure the project met its goals and requirements.



The systems are housed in retrofitted 40-foot shipping containers, which were purchased in part with funds from the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse & Recycling (NYSAR³) Green Schools Grant Program. The estimated cost of one composting machine is around \$30,000, plus \$10,000 for the shipping container. The system pays for itself in approximately five to eight years due to cost savings from tipping fees and the value of finished compost. The composters offset about nine metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually — the equivalent of removing two vehicles from the road.

For more information about the composter project and how your community can implement a composting plan, contact ANCA Sustainability Project Coordinator Jennifer Perry at jperry@adirondack.org or (518) 891-6200 or John Culpepper NCS/CTT Director of Facilities and Sustainability jculpepper@northcountryschool.org or (518) 523-9329.

Inland Trout Stream Meeting October 15, Glenfield



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is developing a new plan for inland trout stream management based on updated scientific information and the desires expressed by trout anglers. Prior to completing the draft plan, DEC fisheries managers would like to meet with trout stream anglers to explain the proposed approach, answer questions, and solicit feedback. Ten public meetings around NYS are scheduled between October 1st and November 12th to facilitate these discussions. For more information, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/111015.html>

In the Tug Hill Region, a public meeting will be held on **October 15**, at the Glenfield BOCES Conference rooms A & B (located behind the Technical Center), 5836 State Rt. 12 Glenfield, NY 13343. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and meetings will run from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Preservation League of NYS Technical Assistance Grants

Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) funds up to \$4,000 for projects totaling no more than \$5,000 in cost are available to non-profit groups and municipalities that manage historic sites, museums, arts facilities and other important institutions that serve an arts or cultural purpose and are open to the public. Applicants are required to contribute a 20% cash match towards the total project cost. **Deadline: September 30, 2019.** For more details and assistance, please visit <https://www.preservenys.org/technical-assistance-grants>.

Land Use Workshops in Jefferson & Lewis Counties September 16th & 17th

As a reminder, the Jefferson County Planning Department is sponsoring a land use workshop next week at Jefferson Community College, on Monday, September 16, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 PM. and the Lewis County Planning Department is sponsoring a land use workshop at the new Lewis County Jefferson Community College Education Center on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 4:00-8:45 PM.

To register for the Jefferson County workshop, "Spot Zone or Grant the Illegal Use Variance?", please register online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spot-zone-or-grant-the-illegal-use-variance-tickets-70141632511>. You may also call Jefferson County Planning at (315) 785-3144 or email: planning@co.jefferson.ny.us.

To register for the Lewis County workshop, "ZBA Overview and Land Use Moratoria," please call Lewis County Planning at (315) 376-5422, e-mail suekulzer@lewiscounty.ny.gov or on-line at <https://form.jotform.com/92094631175155>

DEC Launches New 'DECinfo Locator'

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently announced the launch of [DECinfo Locator](#), an interactive map that provides access to DEC documents and public data about New York's environment and outdoor recreation resources. This mapping application generates results specific to locations across the state, including water and air permits, enforcement actions, recreational assets, environmental education facilities, and sites in the State Superfund and Brownfield Cleanup programs.

With more than 50 interactive data layers, [DECinfo Locator](#) lets users see and download permits, former industrial site clean-up plans, water quality reports, and more based on where they live, work, or play. Selecting a map feature can bring up links to database records for petroleum bulk storage facilities, oil wells, or permitted mines. Users can also view potential environmental justice areas and Climate Smart Communities or find out what local wastewater facilities are doing to reduce their impact on New York's waterbodies. Several information layers can be active at the same time, allowing users to see the many ways DEC is working to protect and enhance the state's environment and recreational opportunities.

The map's *Near Me* feature lets users narrow data results by creating an interactive list of data points within an area of up to 10 miles from a selected point. In addition to environmental quality information, users can explore new places for recreation such as hiking, cross-country skiing, or mountain biking, or look up the rules for a nearby Wildlife Management Area. The public can also download Unit Management Plans for state forests, access a web page with details about allowed uses on a nearby Conservation Easement or find a DEC campground and see photos of individual campsites (where available).

Users can activate the Public Fishing Rights layer to see available locations and nearby boat launches, then overlay information about the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams to access DEC data for specific locations. Additional features and data will be added to the DECinfo Locator in the future.

To access the mapping application, visit the [DECinfo Locator web page](#). Learn more about its features from the [DECinfo Locator Tutorial on YouTube](#).

Six Town Community Fund Grants Available

Southern Jefferson County towns of **Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman, and Worth** may apply for a grant from the Six Town Community Fund. The fund is administered by the Northern New York Community Foundation and supports projects and activities that enhance the quality of life in the targeted communities. Applications are due November 15, 2019. Projects are evaluated based on their community benefit, effective use of funds, and ability of the applicant to implement the project.

Interested organizations are encouraged to contact Max Delsignore, assistant director of the Northern New York Community Foundation, at (315)782-7110 to discuss potential projects. Inquiries can also be made via email to max@nnycf.org.

ANCA Annual Meeting September 20

The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) annual meeting will be on Friday, September 20 at Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake. The main topic of the meeting will be NY's new Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Amanda Lefton, New York State's First Assistant Secretary of Energy and the Environment and New York Department of Conservation Climate Policy Analyst Mark Lowery will discuss the CLCPA and how it will affect the region's energy economy.

The September 20 event will take place at Great Camp Sagamore from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with registration opening at 1:00 p.m. Registration costs \$15 for students, \$20 for ANCA members and \$35 for non-members. Online registration is appreciated.

For more information about the meeting and to register, visit ANCA's Annual Meeting website at www.adirondack.org/2019AnnualMeeting.

Going Solar for Municipalities: Renewable Energy Implementation in National Grid Territory October 3

October 3, 2019, 8:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse NY. Topics include prioritizing properties for solar, NYSERDA municipal toolkit, overcoming solar development challenges on landfills and brownfields, and what's new and upcoming for distributed energy.

The summit is FREE, but registration is required. More information and to register, see <http://www.cvent.com/events/going-solar-for-municipalities-renewable-energy-implementation-in-national-grid-territory/event-summary-bc6c135cd823417c82ca9c2fffc737e8.aspx>

LED Street Lighting Academy Webinar Series

NYSERDA and The Lighting Research Center (LRC) of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute are teaming up for the LED Street Lighting Academy – a series of four (4) monthly webinars to educate local governments on LED street lighting options and better prepare municipal decision-makers for interacting with contractors and the public.

October 8, 2019, 10 am | Talking Tech - How LED Street Lights Compare

This seminar will present an overview of LED street lighting technology, systems, and products. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to critically analyze LED products under consideration, and select the best products to meet their project goals and objectives. Click [here](#) to register.

November 12, 2019, 10 am | Planning for Success with LED Street Lighting

The seminar will present information on the design, layout, and application of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to make the best decisions when planning/designing/installing/retrofitting existing or new street lighting installations. Click [here](#) to register.

December 10, 2019, 10 am | Understanding Impacts on the Public

This seminar will present information on the human-factor considerations of LED street lighting. The goal of the presentation is to assist municipal decision makers to better understand the interaction of street lighting and people. Click [here](#) to register.

Read more at: www.nyserda.ny.gov/cec or email: cec@nyserda.ny.gov

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