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Tug Hill Commission Accepting Nominations for Community Recognition Award

Watertown, NY - The Tug Hill Commission is starting a new recognition program to honor a Tug Hill community, council of government, or community group at the commission's 2021 annual dinner, scheduled for October 14, 2021 at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar. A full program description and detailed list of criteria are available on the commission website at tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/. Overall, the award is looking for local governments or groups that have gone above and beyond to implement a project that has made a real impact in their area.

Nominations will be accepted in two categories: **community group** efforts (not affiliated with a local government), and **governmental** efforts. Projects must have been completed within the last five years. Competitive projects will incorporate many of the following elements:

1. Built local capacity
2. Promoted actions or projects in partnership with others
3. Were well supported by the community
4. Can serve as a model to be replicated in other areas

A selection committee made up of the chairs of the region's five councils of government, the commission board chair, and commission executive director will review applications and decide on award winners.

Nominations are due by June 1, and should be emailed to Katie Malinowski, katie@tughill.org. Please contact the office at (315) 785-2380 with any questions.

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The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.