

JUNE 15, 2018

Work Continues on Camden Village Zoning Overhaul

The Camden Planning Board is nearing completion of an update to the village's zoning law. The law is being amended to better implement the land use and development policies laid out in Camden's 2014 comprehensive plan. Among the improvements are a reduction in the number of zoning districts, simplification of the sign provisions, updated parking requirements, and improved provisions for nonconforming uses and structures. The finished product will be reviewed by the Oneida County Planning Board and adopted by the village board.

Town of Constantia Launches New Website

The town of Constantia has a new website! After over a decade and a half with its existing website design, North Shore Council of Governments circuit rider Paul Baxter redesigned the town website in consultation with town officials. This website also serves as the prototype for the redesign of other websites hosted and maintained by the North Shore Council of Governments and the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments.

The existing website was maintained by hand-coded HTML, the code behind the display and operation of web sites. In addition, it was much less granular in the levels of permission possible for website modification. The new website has WordPress as its underpinnings, making updates easier, for people to do without specialized knowledge of web code, and giving the website a more modern appearance.

The old website is still up during a transitional period which will end soon. It can be found at townconstantia.org. The new website can be found at www.townofconstantia-ny.us. After conclusion of the transitional period, both web addresses will point to the new site.

In This Issue

- Camden Village Zoning
- Constantia Website
- Black River Watershed
- Upcoming COG Meetings
- White Paper Released
- Forest Habitat Workshop
- Community Development Institute
- Lingerin Ash Workshop
- Cemetery Webinar Online

The commission meeting scheduled for Monday, June 18 in Osceola has been canceled.



Black River Watershed Conference Presentations Available

Attendees were treated to a day at Camp Turk in Woodgate for the 2018 Black River Watershed Conference. Nine presentations were given, each one unique, yet all woven with a common thread of building resilience in the face of changing weather patterns. All the presentations, including the keynote by David Eichorn, are available here <http://www.tughill.org/projects/black-river-projects/black-river-watershed-conference/>.

There were 85 people registered to attend the conference, including exhibitors and speakers. Speakers traveled from as far as Ohio and Massachusetts and attendees came from all over the north country and central New York. Thank you to everyone, including the fantastic staff at Camp Turk, who helped make the conference a success. We appreciate everyone who attended and if you missed it, we hope you can make it next year. Planning for 2019 has already begun!



Upcoming Council of Government Executive Board Meetings



- RACOG**June 19, 6 :00 p.m., Village of Carthage.
Agenda includes circuit rider report and a presentation by Ron Trottier regarding rail development.
- NOCCOG** June 21, 4:00 p.m. Rome Library.
- CTHC**June 26 (tentative), Location TBD.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust and SUNY ESF Release White Paper

A white paper entitled *Mad River Wind Farm Impact Assessment Study, Tug Hill Region of New York State* was prepared by the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse, in conjunction with the Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust. The paper explores potential impacts of the proposed Mad River wind farm in the towns of Redfield and Worth. It can be found at:

<https://tughilltomorrowlandtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Mad-River-ESF-White-Paper-23Apr2018-final.pdf>

Forest Habitat Management Workshop - July 7

Free to attend!

When: Saturday, July 7, 2018, 9:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Short woods walk after lunch. Lunch and morning refreshments provided.

Where: NYS DEC Lowville Office
7327 St Rt 812
Lowville, NY 13367

Please RSVP by July 5, 2018: Contact Suzanne Treyger, Forest Program Manager, Audubon New York, (607) 254-2122 or streyger@audubon.org

2018 Community Development Institute October 11 & 12, Cornell University

Save the date for this year's 2018 Community Development Institute conference, entitled *Flood Risk & Community Resiliency*. Organized by the Community & Regional Development Institute (CaRDI) at Cornell University, the annual event focuses on critical pieces of the community development process, and is designed for a diverse audience of local community leaders, extension educators, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers at multiple levels. Presenters and attendees have an opportunity to share the latest research, innovative approaches, policy recommendations, and practical perspectives. This year's institute is cosponsored by the NYS Water Resources Institute.

Details available soon a www.cardi.cornell.edu.

Workshops for Lingering Ash Detection Available

The Ecological Research Institute (ERI) is now scheduling training workshops for implementation of its Monitoring and Managing Ash (MaMA) program. For information on this innovative, comprehensive approach to ash conservation and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) management, see ERI's website at www.MonitoringAsh.org. MaMA's innovations include adapting U.S. Forestry Service protocols for monitoring ash mortality and detecting lingering ash (EAB-resistant trees) to make them easily usable by land managers and citizen scientists. These trees offer the best hope for ash conservation and restoration (see www.monitoringash.org/lingering-ash-info/).

In this workshop, participants will learn, among other things, how to establish ash mortality monitoring plots that form part of the rapidly expanding **MaMA Monitoring Plot Network** extending through much of New York State and beyond, which is coordinated by ERI. ERI uses the data from this network, in close cooperation with the USFS, to determine when particular areas are ready to search for lingering ash. **Because of this network's use of scientifically rigorous protocols, attendance at an ERI MaMA training workshop is required for participation.** Similarly, this workshop is required for participation in MaMA's lingering ash reporting project, given the importance of finding trees that meet strict criteria.

Contact Us

NYS Tug Hill Commission
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Phone: 315-785-2380

Toll Free within the region:

1-888-785-2380

Email: tughill@tughill.org

Visit us at:

Web: www.tughill.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/TugHillCommission

If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically please email your request to gwen@tughill.org or call 1-888-785-2380.

Electronic versions appear in full color!

Cemetery Webinar Recording Available Online

Over 30 participants joined in the first webinar organized by commission staff, bringing cemetery expert David Fleming in for a discussion of cemetery abandonment and town responsibilities. The full recording of the webinar is available at: <https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/lsr.php?RCID=372575185feb427c83a0b129a3968234>

Commission staff are working with David to create an issue paper based on his in-depth knowledge of this issue that is becoming more common across the region. Look for it in the next month!