

September 27, 2019

## Welcome New Planner, Alaina Mallette



The commission's newly hired planner began work on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Alaina Mallette is from Calcium, NY and is a graduate of General Brown High School. She received a BA in Geography from Syracuse University and a MS in Environmental Science from SUNY ESF. Prior to coming to the commission, Alaina spent time in Mexico as a member of the Peace Corps and most recently returned from a year in the Ukraine on a Fulbright Scholarship. She will be working with the Commission's comprehensive planning and local land use law program.

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## Deer River Wind Open House October 2

Avangrid Renewables is holding an open house on the Deer River Wind Farm project on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pinckney Town Hall, 307 State Route 177, Barnes Corners, NY 13626. Representatives will be on hand to discuss studies that have been completed and potential updates associated with the project, as well as the status of the Article 10 application process. Informational stations will be set up to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and learn more details.

For more information, contact 315-874-4231 or [DeerRiver-Wind@avangrid.com](mailto:DeerRiver-Wind@avangrid.com), [www.avangridrenewables.us/deerriver](http://www.avangridrenewables.us/deerriver).

## Save the Date!

**Tug Hill Commission  
Local Government Conference  
March 26, 2020  
Jefferson Community College**

**Registration information will be available  
in late December.**

## Local Government Innovation Conference October 18

The NYS Department of State is holding their fifth annual Local Government Innovation Conference on Friday, October 18, 2019 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Two plenary sessions are entitled "Cyberattack: is YOUR municipality next?" and "Fighting Blight: Community Officials Data Exchange." After lunch, two tracks will share examples of what communities have done in water and wastewater infrastructure and technology/shared services; and will show tools, including DOS's Geographic Information Gateway and programs/strategies to support rural economic development and resiliency.

For more information and to register, go to [https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lgic\\_2019.html](https://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lgic_2019.html).

# Land Trust Receives Over \$2 million to Protect Over 1400 Acres of Farmland

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is receiving over \$2 million from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to purchase conservation easements on four farms. The funds will ensure the land remains used for agricultural purposes, and may help farms to diversify or transition operations to the next generation.

The four projects are:

- \$417,690 to protect 236 acres of Groeslon Farm in the town of Remsen, Oneida County
- \$468,878 to protect 323 acres of Northrup & Sons Farm, towns of Adams and Rodman, Jefferson County
- \$301,184 to protect 156 acres of Nemeth Farm, town of Martinsburg
- 880,678 to protect 721 acres of Huntley Farm in the town of town of Pierrepont, St. Lawrence County

## Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Discussed at ANCA Annual Meeting

New York State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) was signed into law in July of 2019, and presenters Amanda Lefton, First Assistant Secretary for Energy and the Environment and Mark Lowery, with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Office of Climate Change, discussed its provisions at the Adirondack North Country Association's (ANCA) annual meeting Friday, September 20.

The CLCPA goes into effect on January 1, 2020 and includes the following goals:

- By 2025, 6 gigawatts of distributed solar installed
- By 2025, 185 Tbtu of onsite energy savings
- By 2030 renewable energy systems account for 70% of statewide electricity generation
- By 2030, greenhouse gas emission reduced by 40% from 1990 levels, to include the entire energy economy (transportation, buildings, electricity generation)
- By 2030, 3000 megawatts of energy storage installed
- By 2035, 900 gigawatts of offshore wind installed
- By 2040, a carbon free electricity generation system
- By 2050, greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 85% from 1990 levels

The CLCPA also creates the first statutory Climate Action Council, and several advisory panels by topical area:

- Transportation
- Land use and local government
- Housing and energy efficiency
- Energy intensive industries
- Power generation
- Agriculture and forestry

There will be an emphasis on environmental justice communities throughout the process.

For the full bill language, see <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s6599>

## NYS Discretionary Grant Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials provides \$500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. The grant awards for 2020-2021 will be limited to a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$40,000. **Deadline: November 8, 2019.** For assistance and more information, please visit <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp/index.html> .

# Minimum Maintenance Roads Workshop October 24

This training session is sponsored by the Local Government Education Committee of Herkimer and Oneida Counties in conjunction with the Tug Hill Commission. Phil Street, Director of Planning for the Tug Hill Commission will provide information to assist local governments with navigating minimum maintenance road issues, including steps that can be taken in planning and zoning ordinances to better protect municipalities.

The workshop is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24 at the Boonville Municipal Office, 13149 State Rt. 12, Boonville, NY.

The cost for the workshop is \$10, collected at the door. To pre-register online go to <https://lgec.digitaltowpath.org:10085/content/Generic/View/22>.

For more information contact Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds at 315.371-7612 or [jarmstrong@tughill.org](mailto:jarmstrong@tughill.org).

# Scott Chatfield -Training for Planning Boards October 28

Planning Board Functions, Responsibilities, and Procedures, Monday, October 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Jefferson Community College, 1220 Coffeen Street, Watertown, NY 13601, Sturtz Theater

The Jefferson County Department of Planning and the NYS Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring a land use training workshop. Attorney Scott Chatfield will be on hand to discuss the functions, responsibilities, and procedures of Planning Boards. There will also be an open question period. Come prepared with zoning and land use questions.

**Please RSVP by Friday, October 25th. Please register online** here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/land-use-law-planning-boards-and-open-question-period-tickets-73848911081>. You may also call Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144 or [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us).

Scott Chatfield is a well-known land use attorney in the central New York area. He has a private practice based in Marietta, NY. He is a regular and popular presenter at the Tug Hill Commission Annual Local Government Conference and speaks often on legal issues related to planning and zoning.

*If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide two (2) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement.*

For a map of the college, driving directions, or parking requirements: <https://sunyjefferson.edu/maps-directions/>

# Water and Wastewater Facilities October 29

The commission is hosting a workshop on Tuesday, October 29 at Tailwater Lodge in Altmar for municipalities to learn more about water and wastewater facilities, how to fund them and how to be proactive about their operations. The updated agenda is below. This information, along with registration details, is located on our website at [www.tughill.org](http://www.tughill.org). You can also contact the commission for more information or to have this information mailed to you. Hope to see you there!

8:30 am	Light Breakfast and Registration	
9:00 am	Available Funding for Water and Sewer Projects	Eric Johnson, USDA Rural Development and Terry Deuel, NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.
10:00 am	Working with Engineering Firms on Capital Projects	Carrie Tuttle, Development Authority of the North Country
11:00 am	Setting Water and Sewer Rates	Carrie Tuttle, Development Authority of the North Country
Noon	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Drinking Water Source Protection Program	Ashley Inzerillo, NYS Dept. of Health and Susan Van Patten, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2:00 pm	Succession Planning and Apprenticeship Program	Kevin Maine, New York Rural Water Association
3:00 pm	Adjourn	

# Municipal Energy Symposium

Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.  
Mohawk Valley Community College, Alumni College Center, Room ACC 116,  
1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501

The NYSERDA Clean Energy Siting Team and the Mohawk Valley Clean Energy Communities Coordinator will present basic training aspects of solar energy development including zoning, permitting and SEQR, steps to becoming a certified Climate Smart Community, and resources for municipalities converting streetlights to LED technology. Training Credits are available for municipal board members.

## Program Agenda

- \* 8:30 am Registration and Refreshments
- \* 9:00 am Why become a Climate Smart Community?
- \* 10:00 am NYSERDA Solar Guidebook Workshop
- \* 12:30 pm Lunch
- \* 1:30 pm LED Streetlight Conversion Resources, Options and More

Cost is \$15 per person, lunch included. For more information and to register email [planning@ocgov.net](mailto:planning@ocgov.net).

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For upcoming trainings, grant deadlines, and meetings, view our [calendar](#).

# Town Budget Workshop Held in Altmar

The Tug Hill Commission organized a workshop conducted by representatives of the Office of the State Comptroller at the Albion Municipal Building in Altmar on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. The well-attended workshop drew nineteen attendees spanning three counties and nine different municipalities. The presenters Laird Petrie and Heidi Rosen, covered budget preparation, fund balances, and the use of the town budget as a financial management tool.



# Preservation Assistance Grants Available for Smaller Institutions

The National Endowment for the Humanities anticipates grants being available on November 15, 2019. These grants help small and mid-sized institutions (such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities) improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. These may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

The maximum award amount is \$10,000 or \$15,000 for projects related to the 250th anniversary of American independence. Applications are expected to be due on January 15, 2020, with notifications of awards on August 31, 2020.

For a complete announcement visit <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions> or contact the Division of Preservation and Access Team at 202-606-8570 or [preservation@neh.gov](mailto:preservation@neh.gov).