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**Tug Hill Commission Releases New Issue Paper:  
*ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities***

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK – The Tug Hill Commission recently completed a new issue paper, *ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities*, which consolidates information on existing ATV resources, where ATVs stand in New York's current legal framework, the benefits and challenges municipalities may face when deciding to legislate on this activity, suggestions for best practices when preparing local laws, and larger policy considerations. ATVs are an important activity from a recreation, economic, and tourism standpoint, and various considerations can help reduce municipal liability and ensure safety for all parties involved. The paper can be downloaded from the commission's website at [tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/](http://tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/).

The Tug Hill Commission gratefully acknowledges assistance and review of elements of this paper by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Department of State, Lewis County, Oswego County, various regional ATV clubs, and our many municipalities.

Two other papers were newly published by the commission the past few months: *Understanding the New Regulatory Standards for Animal Shelters* and *A Municipal Guide for Writing Requests for Proposals for Professional Services*. These topics were identified through many technical assist requests from towns and villages with the region's five councils of governments.

Three papers were also updated by the commission over the summer: *Introduction to Municipal Websites*, *Planning for Solar Energy Projects*, and *Short-Term Rentals*.

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

All of the commissions technical and issue papers are designed to help local officials and citizens in the Tug Hill region and other rural parts of New York State. They are downloadable for free from the Tug Hill Commission website, or can be emailed directly by contacting the office at (315) 785-2380 or [tughill@tughill.org](mailto:tughill@tughill.org).

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