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NOCCOG Annual Dinner

The Northern Oneida County Council of Governments will hold its annual dinner and business meeting on Thursday, September 28th at the Delta Lake Inn located in Rome. In addition to the adoption of the 2018 budget, election of officers, and annual update, our guest speaker will be Chris Anderson from the New York State Association of Towns who will facilitate discussion and address issues related to shared services plans and other pertinent topics.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$22 per person. Checks can be mailed to NOCCOG at 20 Glenridge Drive, Taberg, NY 13471. For more details and RSVP forms please contact Jennifer Armstrong-Symonds at 315-371-7612 or jarmstrong@tughill.org. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable evening!

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Tug Hill Commission Annual Meeting November 2

The Tug Hill Commission's 2017 annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2nd at the Boonville VFW. Invitations with more detail will be out in mid September, but the agenda includes a presentation about a new book being developed about the Tug Hill region and Tug Hill Commission, a recognition of Commissioner Ken Vigus, and a review of the commission's activity over the past year.

We hope you can join us!

CTHC Fall Annual Dinner

On Thursday, September 28th the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) will hold their annual fall meeting at the Tug Hill Hideaway, 1838 Fish Creek Rd., West Leyden. Cocktail hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting to follow.

Agenda items are expected to include review of the budget for 2018, discussion of the CTHC inter-municipal agreement which is due to be renewed soon, the update work on the Resource Management Plan and much more.

Speakers for the evening will include Marguerite Wells, Invenergy and Jenny Briot, Avangrid Renewables, who will be updating attendees on the various wind projects in our area. The meeting will close, as usual, with supervisor topics and any other comments from the floor.

Invitations to the meeting will go out in the mail soon, so be looking for them. As always representative's dinners are paid for by the CTHC and the cost for dinner for any guests wishing to attend will be listed on the invitation. Attendance of the meeting portion of the evening is, of course, free. Reservations can be made by contacting Angie Kimball at angie@tughill.org or at 315-599-8825 or 315-480-6857. Please RSVP by Friday, September 15.



To Pre-Register
Contact the Tug Hill Commission

Phone: 1-888-785-2380
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The Office of the State Comptroller,
Syracuse Regional Office, Presents

TOWN BUDGET PROCESS WORKSHOP

Monday August 21: 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Parish Village Gym, 2938
East Main St., Parish, NY

Thursday August 24: 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Martinsburg Municipal
Offices, 5405 Cemetery Rd., Martinsburg, NY

Designed to assist town officials in preparing annual budgets.

Topics include:

- Overview of the budgetary responsibilities of town officials
- How to develop a structurally balanced budget
- Key elements of the annual budget
- Tools for assisting town officials in the budget process
- Monitoring and amending the annual budget
- Operating within the 2% tax levy cap
- Question and answer period

Sponsored by:

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Hill Council*

*North Shore Council of
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Reminder: EAB Workshop Next Week

There are two (identical) informational sessions being held next week for woodland owners on the Emerald Ash Borer. Officials from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets will be on hand to present information on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and to answer questions you might have about your property. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Wednesday August 16, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: West Monroe Town Hall, 46 County Route 11, West Monroe NY 13167

Date: Thursday August 17, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Boonville Town and Village Office, 13149 State Route 12, Boonville, NY 13309

Contact: To **RSVP**, for additional information about the meeting, or if you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in management options, please contact Glen Roberts: (315) 376-3521 or email glen.roberts@dec.ny.gov.

Agenda:

5:45 Registration, Refreshments

6:00 Welcome, Introductions (Dan Sawchuck DEC Forester)

6:05 General (Mike Giocondo & Glen Roberts DEC Foresters)

- History
- Biology

6:45 EAB General Quarantine Regulations (Wayne Prindle or Dorthea Duell, Department of Agriculture & Markets)

- Quarantine regulations explained
- Compliance agreements

7:00 Forest Management (Glen Roberts)

7:20 Panel Discussion

The workshop agenda is available on our website at <http://www.tughill.org>.

This meeting is being organized by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and the NYS Tug Hill Commission.

Technical Assistance Grant Program for Preservation Studies

The 2017 Fall Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program applications are available. For more information about this program and to see examples of past grant recipients go to: <http://www.preservenys.org/tag---technical-assistance-grants.html>.

The fall 2017 submittal deadline is **Monday, September 11th, 2017**.

These grants are open to not-for-profits and municipalities who steward historic properties that serve an arts or cultural purpose. Grant awards range up to \$3,000 and each successful applicant must provide a \$500 match toward the total cost of the project. **These grants are for preservation PLANNING studies only.** These professional studies include:

1. Building Condition Surveys
2. Engineering/Structural Analyses
3. Feasibility/Reuse Studies
4. Specialized Conservation Studies

Please note that interested applicants must first call the Preservation League of New York State at (518) 462-5658 x 10 in order to discuss a project and request an application. Applications available are not available online.

Mad River Wind Project Open Houses Scheduled

Avangrid Renewables has announced the next set of public open houses for the Mad River Wind Project, proposed in the towns of Redfield and Worth. The open houses are scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at the Lorraine Fire Hall (20876 County Route 189, Lorraine) and Thursday, September 21st at the Redfield Fire Hall (4879 County Route 17, Redfield). The open houses run from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on both of the listed days. According to the Mad River website (www.avangridrenewables.us/madriver/) there will be "...several educational stations for more information on the project, permitting and environmental study process, interconnection study process, meteorology studies, and engineering and construction. A preliminary study layout of potential turbine locations will also be on display." Representatives from Avangrid Renewables and experts in the subject area will be available to answer questions as well. Interested people are encouraged to attend and there is no fee for attendance at the open houses.

Great Lakes Resilience Projects

New York Sea Grant, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation [has](#) announced the availability of funding for Great Lakes resilience projects. Up to \$25,000 per project is available from the New York Great Lakes Basin Small Grants Program. Eligible projects must use a complete ecosystem-based approach rather than a single issue or single species focus, incorporate stakeholder participation, and address key priorities in the [New York Great Lakes Action Agenda](#) to enhance community resiliency and ecosystem integrity through restoration, protection, and improved resource management. Not-for-profit organizations, county and local government or public agencies, municipalities, regional planning and environmental commissions, and educational institutions, including, but not limited to, public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities are eligible to apply. Applications are due by September 22, 2017. A webinar to help applicants will be available on August 16. For webinar registration, contact New York Sea Grant at 315-312-3042. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.nysgproposal.org/>

NYSERDA Solar PILOT Toolkit

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) released a Solar PILOT Toolkit to assist the state's municipalities in understanding and negotiating payment-in-lieu-of taxes (PILOT) agreements for solar projects.

Developed in collaboration with communities, local government officials, tax assessors, solar industry representatives, and others this Toolkit includes:

- Model Solar PILOT Law
- Model Solar PILOT Agreement
- Solar PILOT Calculator (for taxing jurisdictions)

The Toolkit can be found on the NYSERDA website at www.nyseda.ny.gov/solarguidebook.

For more information, contact NYSERDA, 1359 Broadway, 19th Floor | New York, NY 10018-7842 at 518-862-1090 x3016 or Houtan.Moaveni@nyserda.ny.gov.

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