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“22 for 2022”: Waterfalls Added to the Tug Hill Recreation Guide



Salmon River Falls, February 28, 2022 Photo credit: Katie Malinowski

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The best way to experience one of the most remote parts of New York State continues to be in the trails, forests, and riverbeds of the Tug Hill region. As snowmelt and seasonal rains begin to swell the streams and rivers, gorgeous water scenery comes alive in the region, as seen in the many scenic waterfalls throughout the four counties. The Tug Hill Commission, in partnership with the 1000 Islands International Tourism Council, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce, Oneida County Tourism, Oswego County Tourism, and Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust is pleased to share an addition to the Tug Hill Recreation Guide: Waterfalls!

For the year 2022, we have mapped a selection of 22 waterfalls within the Tug Hill region that we encourage you to add to your sightseeing list. This new resource will help you find these water features, ascertain trail difficulty, identify any available parking, and more. To view the Recreation Guide, please see www.visittughill.com, and take note of the new “Waterfalls” tab!

Salmon River Falls, included on the “22 for 2022” list, is arguably the most well-known in the region, measuring around 110 feet. Whether flowing or frozen, Salmon River Falls has a multi-season beauty visible from various viewing platforms along the marked trail. For more detailed information, directions, parking, and links, check out the Visit Tug Hill’s interactive google map and look for the waterfall icons.

Historic Preservation, Municipal Gifting, and Forming a Not-for-Profit Papers Updated

Commission staff have been working hard to keep issue and technical papers reviewed on a five-year basis. This week, updates to **Forming a Not-for-Profit Corporation in New York State**, **Historic Preservation for Rural Local Governments**, and **Municipal Gifting and Fundraising** are now available at tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/.



RIVER AREA ECONOMIC VISIONING SUMMIT



Thursday, April 28, 2022
9:00AM to 12:00PM
Zero Dock Street Restaurant
130 Canal St.
Carthage, NY 13619



**FREE EVENT
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

Event is free, but pre-registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/riverareasummit> or by contacting Mickey Dietrich by phone (315) 681-5023 or by email mickey@tughill.org.

The River Area Council of Governments is hosting an economic visioning summit on Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Zero Dock Street restaurant in Carthage. The event is free to attend, but attendees must pre-register at tinyurl.com/riverareasummit, by email to Mickey Dietrich mickey@tughill.org or by phone at (315) 681-5023. The event flyer is available at www.racog.org.

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.

JCC Students Conduct Water Quality Sampling in Lewis and Jefferson Counties

Several students and professors from Jefferson Community College (JCC) sampled over a dozen stream sites in Jefferson and Lewis counties this past Tuesday, April 5. JCC's SCI 199 Interdisciplinary Science and Mathematics Science class has for many years done water quality and macroinvertebrate sampling at various sites as part of the course curriculum. Staffers Katie Malinowski and Jennifer Harvill happened across the group on West Road as they prepared to sample their first stream of the day for macroinvertebrates. For several years, JCC professor Joel LaLone has invited the Tug Hill Commission and the DEC Great Lakes Program to present to the class and help choose sampling sites.



From NYC to Tug Hill : An Interview with Joshua Lumsden, Tug Hill Commission Intern and Fort Drum Artilleryman

Where are you from?

I was born in Trinidad and Tobago. When I was three years old my family moved to New York City.

Tell me about growing up in New York City?

I enjoyed living in New York City because there was always somewhere to go. I remember large crowds, and a lot of movement. I lived in the suburb of Queens and enjoyed going into the city from time to time.

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

I enjoy arts and crafts. I make miniature soldiers and stand them in positions. I also love reading. My favorite book is *The Prince* by Niccolo Machiavelli.

What brought you to Watertown?

I work for the Army and my position is 13 Bravo Artilleryman.

Tell us a little about your experiences in the Army and Fort Drum?

I like the formations we do, the structure, and how everything is neat and orderly.



Where are some of your favorite places to recreate or spend your free time?

I enjoy going to Syracuse, the Salmon Run Mall, and anywhere I can enjoy time with my friends. We took a nature walk along the Black River, and I'd like to see more of the rapids in my free time. I enjoy watching the water moving and the currents.

What projects are you working on for the Tug Hill Commission?

I am responsible for updating the River Area Council of Governments website (racog.org). I also represent the Tug Hill Commission at RACOG local meetings when Mickey Dietrich is unable to attend. One of the most interesting things that I have learned at community meetings is that there are not a lot of young people involved. Senior government leaders have a lot of experience, and I would like to see more younger people involved. I also work on the Tug Hill Commission archives.

What do you enjoy most about working at the Tug Hill Commission?

I like how everyone here seems to be a master of their own field. I am learning a lot from the people around me. I have also enjoyed exchanging ideas with Emily Fell, the Eastern Great Lakes Watershed Coordinator for the NYSDEC, who works out of the commission office. Working in a government office environment has been something I've always wanted to do, and the contacts I make here will benefit similar jobs in the future.

What are some of the challenges with your internship and how do you solve them?

At first, it seemed that the work structure is very different than the Army, and at the Tug Hill Commission I have much more independence in setting my schedule and working on projects.

What would you tell future Tug Hill Commission interns to become successful in their role?

I would tell future interns, do not be afraid to talk to people. I was reclusive at first and I didn't want to bother anyone. I had to adjust from keeping to myself in the Army.

What is in store for you next after concluding your internship with THC?

I will be transitioning to college for the fall semester. I am setting up my class schedule, and my major is Homeland Security which is a two-year program offered at Jefferson Community College. I'd like to continue to work in government and move to Washington D.C. My dream job would be working as the Secretary of State.

Cybersecurity Primer for Local Government Leaders Available

A joint project of the Association of Towns, NY Conference of Mayors, Association of Counties, and Center for Technology in Government at University of Albany, the [Cybersecurity Primer for Local Government Leaders](#) was published in February 2022. The primer is organized into three sections:

1. Why Cybersecurity Should be a Priority for Local Leaders
2. Common Cybersecurity Questions and Answers
3. Top Three Cybersecurity Preparedness Actions for Local Leaders.

The primer is not to be exhaustive, but to help build general awareness and understanding of cyber risk management and encourage local leaders to continue to take action in their county's cyber preparedness.



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Tug Hill Tomorrow Searching for New Executive Director

The Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust seeks an executive director to lead its programs in conservation and education related to the wild lands, farms and working forests of the Tug Hill region. The executive director will be responsible for supervision of a staff of six, fundraising, and leading organizational growth, working closely with the board and board chair. Full position description is available at tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Position-Announcement-2022-V.pdf.

NOCCOG Appoints New Director

At a recent special meeting held by the NOCCOG Executive Committee, town of Remsen Supervisor, Tom McDonald, was appointed to fill the vacant director position once held by longtime director, Mark Trnchik.

Tom is a lifelong resident of Remsen. Recently retired after a 25-year career in the fire service as a captain/station chief, at both Griffiss Air Force Base and Fort Drum, Tom is very active in the Remsen Fire Department, currently serving as vice-president on the board of directors. Tom was on the village of Remsen village board for 12 years, four of which he served as mayor. Tom was elected to the town supervisor position this past November.

Tom and his wife, Theresa, have three grown children and three grandchildren, all living in the Remsen area.

The NOCCOG Executive Committee is excited to have Tom on board, and is looking forward to his insight and involvement as NOCCOG progresses.

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 on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 1 p.m.

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 organization provided 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

Local Government Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Updated

The comprehensively revised **Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York State Local Government Records (LGS-1)** (2020) has been further updated as of April 1, 2022!

Those local governments which have a paper copy of the 2020 schedule will be mailed replacement pages, with no need to request them.

Those who do not have a paper copy and who would like to request one - and the 2022 updates - can request them at REGMGMT@nysed.gov.

The new 2022 version (411 pages) and the updated pages (60 pages) are also available on State Archives' web site at www.archives.nysed.gov/records/local-government-record-schedule/lgs-1-title-page.

In addition to technical corrections, changes to the LGS-1 include changes pertaining to COVID-19 recordkeeping requirement.

State Archives will be conducting a webinar "Ask Us Anything About Updates to the Local Government Retention Schedule" on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., which will discuss changes to the schedule, with opportunity for attendees to ask questions. Please register at tinyurl.com/LGS-1revision

The State Archives can be found at www.nysed.gov, and their records management area starts at www.archives.nysed.gov/records/records-management.

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Canal Clean Sweep

Volunteers are needed for the 17th annual *Canal Clean Sweep*, held on April 22-24, 2022. This annual event hosts thousands of volunteers across the NYS Canal System and Canalway Trail with over 100 participating site events.

It's a great opportunity to give back to local communities by protecting and preserving the cultural and recreational resources of the Canalway system. Parks and Trails NY in partnership with the NYS Canal Corporation and National Grid host the event in conjunction with earth day celebrations throughout New York State.

Canal Clean Sweep highlights the growing significance of the Canal System and the Canalway Trail as a recreational and tourism destination across the state and here in the Tug Hill Region. The New York State Canal System is comprised of four waterways, the Erie, the Champlain, the Oswego and the Cayuga-Seneca Canals, spanning 524 miles across New York State. The Canalway Trail System along the Erie and Champlain Canals comprises a significant portion of the Empire State Trail. The Empire State Trail is a 750-mile multi-use path which opened in 2021.

The efforts of volunteers across the state during *Canal Clean Sweep* 2022 will ensure the Canalway Trail system will remain a pristine recreational resource for locals and visitors alike.

Forestport is participating in the *Canal Clean Sweep*. The Forestport Feeder Canal, which opened in 1850, is a 10-mile-long canal which sits just outside the Adirondack Park. The feeder canal diverts water from the Black River at Forestport to the upper Mohawk River Basin and Delta Reservoir, an important water source for the eastern Erie Canal. This canal had once served to transport lumber between Forestport and Boonville and continues to be popular with canoeists and kayakers.

Volunteers who are interested in the *Canal Clean Sweep* can register at: www.ptny.org/events/canal-clean-sweep.

