

November 22, 2019

Legislation Authorizing OCWA to Serve Parish Signed into Law

Bill S3467/A6083, which modifies Public Authorities Law to allow the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA) to enter into a contract in the town of Parish to supply and sell water, was signed into law by Governor Cuomo on November 20, 2019 under Chapter 515 of the Laws of 2019. Sponsored by Senator Ritchie and Assemblyman Barclay, this now allows the town and village of Parish to have the option to contract with OCWA as they continue to work to bring public water to Parish.

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The Tug Hill Commission will hold their last board meeting of 2019 on Monday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the commission office located on the 6th floor of Dulles State Office Building, 317 Washington St., Watertown. The public is welcome to attend.

Number Three Wind Farm Granted Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

The Number Three Wind Farm took a big step forward on November 12 when the Siting Board voted 6 to 1 to grant the 105 MW, 31 turbine wind project in the towns of Lowville and Harrisburg, Lewis County a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with conditions. Ad hoc siting board member Leslie Sheldon was the lone no vote.

All documents related to the project can be found at <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=16-F-0328>.

Newly Elected Officials Training, Register by December 2

TWO LOCATIONS, SAME PRESENTATION

December 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Boonville Municipal Building
13149 NYS Route 12
Boonville, NY 13309

December 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Lorraine Town Hall
20876 Co Rt 189
Lorraine, NY 13659

Presentations will be made by staff from NYS Association of Towns

Topics to be covered include: conflicts of interest, code of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles, oath of office, and preparing for your first meeting. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers!

To register, please contact the Tug Hill Commission at (315)785-2380, toll free in the Tug Hill Region 1(888)785-2380 or email gwen@tughill.org.

Northeast Heritage Economy Grants Due December 20

The Northeast Heritage Economy Program (NHEP) will provide grants to community-driven preservation projects to address the negative economic shift produced by the chronic and consistent decline of the forest products industry. This grant program is funded with a \$1,000,000 grant from the [Northern Border Regional Commission](#) (NBRC) through their Regional Forest Economy Partnership program. The grant will be split evenly among the four Northern Border states (ME, NH, NY, VT) with the Preservation League of NYS taking the lead in NY. All four Tug Hill counties are included in the eligible area. For more information, <https://www.preservenys.org/nhep>.

Program Goal: Revitalize vacant and underused historic buildings in rural communities to stimulate economic development and tourism, build community cohesion, and create jobs in areas suffering from the decline of the forest products industry.

Program Strategy: Provide seed money to nonprofit or municipal grantees to create and/or enhance “third places” in rural communities where people gather, exchange ideas, experience culture, build relationships, and create community. These places help to make communities a desirable place to live, work, and start a business and include public spaces, like libraries and community centers providing critical resources for workforce development training, and cultural and arts centers offering classes, performances and partnerships.

ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES MUST:

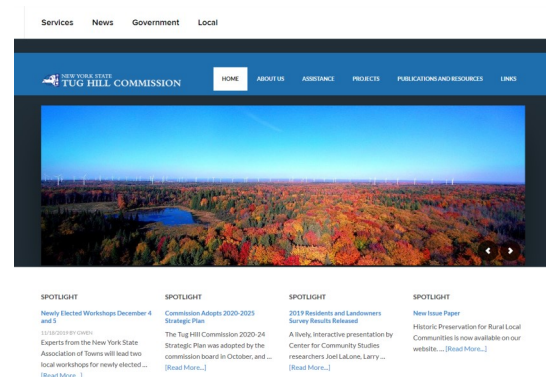
- Be an established nonprofit organization, municipality, political subdivision of state government, or federally recognized tribe in order to receive funding;
- Have in-hand a 50% match of any grant requested from the NHEP at the time of application;
- All applicants must have secured all revenue listed in project budget and plan to have their project completed by July 31, 2021;
- Own the target property(ies) and be prepared to maintain that ownership for a minimum of twenty (20) years following the completion of the project or have a long-term (minimum of 20 years) lease that provides the sub-grantee with legal control over the NHEP-funded improvements;
- Be in a community negatively impacted by at least one of the NBRC’s threshold priorities:
 - [Industry changes in employment as a result of the decline of the forest industry](#)
 - [Percent change in wages in the project area](#)
 - [Location of mill and other forest-based manufacturing closings in the past 20 years](#)
 - [County population losses](#)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MUST:

- Serve as a capital improvement project for a historic building;
- Be completed by July 31, 2021;
- Impact rural communities suffering from the decline of the forest products industry;
- Have as their focus the enhanced use, or the rehabilitation of, historic buildings using the [Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation](#);
- Leverage additional public and private forms of support and stimulate economic development /creation of jobs;
- Build local and regional partnerships, involve the broader community and build community cohesion, and have a lasting and positive impact on the community.

Did You Know???

Workshops and trainings are some of the important ways that we deliver our services to our communities! If you ever miss a workshop or would like to revisit the materials shared at a workshop you attended, please go to our website <https://www.tughill.org/services/training/>. Here you’ll find the information and presentations from our trainings and workshops. If you ever have an idea for a workshop, please let us know!



RACOG Board Meeting Update



At the November 18 RACOG board meeting in Carthage, Jeanette Turner from the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce spoke about current and potential future events. A listing of current events will be posted to the RACOG website (www.racog.org). One new idea is a possible Oktoberfest multi-day event next year, which could have events in Lowville, Castorland, and the Carthage area. Anyone interested in getting involved in this event, is encouraged to contact Jeanette at carthagenychamber@gmail.com.

Katie Malinowski, the executive director of the NYS Tug Hill Commission, also presented the results from the Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey for the RACOG area. These results will also be posted to the RACOG website.

The next RACOG board meeting will be January 21, 2020.

Public Meetings to Outline New Proposals for Remsen-Lake Placid Rail Corridor

A new state plan for the rail travel corridor between Remsen and Lake Placid was recently released by the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation. The [Draft Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor Unit Management Plan \(UMP\) Amendment/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement \(SEIS\)](#) calls for rehabilitating track to extend rail service between Big Moose near Old Forge to Tupper Lake. The Draft UMP also calls for the removal of 34 miles of rail from Tupper Lake to Lake Placid for improved multi-use recreational opportunities that will better connect the Tri-Lakes Region.

The proposal includes:

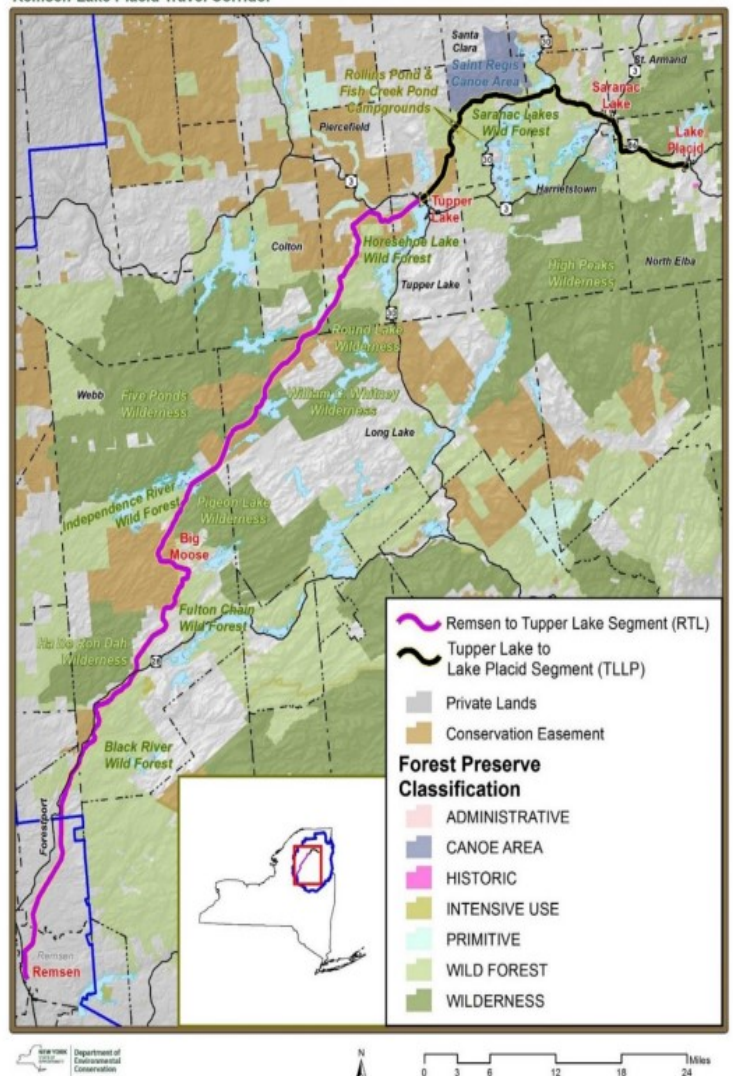
- Transfer jurisdiction of the Tupper Lake to Lake Placid segment from DOT to DEC;
- Development of a multi-use crushed stone recreational trail in the segment to be managed by DEC; and
- Rehabilitation of the railway between Big Moose and Tupper Lake in phases, which will continue to be managed by DOT.

DEC and DOT are holding three public meetings to outline the proposals in the Draft and receive public comment:

- Tupper Lake: 12/3/19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tupper Lake Middle-High School
- Lake Placid: 12/4/19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lake Placid Conference Center
- Old Forge: 12/5/19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the View Arts Center

The deadline for comments is December 20, 2019. More information can be found here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/118760.html>

Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor





Department
of State

Division of Local Government Services

2019-2020 Winter Webinar Series

When:

December 2019 and January 2020

Where:

Attend from wherever you are. You will need a computer with speakers or a mobile device.

Courses:

Intermunicipal Cooperation: Building Code Enforcement, Special Use Permits, Adaptive Reuses for White Elephants, Planning Board Overview, Zoning Board of Appeals Overview.

Who:

Planning Board Members, Zoning Board of Appeals Members, Governing Board Members, Planning Staff, Code Enforcement Officers, Other Local Officials

More Training Information:

<http://www.dos.ny.gov/lg/lut/index.html>

To Register:

Click on each course below that you want to attend to register.

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining each session.

December 4, 2019

Intermunicipal Cooperation:
Building Code Enforcement
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
1.5 hours training credit

December 11, 2019

Special Use Permits
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
1.5 hours training credit

December 18, 2019

Adaptive Reuses for White Elephants
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
1.5 hours training credit

January 8, 2020

Planning Board Overview
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
2 hours training credit

January 15, 2020

Zoning Board of Appeals Overview
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
2 hours training credit

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

Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale

Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale is underway. Order forms are available on their website as well as the ability to order online: www.jeffersoncountyswcd.org. Customers will notice a significant DECREASE in prices. The Finger Lakes – Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance is offsetting 25% of the trees in order to get more trees in the ground and increase water quality throughout Jefferson County.

Coniferous trees (Cedar, Firs, Hemlock, Pine, and Spruces) are sold in packs of 10 and prices range from \$7-\$12 for the entire pack. Deciduous trees are sold in packs of 25 (Birch, Cherry, Chestnut, Dogwood, Elderberry, Larch, Lilac, Maples, Nannyberry, Ninebark, Oaks, Poplar, Redwood, Serviceberry, and Walnut).

Pre-paid tree orders must be received by February 23 and orders will be available for pick up at the office on April 23, 2020.

Any questions, call (315) 782-2749 or visit the office located at 25451 State Route 12, Watertown.