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Cooperative Tug Hill Council Holds its Annual Dinner and Meeting

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council (Council), representing the 16 towns of the Tug Hill center, held their fall meeting at the Central Hotel in Glenfield on Thursday September 27th. The highlights of the meeting included adding the Town of West Turin's recently adopted Special Areas map to the Council's reserve plan under the Tug Hill Reserve Act, and getting updates on events and programs in the Tug Hill Region. Updates included progress on the official road mapping of Council towns, testing in the Adams portion of the Tug Hill Aquifer, progress on the Adirondack-Tug Hill Wildlife Connectivity Project, and the St. Lawrence-Eastern Ontario PRISM project. The Council also discussed an upcoming meeting of town supervisors, village mayors and local legislators.

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CTHC To Host Legislators Meeting To Be Held October 24th

The Cooperative Tug Hill Council will be hosting a meeting between the Tug Hill Legislative Delegation and supervisors and mayors from the entire Tug Hill Region on Wednesday October 24th at 6:30 pm at the Redfield Fire Station. This will be an opportunity for the 62 chief elected officials to meet with Senators Griffo and Ritchie and Assembly Members Barclay, Blankenbush and Brindisi (or their representative) to hear what their accomplishments were in the 2012 Legislative Session and what their priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session are; to discuss regional legislative and budget priorities for the Tug Hill Region; and for individual supervisors and mayors to raise more local priorities. CTHC Chair Roger Tibbetts will be contacting all the region's supervisors and mayors in the coming week with more details. This will be a perfect opportunity for the region's local officials to express their priorities for the region's legislative delegation before they return to Albany in January. Please call the Tug Hill Commission at 1-888-785-2387 if you want to register for this event.



Records Management Training Opportunities



Register online for State Archives workshops by visiting the workshops scheduled for this fall at <http://iarchives.nysed.gov/WorkShops/workshopsServlet?owner=REG&cat=1>. Events are free and open to anyone who is interested in attending.

Digitizing Your Historical

Photographs

Date: 10/10/12

City: Barneveld

County: Oneida

Files Management

Date: 10/02/12

City: Canton

County: St. Lawrence

LGRMIF Grant Application

Information Session

Date: 01/08/13

City: Clay

County: Onondaga

Land Use Case Law Update

Bond Schoeneck & King recently released a case law update that can be found on their website at <http://www.bsk.com/pdfinfomemos/09-2012%20e-memo%20case%20law%20update.pdf>. This issue looks at three cases that address widely different questions. The first is a warning to land use boards on the limits to which courts will defer to their decisions. The second deals with the ability of one municipality to seek redress with respect to zoning changes in an adjacent municipality. The last deals with the legally complicated question of when local government can assert land use authority with respect to structures built over bodies of water. For information about Bond Schoeneck & King Law Firm, its practice areas and attorneys, visit their interactive web site, www.bsk.com.

NOCCOG's 29th Annual Dinner and Meeting - October 25th

On Thursday, October 25, 2012, the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments will be holding its annual business meeting and dinner at the Delta Lake Inn, 8524 Fish Hatchery Road, Rome, NY 13440. The social gathering begins at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 pm. More information about the Delta Lake Inn can be found at <http://www.deltalakeinn.com/>.

This year's guest speaker will be Kenneth Tompkins, the Mohawk Valley Regional Director for Empire State Development (ESD). ESD serves as the lead agency managing the Regional Economic Development Councils. ESD Regional Directors act as the executive directors of each Regional Council, and regional ESD offices provide administrative and research support. A short business meeting is also on the agenda which will include the election of the NOCCOG Executive Board for 2013 and approval of the 2013 NOCCOG budget.

The cost for dinner is \$20 per person. Reservations and payment must be received by **Friday, October 19, 2012**. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Gerry Ritter, Municipal Management Consultant, at (315) 392-2260 or gitter01@aol.com. You can also mail a check payable to NOCCOG, along with your name and title and the name(s) of your guest(s) to:



Mrs. Gerry Ritter
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Public Meetings Scheduled for North Country “Homegrown Sustainability Plan” Page 3

Seven North Country counties - Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis – are working together to write a Homegrown Sustainability Plan as part of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Cleaner Greener Communities program. This program, funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), empowers each of the State's Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) regions to create more resilient communities through Smart Growth practices. The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) and Ecology and Environment, Inc. (E&E) are providing consulting support to the seven county coalition, and a website has been set up for the project at www.adirondack.org/green. The site is also designed to stimulate all levels of citizen participation, through signing up for news updates and by taking part in a survey to assess and weigh goals. The public is also encouraged to submit ideas for current or proposed projects that should be highlighted in the Plan. Meetings closest to our area include



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Wednesday October 3 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Edwards Knox Central School, Russell, NY:

Meeting begins with a tour of the school's biomass boiler system, public comment period starts at 6:00 pm. Hosted by John Daniels and Sue Kelly.

Thursday October 4 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Fort Drum, NY:

Host Carl McLaughlin will highlight LEED certified homes built on post.

Saturday October 6 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the American Maple Museum, Croghan, NY:

Pancake breakfast at 11:00 am with the meeting at noon. Tour Croghan Dam before breakfast at 10:00 am, meet at 9746 South Bridge St., Croghan, NY.

To register and find other dates and locations across the North Country, go to

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e6djkkuo3d4e0929&oseq=>

To receive notices on the October outreach meetings and other updates on the Plan, sign up for the North Country Sustainability Plan list through ANCA's e-mail service: <http://bit.ly/h6TdPL>. You may also contact Jennifer Perry at ANCA at jperry@adirondack.org or (518) 891-6200 for more information.



Town of Remsen Survey Results Are In

The Town of Remsen's comprehensive planning effort is moving along with the results of a town wide survey recently tabulated. The survey response rate was not as high as hoped, but the Planning Board is scheduling a presentation to share the results with local officials and the public on October 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Remsen Central School. Attendees will be able to offer additional comments at this presentation.

Of those responding to the question about how satisfied they are with town services, the top four services included: fire and **emergency services** (86%), **semi-annual trash days** (82%), **snow removal** (76%), and **town hall facility** (70%). Overall, survey respondents seemed mostly satisfied with town services.

Of those responding to the question regarding issues of concern within the town, the top three answers included: **property taxes** (72%), **road maintenance** (49%), and **drinking water quality** (39%).

These results along with the comments at the October 30th meeting will be instrumental in the planning process that takes place over the next several months.



The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) announced the "Buy Green, Save Green Rebates for New York State Local Governments" program, which is making \$1.1 million available to encourage small municipal governments to replace inefficient appliances and equipment with energy-efficient models. The program began September 25, 2012.

The rebates will pay 75 percent of the purchase price of eligible products, which include ENERGY STAR(r) refrigerators, dehumidifiers, commercial dishwashers, room air conditioners, imaging equipment (including copiers and fax machines; digital duplicators; printers, scanners and all-in-one devices; and mailing machines), as well as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and light emitting diode light bulbs (LEDs) in quantities of 10 or more. Advanced power strips in quantities of two or more will also be eligible for the rebate. Since there is no ENERGY STAR designation for power strips, a list of eligible power strips is posted at <http://nysappliancerebates.com>.

The rebate program is for local governments that meet all three of the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) They are New York State small municipal governments that were included in the 2007 Census of Governments as currently incorporated municipalities.
- 2) They have a governance structure that includes an elected official and a governing body.
- 3) They have not received a direct EECBG allocation of Department of Energy formula grant.

Eligible municipalities are listed on <http://www.nysappliancerebates.com> along with municipalities that are ineligible for this program due to receiving a direct EECBG allocation already. Details about the program and information on eligible products can also be found on <http://www.nysappliancerebates.com>. Sewer districts, school districts, fire districts and other sub-components of eligible villages, towns, cities and counties are not eligible under DOE's criteria.

The purchase price for an individual piece of equipment cannot exceed \$4,999, and each eligible municipality can receive up to \$20,000 total in rebates. Appliances and equipment may be purchased at any location. Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for completed applications, which will be available on <http://www.nysappliancerebates.com/> or by calling 1-877-NYSMART or 1-877-697-6278 starting September 25, 2012. **Purchases made before September 25, 2012 are not eligible for rebates.**

Call the Commission if you need assistance!



Local Leaders Conference in Ellicottville, NY October 16-17

Registration is now open for Smart Management for Small Communities: Practical Resources for Governance, a local leaders conference to be held **October 16-17, 2012** at the **Holiday Valley Inn & Conference Center, 6557 Holiday Valley Road, Ellicottville, NY 14731**. Complete information about the Conference can be found at <http://efc.syracusecoe.org/efc/events.html?skuvar=45>.

Topics on the agenda include Stormwater, Watershed Assessment, Capital Improvement Planning and program and funding updates from the Office of Community Renewal, USDA Rural Development, NYS Department of State, NYSERDA and NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation.

For more information on the event, contact Kathy Forrest at kforrest@syracusecoe.org or (315) 443-1131.

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Draft Workbook for Short EAF Ready for Public Comment

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The following announcement was posted to the Environmental
Notice Bulletin (ENB) on September 5, 2012.

The DRAFT Workbook for the Short Environmental Assessment
Form (EAF) has been prepared and is available for public review
and comment at <http://www.nyseaf.net>. A printable PDF version
of this DRAFT Workbook is also available on that site.

The DRAFT Short EAF Workbook contains information to guide
project sponsors and agency reviewers in the preparation and re-
view of a Short EAF. It contains background information on top-
ics and, when completed, will provide built-in-links to spatial data
needed to answer the questions in Part 1. The workbook should
make it easier and more likely that project sponsors will have access
to information that will allow them to provide an accurately com-
pleted Part 1. It will also make it easier for the reviewing agencies
to confirm responses and provide guidance on how to determine
the size and potential significance of an impact. A similar work-
book for the Full EAF is in preparation and will be made available
for public review at a later date.

Comments on the DRAFT Short EAF Workbook will be received
until October 22, 2012. Comments may be submitted to the DEC
either by mail to the NYS Department of Environmental Conserva-
tion, Division of Environmental Permits, 625 Broadway, Albany,
NY 12233-1750 or by e-mail to deprmt@gw.dec.state.ny.us.
Please include DRAFT SEAF Workbook in the subject line.

New Website to Assist County Residents



Check out this new website www.oswegocountygovernments.com,
designed as a one-stop-shop for all things related to government in
Oswego County. The site lists government offices, who holds the
office and also contains maps of many legislative districts. The new
is operated by Legislator Daniel Farfaglia of Fulton and is not part of
Oswego County government.

