

# TUG HILL TIMES



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## Headwaters Annual Report Published

The Tug Hill Commission's annual report, Headwaters, can be viewed at [tughill.org/headwaters-annual-report/](http://tughill.org/headwaters-annual-report/). If you did not receive a hard copy and would like one, please contact the office. This year's report highlights the commission's first awardees of the Tug Hill Community Recognition Award, the snowmobile economic impact study for Tug Hill, historical webinars hosted on Zoom the past year, COG reports, and more!

## Commission Board Meeting April 18, Sylvan Beach

The Tug Hill Commission board will meet on Monday, April 18 at the Village of Sylvan Beach Municipal Building, 808 Marina Drive, Sylvan Beach. Remote access will also be offered, by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84107437842>, or by calling (929) 205-6099, participant code 84107437842.

## Tug Hill Community Recognition Award Nominations Open April 1

The Tug Hill Commission will start accepting nominations on April 1 for a second round of community recognitions awards. Last year's recipients were the village of Deferiet and the Martinsburg Historical Society. Awardees will be recognized at the commission's 2022 annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at Zero Dock Street in Carthage. A full program description and detailed list of criteria are available at [tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/](http://tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/), but 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. A selection committee made up of council of government and commission representatives will review applications and decide on award winners.

Nominations are due by June 1, and should be emailed to Katie Malinowski, [katie@tughill.org](mailto:katie@tughill.org).

# Climate Action Council Public Hearing Schedule

New York State’s 22-member Climate Action Council (CAC), established under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), will hold 10 public hearings across NYS to receive public input on the Draft Scoping Plan and advance work on a Final Scoping Plan. The CAC released the Draft Scoping Plan on Dec. 30, 2021, and is accepting public comments on the draft through June 10, 2022. Locations near the Tug Hill region are:

Date	Time	Location	Venue
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	4:00 p.m.	Syracuse	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Gateway Center , 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210
Saturday, May 7, 2022	10:00 a.m.	VIRTUAL	Event link: <a href="https://nyserdany.webex.com/nyserdany/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3f037513c7ab055c46f1253fb908265e">nyserdany.webex.com/nyserdany/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3f037513c7ab055c46f1253fb908265e</a> Event number: 2599 706 6384, Event password: climate Call in number: +1-415-655-0003, Call in access code: 2599 706 6384
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	4:00 p.m.	Tupper Lake	The Wild Center 45 Museum Drive, Tupper Lake, NY 12986
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	4:00 p.m.	VIRTUAL	Event link: <a href="https://nyserdany.webex.com/nyserdany/onstage/g.php?MTID=eecfcf639bf8b5c07f1740e976f494fba">nyserdany.webex.com/nyserdany/onstage/g.php?MTID=eecfcf639bf8b5c07f1740e976f494fba</a> Event number: 2595 530 3236, Event password: climate Call in number: +1-415-655-0003, Call in access code: 2595 530 3236

If in-person hearings cannot be held due to changing COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, hearings will shift to virtual same date and time. Each participant will be given two minutes to address the CAC. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Priority in seating and speaking will be given to those who pre-register. Individuals can pre-register [here](#). Hearings will be webcast for viewing purposes only, professionally recorded, and transcribed as part of the official record and posted on the Climate Act [website](#). Written comments can be submitted through June 10, 2022, via the online public comment [form](#), via email to [scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:scopingplan@nyserda.ny.gov) , or via U.S. Mail to Attention: Draft Scoping Plan Comments, NYSERDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203-6399.

## Civilian Conservation Corps Program May 21

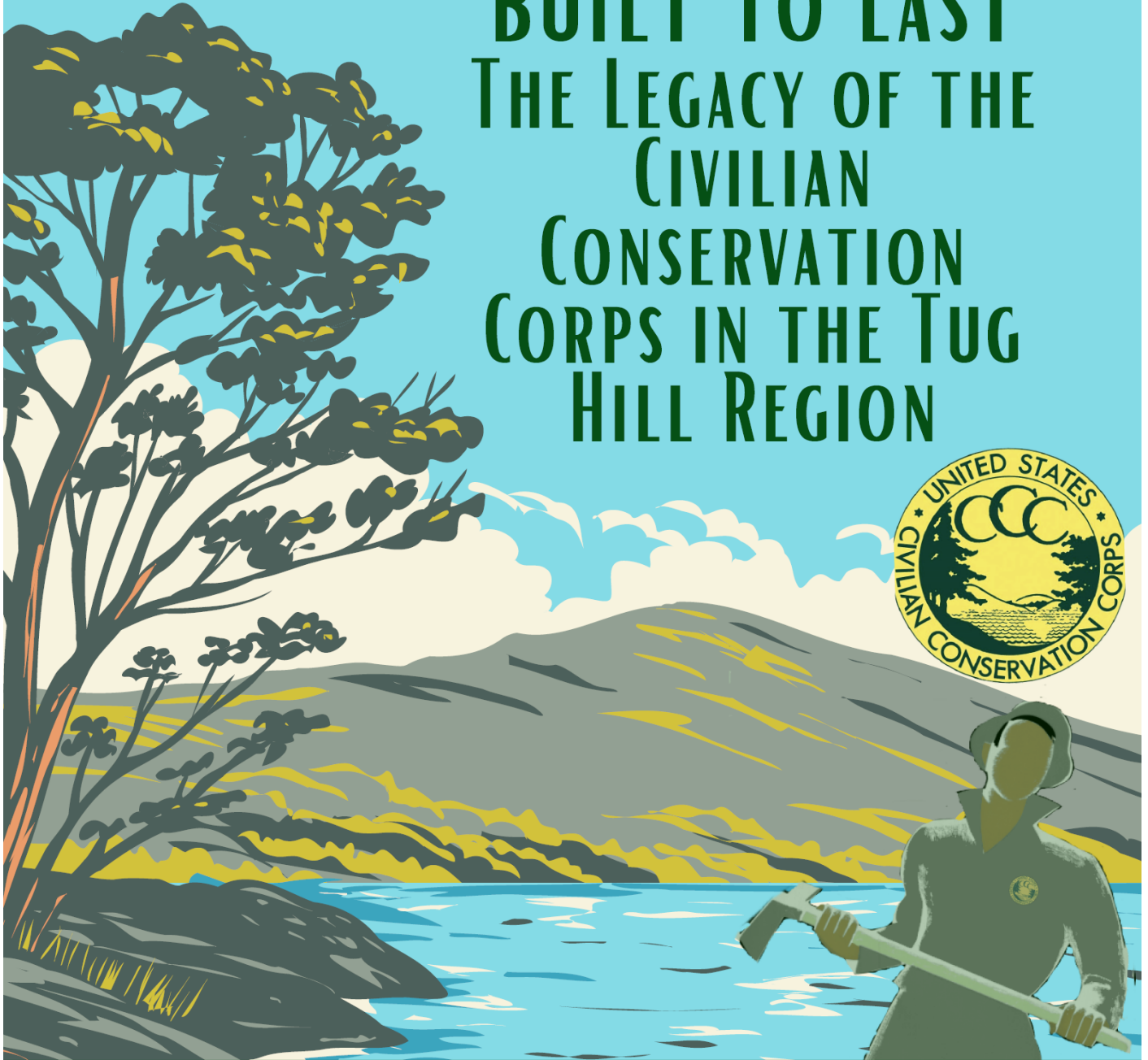
Join the Tug Hill Commission and the Oneida County Historical Center as we explore the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) throughout the Tug Hill Region. The CCC, fondly known as Roosevelt’s Tree Army, was a public works program developed under President Roosevelt’s New Deal. This program offered paid opportunities for young men during the Great Depression to sow the seeds of environmental conservation and civil development projects throughout the United States. Join us to hear about the history of CCC camps in our area, projects undertaken by the Corps, and first-hand experiences from a former CCC member about life at the camps. To conclude the program, we will find out how this program provides the framework for AmeriCorps, Excelsior Conservation Corps, and the Student Conservation Corps, which are completing ongoing projects on state land throughout our region.

For program information and to register, please visit: [www.oneidacountyhistory.org/programs.html](http://www.oneidacountyhistory.org/programs.html). The panelists will be:

- **Marty Podskoch**, Historian and Author of “Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: History, Memories, and Legacy of the CCC.” Marty will provide an overview of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and CCC camps in the Tug Hill region.
- **Charles Vandrei**, Historic Preservation Officer, Archeologist NYSDEC Division of Lands and Forests. Chuck will discuss the impact of CCC on New York State including the development of parks, state forests, and fish hatcheries among additional projects.
- **Herb Thorpe**, Former CCC member, Former Tuskegee Airman, will provide a first-hand oral history and an experiential account of life in CCC camps.
- **Ann Harrison**, Chief, Bureau of Environmental Education at NYSDEC, will share information about the current Excelsior Conservation Corps, and SCA projects at the NYSDEC.
- **Maria Cipullo**, Thousand Islands Regional Trails Coordinator, SCA Supervisor, will share information about the current SCA environmental projects in Thousand Island Parks Region.

PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING THE HISTORY OF CCC CAMPS, FIRST-HAND ORAL ACCOUNTS, AND CURRENT PROJECTS INSPIRED BY THE CCC

# BUILT TO LAST THE LEGACY OF THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS IN THE TUG HILL REGION



SPONSORED BY:



SATURDAY

MAY 21 1:00 PM

PROGRAM DETAILS AND MORE AT:  
[ONEIDACOUNTYHISTORY.ORG/PROGRAMS](http://ONEIDACOUNTYHISTORY.ORG/PROGRAMS)

# Northern Border Regional Commission Grant Round Open

The Northern Border Regional Commission's 2022 Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment Program is now open. Letters of intent are due by April 22, 2022. For full details on the program, see [www.nbrc.gov/content/EID](http://www.nbrc.gov/content/EID). Slides reviewing this year's program are available [here](#).

The maximum grant amount for 2022 is \$1,000,000 for construction in support of infrastructure, which includes basic public infrastructure, telecommunications, and renewable and alternative energy. For all other non-infrastructure applications the maximum amount is \$350,000, which includes business & workforce development, basic health care, and resource conservation, tourism and recreation.

Staff from the NYS Department of State will be available at the April 19 Local Government Conference to discuss potential projects. All four Tug Hill counties are included in the Northern Border area, and are considered distressed counties, which qualifies them for 80% grant/20% match.

## Information on American Rescue Plan Act Funding Reporting Released

The first annual report for Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) on their spending of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) (also known as ARPA funds or COVID funds) is due on April 30, 2022. All towns and villages in the Tug Hill region are defined as NEUs, which are local governments serving less than 50,000 people.

To assist with the filing of these reports there is information available on the U.S. Treasury's website including webinars and written materials. The [first webinar](#) is an introduction to the reporting for NEUs and walks through setting up an account with the Treasury Dept., assigning other users to the account and uploading the first set of supporting documents to the account. The companion publication titled **NEU non-UGLG Agreements and Supporting Documents** is available on the [Treasury website](#) or the Tug Hill Commission's [ARPA Resources](#) web page. The supporting documents can be uploaded now.

The [second webinar](#) is on the actual **Project and Expenditures Report** due April 30. This webinar goes step-by-step through the report sections and shows how to navigate the report and upload documents. The companion publication **Project and Expenditures Report Users Guide** is also available on the Treasury website or the commission's ARPA Resources page as listed above. This report should be available to access by April 1 according to currently available information.

The report will be required to be filed annually by NEUs for the next several years. SLFRF funds can be used for eligible costs incurred from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024 and funds can be expended through December 31, 2026, so long as the obligations were incurred by the end of 2024.

## Remote Meetings Extended Through April 15, 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 **April 15, 2022**.

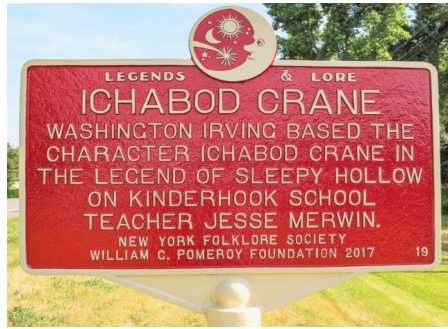
Here is the link to the .pdf version of this memo: <https://opengovernment.ny.gov/extension-chapter-1>.



# Funding Available for Folklore Roadside Markers

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation is now accepting applications for its Legends & Lore® Marker Grant Program, which helps communities commemorate their local folklore and legends, and promote cultural tourism with roadside markers.

The grant application deadline is Monday, May 2. Legends & Lore grant funding includes the full cost of a marker, pole, and shipping. Prospective applicants must apply through a local 501(c)(3) organization such as a historical society, nonprofit academic institution, or a municipality. To review program guidelines and details about how to apply online, visit the Foundation's website: [www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/](http://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/)



## Oneida Lake Association Annual Membership Meeting April 27

The [Oneida Lake Association](http://www.oneidalake.org) (OLA) will be holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Millard Hawk Elementary School, 74 School Drive, Central Square, New York. This will be a resumption of conducting this meeting in-person, in addition to being offered via Zoom. Login details for Zoom attendees will be posted to the OLA web site, as will any changes due to the ever-changing COVID environment.

The Oneida Lake Association was founded in 1945 to protect, restore, and preserve the natural resources of Oneida Lake and its surrounding ecosystem. Oneida Lake falls at the southern extent of the Tug Hill Commission's region.

The major agenda items for the association's April 27 meeting include election of officers, an update on the fish cultural station (hatchery) in Constantia, a report on the Oneida Lake fishery, law enforcement on Oneida Lake, cormorant management on Oneida Lake, Oneida Lake fishery regulation changes, and naming the OLA's Conservationist of the Year.

## SU's Center for Sustainable Community Solutions Technical Assistance

Through the use of federal and state grants, the Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions (CSCS) provides no-cost technical assistance to communities throughout New York State for the advancement of sustainable materials management such as waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. The [NY Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law](http://www.syr.edu/foodscraplaw) which went into effect January 1, 2022, will help divert food scraps generated by large entities from the waste stream and recover the organic materials for other use. To help with the adoption of sustainable organics management initiatives, CSCS would like to speak to community leaders from across the state to understand the challenges and opportunities different regions face regarding the collection and processing of food scraps.

CSCS is interested in the answer to the following questions :1) has your community considered establishing a food scraps collection and processing program as part of your local solid waste management plan and 2) would you be interested in receiving information, resources and technical assistance from CSCS regarding sustainable organic management strategies for your community. Responses to the questions can be sent to Sarah Rosenthal, Project Assistant at CSCS, [srosen06@syr.edu](mailto:srosen06@syr.edu).

For more information on composting and other sustainable organics management practices, the NYS Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling's 8<sup>th</sup> annual Organics Summit will take place April 5-6 at the Albany Capital Center. The event will be offered in a hybrid format, so that you can participate either in person or virtually. More information and registration materials are available [HERE](http://www.nysar3.org/page/nys-compost-awareness-week-2022-165.html). In addition to the Organics Summit, New York State Compost Awareness will occur May 1-7. To learn how to get involved visit [www.nysar3.org/page/nys-compost-awareness-week-2022-165.html](http://www.nysar3.org/page/nys-compost-awareness-week-2022-165.html).

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