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## Second Annual Black River Watershed Conference Held

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## Black River and Maple Traditions Scenic Byway Meetings Scheduled

Corridor Management Plans (CMPs) for both of these byways are in draft form and have been reviewed by the

<p><b>June 12th</b> 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p> <p>TAUNY Center 53 Main Street Canton, NY</p>	<p><b>June 13th</b> 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm</p> <p>Black River Canal Museum Main St. and NYS Route 12 Boonville, NY</p>
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Statewide Scenic Byway Advisory Committee. In an effort to address comments and finalize the plans, three public meetings have been schedule in communities along the routes. If you have any questions, please give us a call! 1-888-785-2380.

## Farm Disaster Preparedness Training

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Recent events in New York State and in our region have proven that we cannot predict when or how a catastrophe will happen, but we can be prepared by offering training for those that could help control the outcome when disaster strikes.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County is offering a 2-day National training disaster preparedness workshop for area firefighters, EMT's and first responders. The training will help area responders to a farm disaster prepare for a response to accidents involving farm vehicles on the road or the farm, farm fires or structure collapse, and storm damage.

All emergency responders are invited to attend this training at the Extension office, 121 Second Street, Oriskany, NY on **June 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am- 5:00 pm and July 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**. The workshop will include classroom instruction, visits to two local dairy farms and an equipment entrapment demonstration.

The program will be limited to 30 participants. The fee for the 2-day workshop is \$90.00 and includes lunch, informational materials and a uniform patch. **Preregistration for the workshop is required by June 25<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Bonnie Collins at 315-736-3394 x 104 or by email [bsc33@cornell.edu](mailto:bsc33@cornell.edu) to register.

## Tug Hill GIS User Group Meeting Planned

There will be a Tug Hill GIS User Group meeting on **June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the Carthage Central High School. Here is the link of where to enter and where to park: <http://goo.gl/maps/MMFJ>. The tentative agenda is as follows:

- 10:00am - 10:20am** - Introduction/NYSGISA Overview (Overview of the free ESRI licensing for K-12 schools and other organizations)
- 10:20am - 10:40am** - Carthage Central High School Mapping Projects (Community Partnerships)
- 10:40am - 11:10am** - Frank Winters (NYSCSCIC) - Update on Web Map Services for the State, tax parcel business plan overview, and other items of interest at the State level
- 11:10am - 11:40am** - ESRI - ArcGIS Online Presentation (<http://arcgis.com>)
- 11:40am - 12:00pm** - Quick YouTown Demonstration (<http://app.youtown.com> or <http://youtown.com>)

Kindly RSVP to Mickey Dietrich by **June 18<sup>th</sup>** at (315) 785-2389 or via email at [mickey@tughill.org](mailto:mickey@tughill.org).

## Local Government Leadership Institute Training

The Office of the State Comptroller and Cornell University are hosting a Local Government Leadership Institute: "Managing New York's New Fiscal Reality" on **Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** at the Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. The Local Government Leadership Institute is a free event and will feature panel discussions on the following topics: The State of Upstate Cities: Why All Local Governments Need to Be Concerned With the Financial Condition of Urban Cities; and, Strategies for Sustaining Fiscal Health.

You can also access the Leadership Institute page by going to <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/lgli/index.htm>. There you will find online registration, Institute agenda, driving directions and hotel reservation information. Seating is limited, so please register early! If you have any questions, please email [LocalTraining@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:LocalTraining@osc.state.ny.us) or call (518) 473-0005.

## Economic Development Training - June 19th

On Tuesday, **June 19th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency and National Grid will be sponsoring a Crash Course in Economic Development. The event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1290 Arsenal Street in Watertown. Featured guest speakers are: Mark Waterhouse of Garnet Consulting; Wade Beltramo, Counsel, NYS Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials; and Michael N'dolo of Camoin Associates.

Topics for the evening include: Principles of Economic Development; Incorporating economic development strategies into local land-use planning; What Governments can do to foster Economic Development; and Impacts of Economic Development on local economies and taxing jurisdictions.

The workshop is recommended for all local officials: Town and village boards, planning and ZBA boards, county legislators, school boards, local development corporations, and interested parties. If approved by the municipality, this workshop can provide 4 hours training to meet the NYS Municipal Training requirement for Planning and Zoning Board members.

**Pre-registration and payment (\$25/Person) are required and must be in by June 14, 2012.** Click <http://www.jcida.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Economic-Development-Crash-Course-Agenda-Registration-and-Guest-Speakers-Bios.pdf> for the Agenda, Registration, and Guest Speakers Bios. If you have any questions, please call the JCIDA office at 315-782-5865.

## Land Use Planning Workshop Planned

### *Site Plans: The Good, the Bad and The Ugly - Improving Site Plan Submissions*

This workshop will take place on **Monday, June 11, 2012 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm** at the **Jules Center Amphitheater, Room 6-002** at **Jefferson Community College**. The agenda is as follows:

- 6:30-6:35 pm: Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 6:35-7:35 pm: Presentation by Andy Nevin and Michael Bourcy
- 7:35-8:00 pm: Questions and answers

This session will cover commonly submitted site plans, legibility and completeness issues, submittal details, and review criteria. Numerous examples will be presented noting pros and cons of each. Examples of review standards and criteria considerations with sketches, photographs, and plan views will also be presented. The session goal is to provide examples and considerations to enhance local and County Planning Board processes for site plan submittals and reviews.

**RSVPs are strongly encouraged by Wednesday, June 6th.** Please call Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144 or email [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us). If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide 1.5 hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training requirement.

## Commission to Host Public Forum on NC REDC

A reminder that the NYS Tug Hill Commission is hosting a North Country Regional Economic Development Council (NCREDC) Public Forum in Jefferson County for local officials, community residents, business owners/entrepreneurs and interested parties on Tuesday, June 12 at the Dulles State Office Building in Watertown, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Conference Room from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Tony Collins, President of Clarkson University and NCREDC

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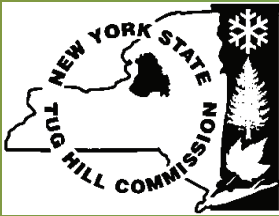
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Co-chair and Garry Douglas, President of the North Country Chamber of Commerce and NCREDC Co-chair will provide an update on activities associated with implementing the 2012 Strategic Plan, listing and advancing priority projects, review the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process and seek public input on the process and North Country plan.

Created in 2011 by Governor Andrew Cuomo to fundamentally change the state's approach to economic development—from a top-down development model to a community-based approach, the NCREDC is one of ten regional councils across the state working to promote economic growth and development within their regions. The North Country Regional Economic Development Council was named one of four “Best Plan Awardees” for its five year Strategic Plan. The North Country, which is composed of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, will receive \$103.2 million in state support for 70 projects across the region.

A NCREDC Public Forum will also be held in Lewis County on Tuesday, June 19 at the Lowville Academy and Central School in the Large Group Instruction Room from 6:00 pm -9:00 pm. Your assistance in planning for the event is appreciated by pre-registering online to attend the meeting at [www.northcountryopenforbusiness.com](http://www.northcountryopenforbusiness.com).

## **SLELO PRISM to Host Public Information Sessions**

The St. Lawrence Eastern Lake Ontario (SLELO) Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM) invites the public to learn about invasive species in the region, including their ecological impacts and their impact on local economies. Information regarding the SLELO-PRISM, Invasive Species and individual involvement will be presented. All sessions are free, but registration is required. Reserve online at <http://tinyurl.com/6w9ycag> or by email [sconley@tnc.org](mailto:sconley@tnc.org) or call (315) 387-3600, ext. 23.

- **St. Lawrence County:** Thursday June 14th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. St. Lawrence County Cooperative, Extension Learning Farm Classroom, 2043 State Highway 68, Canton NY.
- **Lewis County:** Thursday June 21st, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Lewis County Cooperative Extension Office, 5274 Outer Stowe St, Lowville, NY.
- **Oswego County:** Thursday July 12th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Oswego County BOCES, 179 County Rt. 64, Mexico, NY.
- **Oneida County:** Thursday July 19th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Madison-Oneida BOCES Triplexus Conference Room, 4937 Spring Road. Verona, NY.
- **Jefferson County:** Thursday July 26th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Jefferson County Cooperative Extension, 203 North Hamilton St, Watertown NY.