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Tree Grants Submitted

Tug Hill Commission staff assisted in writing seven Urban and Community Forestry Grant program grant applications to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The Town of Ava and the Villages of Remsen, Central Square and Camden each submitted Quick Start Arbor Day grants to plant trees and hold educational events. The Towns of Forestport and Trenton, as well as the Village of Adams, all submitted community grants for larger scale tree plantings in their communities. Grant award announcements are expected this fall.



West Carthage Main Street Trailhead Project News



Members of the West Carthage Board, residents and interested parties reviewed final design plans to implement the South Main Street Trailhead Project at the May 14th meeting. Presented by Jill Aikins, Project Coordinator from GYMO Architecture, Engineering and Land Surveying, design options included the installation of a permanent concrete dock and pedestrian walkway and park enhancements to provide public access to the Black River. The multi-phase recreation design plan includes motorized and non-motorized linkages to the waterfront and downtown areas.

Currently, the Village is working with GYMO to attain the required permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to advance construction of the preferred plan. Funding to implement the \$141,000 project was provided by the NYS Department of Transportation through the Recreation Trails Program in 2009. Additionally, the Black River Advisory Council awarded the Village \$4,500 to assist in the construction of the boat dock. According to Deputy Mayor Scott J. Sullivan, the Department of Public Work Crews will assist in preparing the site for development to leverage limited local resources.



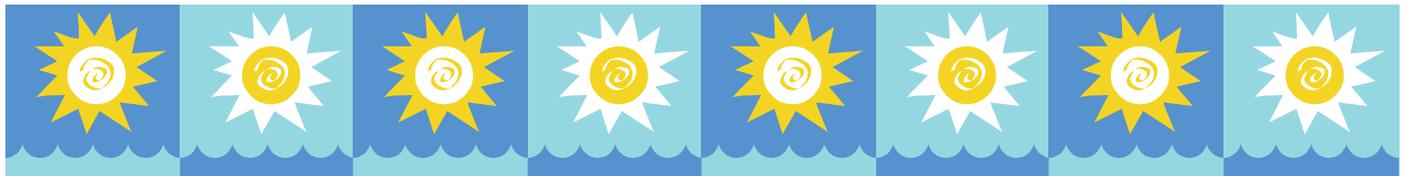
If you own wooded land in the Tug Hill Region and would you like to learn how to maintain or encourage birds and other wildlife on your property and what you can do to take care of your land for future generations, please join us for this free event. The workshop will take place **Saturday, September 22nd** at the NYSDEC Lowville office, 7327 St Route 812, Lowville, NY 13367. Please arrive at 8:30 am for registration and refreshments. The workshop is from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, followed by a woods walk from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to attend one or both!

Participants will learn about:

- The wildlife commonly found in forests of the Tug Hill region
- How different types of forests attract different kinds of wildlife
- Resources, tools and potential partners available to help you meet your goals
- Visit properties to see examples of habitat management

Presentations will include:

- Managing Your Forest for Wildlife
- Forestry 101
- Woodlot Management for Wildlife that Need Young Forests
- Good forestry makes good bird habitat: how to balance the needs of many species of birds on your lands and the surrounding landscape
- What Forest Stewardship Plans Can Do for You
- Conservation 101: Fact vs. Fiction
- Resources and Programs for Woodland Owners



Ethics Training Workshop

An Ethics Training Workshop, presented by John Mancini, New York Conference Of Mayors (NYCOM) Counsel, will be held in Utica on July 11, 2012. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per person.

In January 2012, village and city officials across the State received a letter from the Attorney General's Office requesting information about your local code of ethics. As a result, NYCOM has received many inquiries related to municipal ethics. To assist members in complying with the requirements of New York's ethics laws, NYCOM is presenting a series of regional workshops on municipal ethics. Topics that will be covered in the ethics workshop include: Article 18 of the General Municipal Law; Updating Your Local Code of Ethics; Establishing a Local Ethics Board; Financial Disclosure Statements; Use of Municipal Resources; Nepotism; Compatibility of Office; and Gifts.

This workshop has been approved of two (2) Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits, Registered Municipal Clerks (RMC) credits, Credentialed Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) credits, and Credentialed Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) credits. **Go to www.nycom.org to download registration materials.**

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**Save the Dates for 2012 Planning and Zoning
Summer Schools**

These classes are presented by the New York State Conference of Mayors in conjunction with the Association of Towns, the New York Planning Federation and the Government Law Center and will be held at four convenient locations:

Wednesday, July 25 • Albany Law School • Albany

Friday, July 27 • Marriott Buffalo Niagara • Amherst

Tuesday, July 31 • Hyatt House • Fishkill

Friday, August 3 • Woodcliff Hotel • Fairport

Registration materials will be available soon on the NYCOM website at www.nycom.org. Please check the website frequently.

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Thank you!



Photos from our Annual Meeting on May 31, 2012

