

NYS Tug Hill Commission Year in Review

October 9, 2025 Annual Dinner



October/November 2024

- Castorland Ramble - a first!
- 50 Years for CTHC
- Little Voices – A Tug Hill Romance
- NOCCOG annual dinner and town clerk workshop
- Civic Service Student Activity Program kicks off in RACOG
- North Shore COG meeting - wetlands



December 2024/January 2025

- Commission elects new officers
- Black River newsletter released
- Salmon Rivers COG meeting – Richland joins
- *Best Practices for Land Use in Amish Communities* workshop in NOCCOG
- COG leaders meeting in Adams
- North Shore COG – Intermunicipal Sewer



February 2025

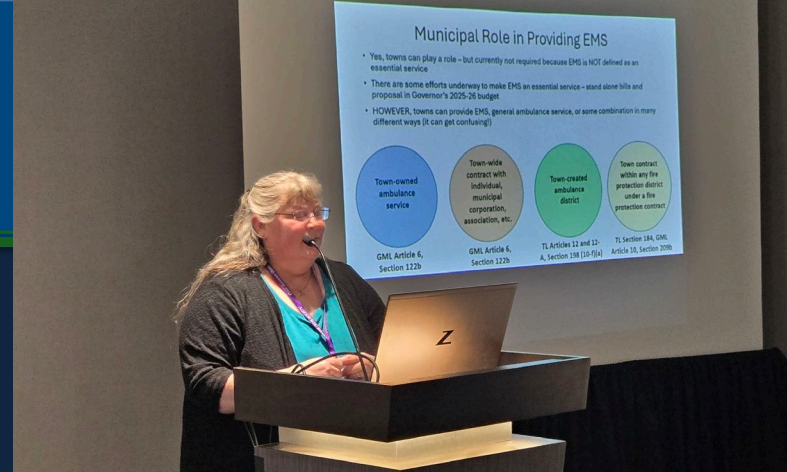
- Tug Hill in New York City at Association of Towns conference

Councils of Governments Model: A Unique Way to Share Services

Ambulance Service in Rural NYS

Agrivoltaics: Co-Locating Solar and Agriculture

- Heavy snows take toll on roofs



KNOW YOUR SNOW LOAD

Heavy snowfall can cause serious damage to buildings, roofs, and other structures. Stay prepared and take action to prevent further serious damage or collapse.

March/April 2025

- Commission adopts 2025-2029 Strategic Plan
- Headwaters annual report published
- Commission participates in Albany Rural Resources Fair
- Agrivoltaic roundtables completed in all four Tug Hill counties
- RACOG Economic Visioning Summit held
- Winter Wildlife Webinar series concludes – sea lamprey, bats, American Chestnut, and raptors





Local Government Conference 2025





A Reference Guide for Municipal Boards

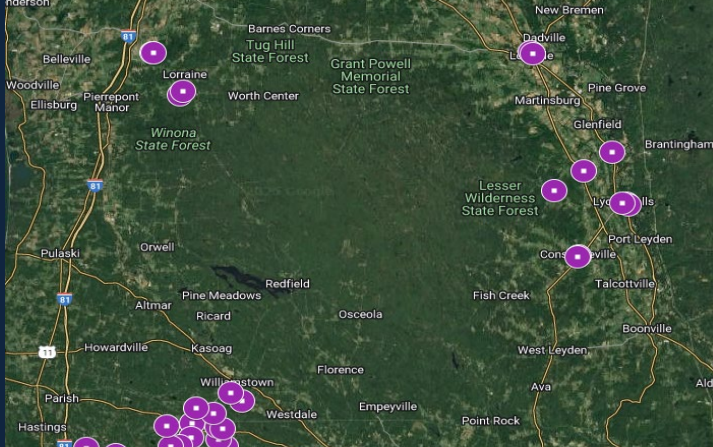


May/June 2025

- Commission participates in Fort Drum Day in Albany
- Grant assistance video released
- NOCCOG reference guide completed
- Croghan (V) and Greig join RACOG
- Black River Watershed Conference celebrates 15 years
- Renewable energy Land Use Leadership Alliance training in Watertown

July/August/September 2025

- Commissioner/staff retreat in Remsen
- Little Salmon River Dams meeting
- Woodsmen's Field Days seminars organized
- MetroCount wraps up the season, with 36 survey sites and ~149 days of continuous operation



New Staff and Commissioners



Our Geography

- Purple line – legislated boundary: 59 towns and villages (only 4 not in a council)
- Nine towns and villages outside the boundary, in a council



By the Numbers

- Issue and Technical Papers – 9 New or Updated

How Winter is Changing in the Tug Hill Region

A Municipal Guide for Writing Requests for Proposals for Professional Services

ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities

Understanding the New Regulatory Standards for Animal Shelters

- Grants – 8 Submitted

By the Numbers

- Adopted Comprehensive Plans – T. Camden (1)
- In Progress Comprehensive Plans – Albion, Ava, Denmark/Copenhagen/Castorland, Rodman, Wilna/Carthage/Deferiet (9)
- Adopted Zoning – Constableville, Lewis, V. Lowville, Martinsburg, T. Turin, Watertown (6)
- In Progress Zoning – Champion, Constantia, Deferiet, Rodman, West Turin, Williamstown (6)

Looking Ahead in 2026

- Track large economic development projects and respond to demand they create for assistance
- Support our councils and communities as new opportunities and challenges arise
- Continue to make progress on strategic plan goals
- Celebrate Leona's 42 years of service to the Tug Hill Commission
- **Monday, April 20 – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, Tug Hill Local Government Conference, Turning Stone Event Center**