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## Deer River Wind Receives Siting Board Certificate

On Tuesday, June 30, the NYS Siting Board approved Atlantic Wind's Deer River Wind Farm. The proposed facility will consist of 25 wind turbines in the towns of Pinckney (21 turbines) and Harrisburg (four turbines), in Lewis County, with interconnection in the town of Rodman, Jefferson County. Nineteen turbines will have a total tip height of approximately 568 to 590 feet and six will have a total tip height of approximately 492 feet. According to Deer River's developer, the 101 MW project is expected to create 115 construction jobs, opportunities for local construction and construction supply vendors as well as five permanent, full-time jobs. It is anticipated to pay more than \$500,000 annually in direct lease, easement and neighbor agreement payments to landowners. Additionally, up to \$800,000 annually will be paid to county and local municipal tax bases to help defray costs for schools, public safety and county services, and \$3 million estimated project spending on local goods and services during development and construction.

The Deer River facility is approximately 10 miles south of the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Drum. Atlantic Wind consulted with the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to evaluate potential impacts from the facility on military resources and operations. Potentially affected operations included DoD radar, National Weather Service (NWS) NEXRAD radar in the town of Montague, air traffic control radar and both civilian and military aviation operations including military airspace. During consultations with DoD and NWS, Atlantic Wind agreed to remove three turbines from the initial facility layout to avoid conflicts with the NEXRAD radar, made other changes to turbine heights and locations requested by DoD to avoid interference with Ft. Drum operations, and entered into negotiations with DoD on a mitigation agreement.

All documents relevant to the project can be found at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) by entering Case Number 16-F-0267 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number".

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## Tug Hill 10 Challenge

The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust has created the **Tug Hill 10 Challenge** to encourage people to get out and explore Tug Hill. Using the new [Tug Hill Recreation Guide](#), participants can document with photos or simply list 10 locations they have hiked, paddled or biked. Once the form is submitted, a decal or patch will be mailed.

All Tug Hill Recreation Guide individual trail maps can be downloaded to a smartphone. Using an app called [Avenza Maps](#), users can locate themselves on the trail maps in real-time, if satellites are available.

For more information, see [tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/tughill10challenge/](http://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/tughill10challenge/).



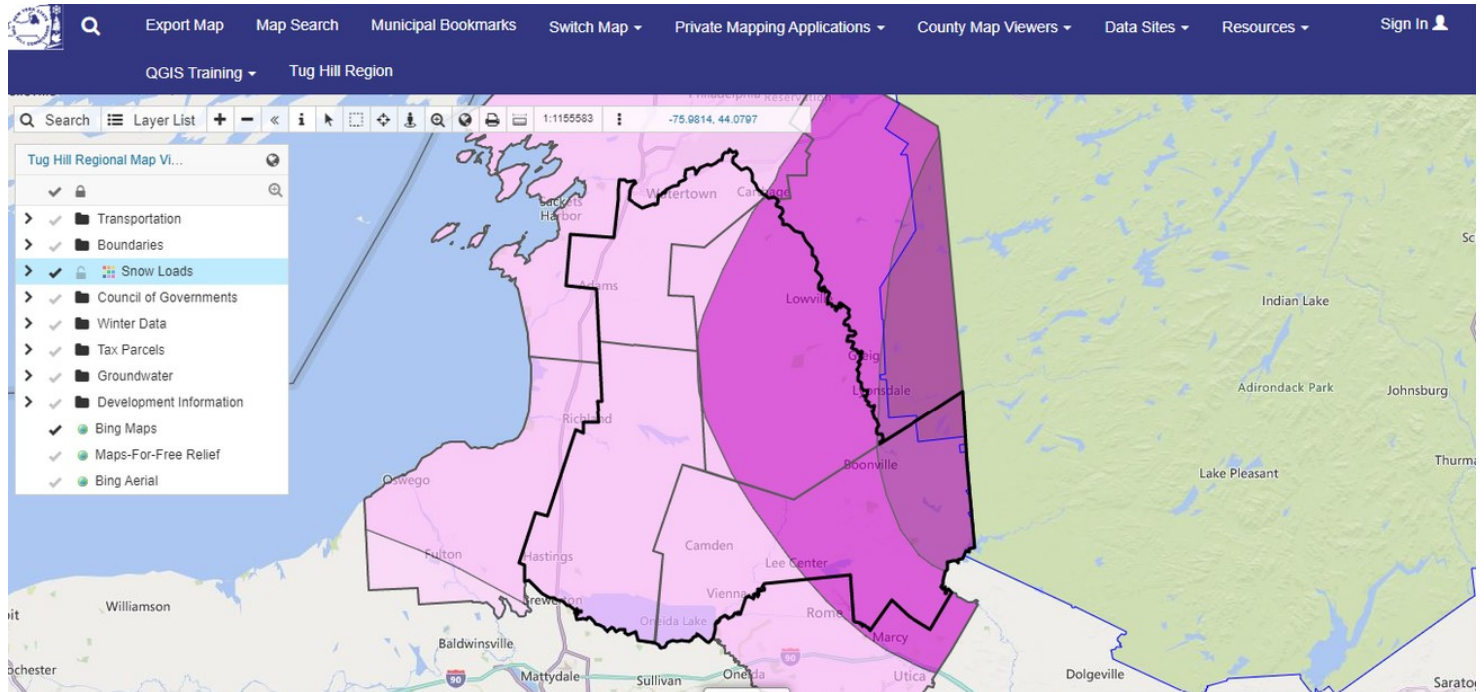
The reconstruction of the state docks in the village of Cleveland continues, with landscaping in progress, paving, new lighting, decking and railing installed.

# Tug Hill Regional Map Viewer

Don't forget that the Tug Hill Commission maintains a free map viewer, available through the commission's website at [tughill.org/services/gis/regional-map-viewer/](https://tughill.org/services/gis/regional-map-viewer/) or directly at [tughill.giscloud.com/](https://tughill.giscloud.com/). Many data layers are available for viewing and querying, including tax parcels, streams, waterbodies, slopes, recreational trails, to name a few. In the screenshot below, snowload is depicted, ranging from 60 pounds per square foot (psf) on the west side of Tug Hill to 80 psf on the far east side.

Municipal bookmarks can be accessed for ease of zooming to specific towns and villages. Some individualized maps have also been created, for example showing Special Areas in the Cooperative Tug Hill Council. The map viewer also supports GPS data collection, allowing data collected in the field to be directly uploaded to the viewer.

Commission staff would love to hear from users on what is useful, what is not useful, and what other capabilities communities and partners in the region would like to see. Please contact Mickey Dietrich at [mickey@tughill.org](mailto:mickey@tughill.org) with your thoughts.



## NYSERDA's Build Ready Program Nears Release

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)'s Build-Ready Program is coming online soon. The program advances large-scale renewable energy projects by identifying sites that are consistent with state standards and are made build-ready for private renewable energy developers. According to Jennifer Manierre, Senior Project Manager with NYSERDA's Clean Energy Siting division, NYSERDA will scope out sites throughout the state with the goal of targeting sites that developers aren't necessarily looking at, but that they could through working with local governments, identify to make them marketable.

NYSERDA plans to work with state partners and local communities to rapidly advance new "Build-Ready" projects, prioritizing development of existing or abandoned commercial sites, brownfields, landfills, former industrial sites, and other similar sites. NYSERDA will pursue site control and pre-construction development activities prior to competitively auctioning the developed sites, bundled with contracts for renewable energy payments, to provide a risk reduced package for private developers. For more information, see [www.nyserda.ny.gov/build-ready](https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/build-ready) or contact NYSERDA at [buildready@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:buildready@nyserda.ny.gov).

NYS once had an estimated 1,700 smaller landfill sites, and now has about 15 mega landfills. Closed municipal landfills of at least 10 acres, located on relatively flat land and near power lines could be eligible. NYSERDA anticipates issuing an Opportunity Notice for local governments to submit potential properties this year.

This effort is part of the Accelerated Renewable Energy Growth and Community Benefit Act 2020-2021 enacted as part of the 2020-21 NYS budget. The act also established the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, housed within the Department of State, which will consolidate the environmental review of major renewable energy facilities.

# Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration Grants Due September 17

The annual Landscape Scale Restoration grant opportunity through the U.S. Forest Service has been announced, with a submission deadline of September 17. These grants are intended to support high-impact projects that promote collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes, leverage public and private resources, and further priorities identified in each state's Forest Action Plan. Grant applications must have support of the state forester, with project narrative due to Albany August 20.

Proposed projects should:

- Address priority issues and landscapes;
- Produce measurable on-the-ground outcomes on rural, nonindustrial private forest land and/or rural state or local government forest land;
- Involve collaboration with partners that results in added value; and
- Cross boundaries on any combination of land ownerships.

The minimum federal funding per project is \$25,000, with a maximum of \$600,000. Applications require non-federal matching funds at a 1:1 ratio. Projects should be completed within three years of award.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Water quality and watershed health improvement.
- Wildlife habitat improvement.
- Community tree planting projects in communities with a population of less than 50,000.
- Strategic outreach efforts to land managers/owners facing threats from urban sprawl, invasive species, and wildfire, and complementary efforts to improve rural prosperity, as long as the project includes on-the-ground outcomes as well.
- Integrated efforts to improve management of nonindustrial private forest lands according to the state's Forest Action Plan.
- Survey, prioritization, and treatment to control invasive plants in a high-priority landscape.

For more detailed information about this grant opportunity, see <https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/working-with-us/grants/landscape-scale-restoration-grants>. If you have an idea for a project, please contact the commission office.

## Central Lewis County Water Study Hopes to Spur Economic Development

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Lewis County hosted a public presentation of the Central Lewis County Water Study by consulting firm Miller Engineers. The study examined public water systems in the towns of Lowville, Watson, Denmark, Martinsburg, and the village of Copenhagen.

Key points presented were:

- Six zones were identified for potential groundwater development.
- Developing groundwater sources to supplement surface water sources could help to reduce water treatment costs.
- Upgrade current potable water treatment systems.
- Combining separate town operators may not have benefit, as response times to emergencies could be longer.
- Upgrade Route 12 corridor water distribution systems first.
- Create a water board to help with overseeing the financing and operations of an integrated water system.
- Use the upgraded integrated water system to help attract businesses opportunities in agriculture, semiconductor and data center business sectors.
- Provide training for the system operators using the current programs offered by the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

Next steps are to conduct a comprehensive study of ground water resources for future growth, submit grant applications for the project and further study, and explore grant opportunities to help develop a business site selector tool.

For more information, please contact Cassandra Buell, Interim Director, Lewis County Planning Department at (315) 376-5919 or [CassandraBuell@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:CassandraBuell@lewiscounty.ny.gov).

# New Local Government Retention Schedule

## August 1, 2020

New York State Archives is revising and consolidating its local government records retention and disposition schedules and issuing a single, comprehensive retention schedule for all types of local governments on August 1, 2020. More information is available at [www.archives.nysed.gov/records/retention-scheduling-and-appraisal](http://www.archives.nysed.gov/records/retention-scheduling-and-appraisal)

The new schedule, *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records* or LGS-1, will supersede and replace:

- *CO-2 Schedule* for use by counties (2006),
- *MU-1 Schedule* for use by cities, towns, villages, and fire districts (2003),
- *MI-1 Schedule* for use by miscellaneous local governments (2006), and
- *ED-1 Schedule* for use by school districts, BOCES, County Vocational Education and Extension Boards, and Teacher Resource and Computer Training Centers (2004)

**Local governments must adopt LGS-1 prior to utilizing it, even if they adopted and have been using the CO-2, MU-1, MI-1, or ED-1 Schedules. Governing boards of local governments will have a five-month period – between August 1, 2020 when LGS-1 is issued and January 1, 2021 when the four existing schedules expire – to adopt the new schedule by resolution.**

**If you need a copy, there is a model resolution in the introduction of each of the existing retention schedules. A new model resolution will soon be available on the State Archives' website.**

**Please remember that local government records may not be legally destroyed after the end of 2020 unless the LGS-1 is formally adopted. There is no need to notify the State Archives of LGS-1 adoptions, but local governments should keep a record of the date of adoption and maintain the resolution permanently.**

The organization and formatting of the LGS-1 is similar to the existing four schedules. Section heading names have been retained. Because of the consolidation, the LGS-1 contains more sections. Local government can ignore those that are not applicable. As with previous schedules, items that are new or significantly revised have been indicated. Each schedule item has been assigned a new, unique number; however, the unique numbers of the four existing schedules have been provided allowing cross referencing. In addition, each schedule item contains the record series title and description, retention period, and any notes.

A copy of the LGS-1 will be available on the State Archives website on August 1. Additional online resources will include a list of the major revisions to the schedule and a webinar series to introduce the LGS-1. Local governments are encouraged to check the State Archives website periodically for LGS-1 news and updates.

By consolidating multiple, disparate retention schedules, the LGS-1 helps to ensure consistent retention and disposition guidance for records that are common to various local governments. It also makes it easier to apply revisions necessitated by changes to laws, regulations or other mandates that affect retention.

Records management/archives questions? Contact: Michael Martin, New York State Archives, Regional Advisory Officer for Central New York Region, 518-330-7987, [michael.martin@nysed.gov](mailto:michael.martin@nysed.gov).

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