

TUG HILL TOMORROW



LAND TRUST

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust

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Who is Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust?

- Regional, private, nonprofit organization
- Founded in 1990 by group of local citizens
- Incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 1991
- Serves Tug Hill portions of Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego and Oneida Counties; as well as the southern edge of St. Lawrence County and Western Herkimer County



Mission

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust's mission is to protect the wildlands, working forests and farms of the Tug Hill region and surrounding areas, and to promote appreciation of the region's natural and cultural heritage, for present and future generations.



Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust acknowledges that the ancestral stewards of this land are the Onondaga, Oneida and Mohawk Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Tug Hill Region

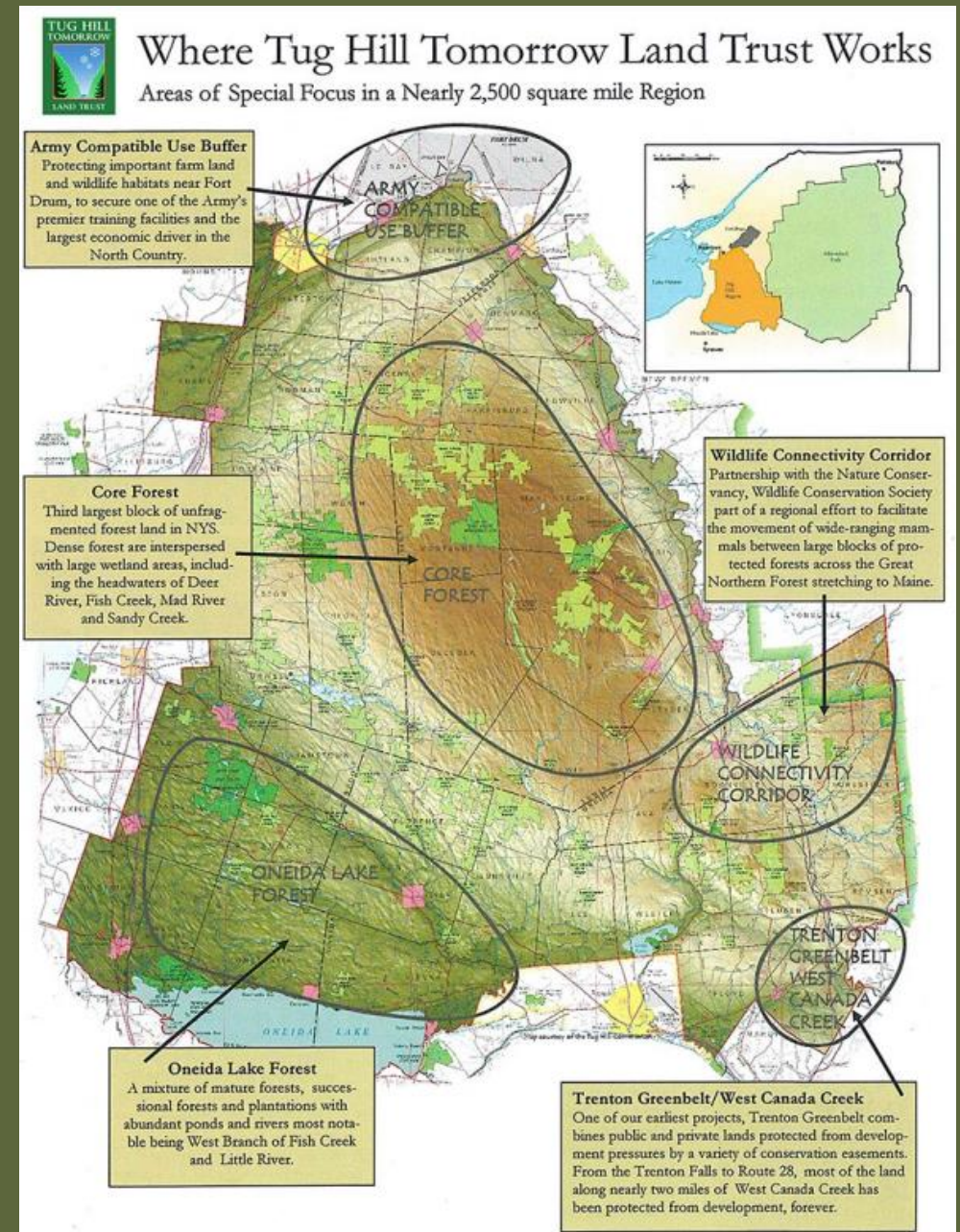
- The Tug Hill region of New York covers 2,100 square miles (1.38 million acres) between Lake Ontario and Adirondacks.
- It is the third largest contiguous forested area in New York State.
- The land rises from 250 ft. elevation at Lake Ontario in the west to 2,106 ft. at Gomer Hill, T. Turin, in the east
- It contains the headwater areas for 5 major watersheds (Oneida, Black, Salmon, Mohawk, and Eastern Lake Ontario/Sandy Creeks)



Heart of Tug Hill stream – D. Kohr

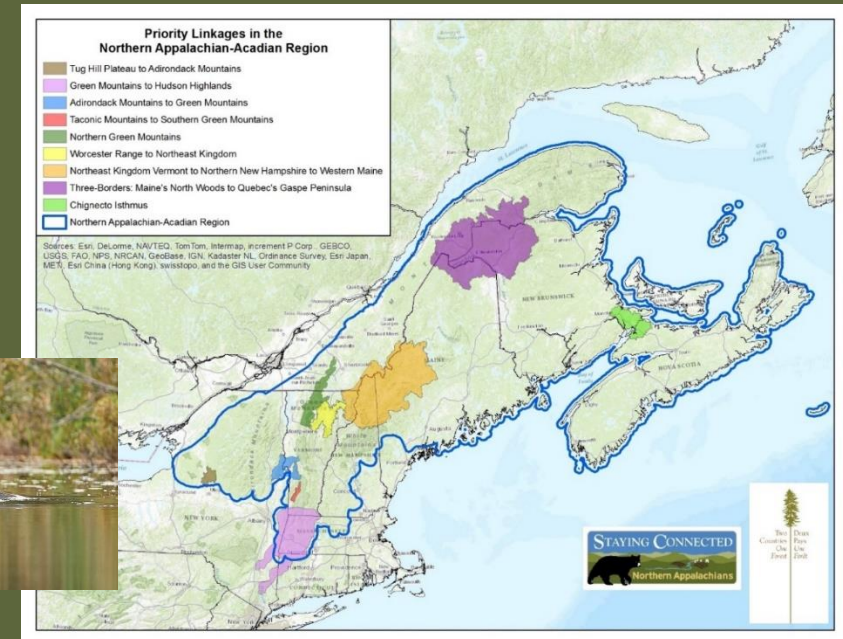
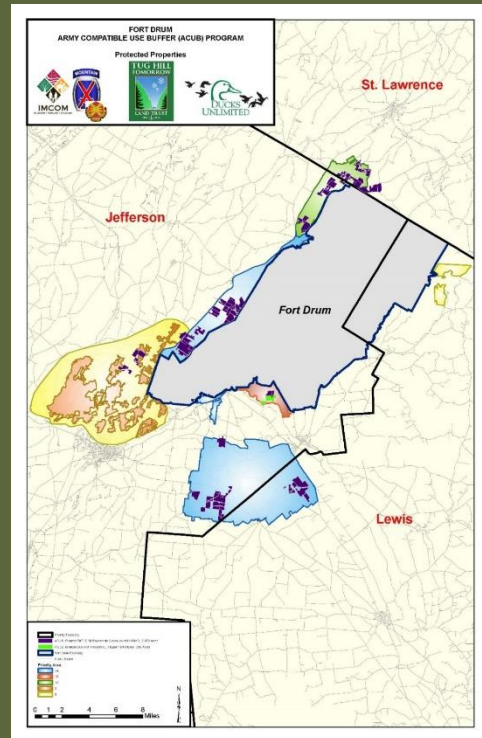
THTLT Protected Lands

- Over 22,000 Acres protected
- 118 Conservation Easements
- 4 owned Public Conservation Areas (PCAs) totaling 757 acres
 - *Blake Wildlife Sanctuary, Rutland*
 - *David S. Smith PCA, Leray*
 - *French Settlement Rd PCA, Lorraine*
 - *Keller Mohawk Hill PCA, W. Turin*



Adirondack – Tug Hill Connectivity Project

- Partnership with Adirondack Nature Conservancy, Tug Hill Commission, NYSDEC, NYSDOT
- Identifying corridors for wildlife
- Create strategies to retain or enhance these corridors



- Army Compatible Use Buffer Program (ACUB)
- Farmland Protection Implementation Program (FPIG)
- Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts (FCELT)

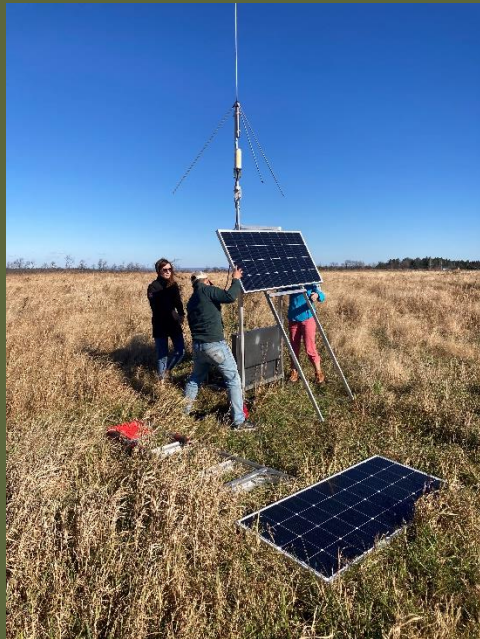
Keller Mohawk Hill Public Conservation Area

- T. West Turin on corner of NY 26 and Croniezer Road
- Approximately 82 acres
- Mitigation lands restored by Ducks Unlimited for wetland impacts in the Black River watershed
- Ownership transferred to THTLT in 2022
- Long-term management plan activity responsibilities to transfer from DU to THTLT in 2032



Keller Mohawk Hill Public Conservation Area

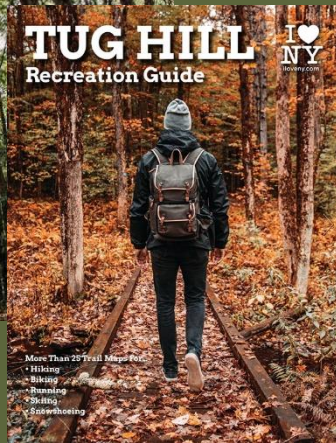
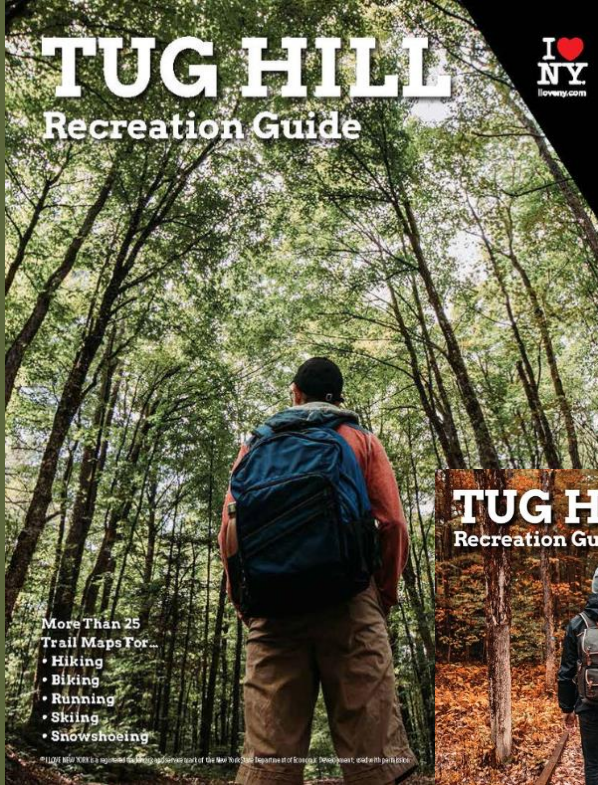
- Wildlife conservation values - plants, insects, reptiles/amphibians, waterfowl, grassland birds mammals
- Recreation, Education, Research values



*Steiger/Wang Lake Effect
Thundersnow Research 2022*



Tug Hill 10 Challenge



- Visit a minimum of 10 trails in the Tug Hill Recreation Guide *(available in print or online)*
- Fill out our online Challenge form
- We'll send you our Challenge Patch or Decal, your choice, to congratulate you on your accomplishment!



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