

February 25, 2022

## Tug Hill History Webinar March 10: 50 Years in a Hunting Club on Tug Hill

The Tug Hill Commission is hosting its first historical webinar of 2022 on **Thursday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.** Jack Thoden, a charter member of the Brandy Brook Sports Club, Inc., will share 50 plus years of photographs and stories in his webinar, ***"50 Years in a Hunting Club on Tug Hill."***



The 1977 Deer Hunting Crew at Brandy Brook Sports Club.

Brandy Brook was established in 1965 when it leased 3,600 acres of land from Lyons Falls Pulp and Paper, in the now defunct hamlet of Page. Jack also served as president of the "Gate Committee" for several years, which helped manage access to the G&W Railroad for the local camps and landowners, and eventually became the Tug Hill Sporting Association. **Register at [www.tinyurl.com/TugHillHuntClub](http://www.tinyurl.com/TugHillHuntClub).**

Jack Thoden grew up in Allegany County, NY where his love of the outdoors began. He graduated from the forestry college in Syracuse (SUNY ESF) and then served in the Navy. He worked for the National Lumber Manufacturer's Association out of Washington, D.C. traveling NYS, before moving to Boonville in 1962 to work for HR Myers Lumber Company, Inc. He worked there for 42 years until his retirement in 2004. Both Jack and his wife Ruth were heavily involved in the Woodsmen's Field Days for over 25 years. He also served his community in other ways, including serving on the reorganization committee of the Adirondack Central School, building committee chairman for Adirondack Health, and former president of the Boonville Area Chamber of Commerce.

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## Commission Welcomes New Staff

Two new project specialists, Taylor McKinney and Patricia Shulenburg, joined the Tug Hill Commission staff this week. Taylor is a Watertown native and resides just outside the city with her family, which includes two dogs, two reptiles, and several fish. Bookending her education at Syracuse University, Taylor worked for Zoo New York for several years within its pollinator program, and you may recognize her from the Heather A. Freeman Butterfly House. Taylor is excited to translate her love of the natural landscapes and communities within the Tug Hill region into local government support, conservation, and community development.



Patricia Shulenburg

Patricia was previously an ecological restoration project manager and wildlife biologist for a private company, Cardno, and served as the program manager for Save The River in Clayton. She volunteers her time as the co-chair of the Eastern Lake Ontario Dune Coalition, and board director of the Dunes Foundation where she developed her passion for assisting communities with natural resources projects. She spends much of her free time hiking and kayaking throughout the North Country. Patricia brings her passions for grant writing, natural resources protection, restoration, and community development to the Tug Hill Commission.



Taylor McKinney

# LGC Regular Registration Deadline March 18

Registration and session information for the April 19, 2022 Tug Hill Local Government Conference at Turning Stone Event Center is available at [www.tughill.org/lgc2022](http://www.tughill.org/lgc2022). The regular registration fee is \$75 if postmarked by March 18, 2022, and can be paid on-line via credit card or mailed in with a check. There will be ample opportunity to visit vendors, network with colleagues, and learn from speakers with varying areas of expertise. A training certificate will be provided to all attendees as well. Hope to see you there!

## Remote Meetings Extended Through March 16, 2022

On January 14, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into Law Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 amending Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 to authorize any public body (as that term is defined by §102(2) of the Open Meetings Law) “to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.”

Chapter 1 takes effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed upon the expiration or termination of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to Governor Hochul’s Executive Order 11 or any extension or modification thereof. As of the date of this memo, Executive Order 11.2 had extended Executive Order 11 through **March 16, 2022**.

Here is the link to the .pdf version of this memo: <https://opengovernment.ny.gov/extension-chapter-1>.

**The Tug Hill Commission will meet on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cleveland Village Hall, 2 Clay Street, Cleveland, NY 13042, or at [us02web.zoom.us/j/84600743849](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84600743849), call in (929)205-6099, meeting ID 84600743849. The public is welcome to attend.**

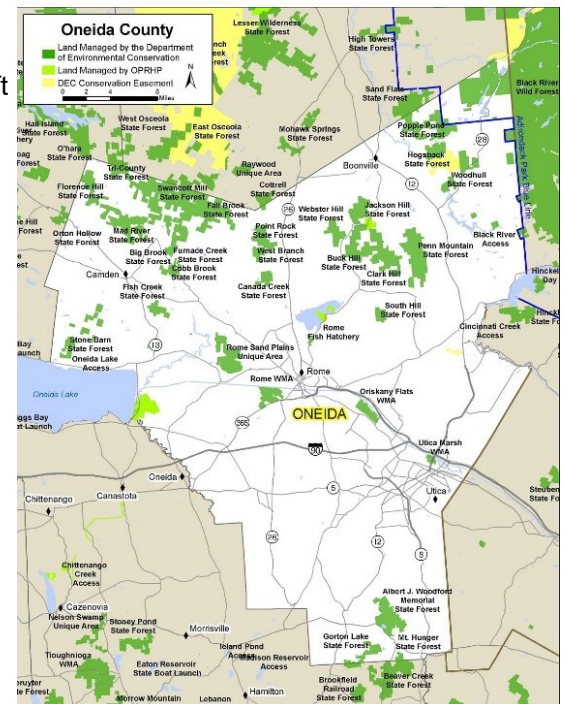
## DEC Releases Updated Strategic Plan for State Forest Management

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation announced the release of the 10-year update to the Strategic Plan for State Forest Management. The draft plan is available for public comment through March 4, 2022 and will help guide the management of all State Forests and the development of State Forest unit management plans.

The Strategic Plan for State Forest Management was originally drafted by DEC’s Division of Lands and Forests in 2010, as part of the process for certifying New York State’s forests under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® and Forest Stewardship Council® standards. The plan is updated every decade and is considered a best management practice among natural resource management organizations, serving as a document to guide forest management.

In addition to guiding management decisions on State Forests, the plan serves as the General Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for work done on State Forests, multiple use areas, and unique areas. The GEIS satisfies the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to ensure no negative environmental impacts occur as a result of DEC management actions.

A presentation with more information about the draft plan is available on the [SPSFM webpage](#). Comments can be submitted by mail to DEC’s Bureau of Forest Resource Management, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233, or by email to [2021SPSFM@dec.ny.gov](mailto:2021SPSFM@dec.ny.gov) through March 4, 2022.



# MOHAWK VALLEY GRANT WORKSHOP SERIES

Learn more about CFA Grant Projects and how you can leverage grant funding for your own community, not-for-profit, or business.



## CFA Overview

**March 8th 2022 2PM & 6PM**

Learn more about the CFA and grant opportunities in the region.

- Open to All
- CFA Overview
- 2021 Award Examples
- Q&A

[Register Here](#)  
2PM

[Register Here](#)  
6PM

## CFA Logistics

**April 6th 2022 2PM & 6PM**

Learn more about the CFA logistics and requirements.

- Open to All
- CFA Requirements
- Project Details
- Q&A

[Register Here](#)  
2PM

[Register Here](#)  
6PM

## Office Hours

**Starting this spring**

Meet with the MV team to discuss project ideas, questions, collaborate, and hear other ideas.

- Complete Project Survey
- Sign up for weekly office hours
- Q&A

Email [akaier@mvedd.org](mailto:akaier@mvedd.org)



For more information visit  
[mvedd.org/CFA](http://mvedd.org/CFA)



# Hungry for History Program Offers Grants for Roadside Markers

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is offering an opportunity to commemorate your community's local food history with a historic roadside marker. Submit your Letter of Intent (LOI) for the [Hungry for History](#) program by Monday, March 7.

Hungry for History is dedicated to preserving the stories of locally and regionally created prepared foods across the nation that play a defining role in American culture and forging community identity.

Completing the LOI is a simple step in the application process. For the LOI, you must submit a proposed marker inscription and a list of primary sources you intend to use to support your final application. Learn how to submit your LOI [here](#). After your LOI is submitted by March 7, the [final grant application](#) is due by April 11.

## Stormwater Training Available On-line

Under the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity, certain contractors and certain qualified inspectors are required to complete four hours of DEC-endorsed training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control (E&SC) every three years. To satisfy this training requirement, DEC has partnered with county Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state to deliver four-hour E&SC training courses, mostly online. Information about the four-hour course and other stormwater training opportunities and conferences is posted on the [NYSDEC's Stormwater Training and Certification webpage](#).

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1-888-785-2380.

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



## First New York State Bike Census Underway

NYSERDA and Urban Cycling Solutions are undertaking the first NYS Bike Census to document where, why and how NY residents are riding bikes. While geared toward the more urban areas of NY, there may be areas on the fringes of Tug Hill where it is relevant. Take the survey at [nyserda.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aaOKnyxZSgkskmi](https://nyserda.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aaOKnyxZSgkskmi)

The goal is to collect insights from cyclists and transit customers to better understand opportunities and barriers for active first/last mile transportation.

## Annual Buffer in a Bag Program

The application period for the Trees for Tribes' ["Buffer in a Bag" Program](#) is now open. Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers, or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, and improve wildlife habitat.

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river, or lake, and provide photos or a map of the planting location. We encourage previous recipients to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. DEC chooses recipients on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications are due by **3:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022**. Contact [treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov](mailto:treesfortribs@dec.ny.gov) with questions, and visit DEC's [Trees for Tribes webpage](#) to learn more.