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## Town of Adams Joins CTHC; Lewis County Presents on Economic Development

On Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> the Cooperative Tug Hill Council (CTHC) held their annual spring meeting at the Central Hotel in Glenfield. Twelve of the twenty CTHC municipalities were present, along with board members and staff from the Tug Hill Commission, for a total of 40 attendees. Members from Constableville and Turin, two of the villages who recently joined CTHC, were welcomed to their first meeting of the group.

The annual election of officers was held. Serving another term in 2018 are Roger Tibbetts (Rodman) returning as Chairman; Doug Dietrich (Martinsburg) as Vice Chairman; Carla Bauer (Redfield) as Secretary and Ian Klingbail (Lewis), Steve Bernat (Pinckney), Rosalie White (Leyden) and Paulette Walker (Boylston) returning as Directors.

Speakers for the evening were Ryan Piche, Cassandra Buell and Jackie Mahoney from Lewis County; Eric Virkler from the Lewis County IDA, and Kristin Aueter from the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce. They spoke about economic development in Lewis County, outlining the current drivers of the economy and some plans to maximize tourism and recreational potential. They cited statistics on the impact of seasonal residences and visitors to the area and spoke about a survey of local businesses on desired recreational uses.

Project updates included the status of low volume roads legislation, some proposed documentation of the planning work of the council's towns, and updates on the Fort Drum Joint Land Use Study, the Montague weather radar and vacancies of the ad hoc members on the Article 10 wind farm siting boards.

Work goals for 2018 were approved, as well as special areas for the town of Turin which will be added to the Council Reserve Plan. The final item of business was the interest from the town of Adams to join CTHC. A personal visit from the circuit rider to their board to outline the benefits of joining was made upon request, resulting in the town board approving to join if accepted by the council. The council's members voted unanimously to have Adams join the CTHC. This brings the total number of municipalities belonging to CTHC to 21.

## 2018 Local Leaders Survey Please Return Today!



Thank you to everyone who has returned their survey, so far we have received 139 responses, for a response rate of 38%. If you haven't sent it back, it is not too late! A second survey will be sent to non-respondents on Monday, May 7 to be returned as soon as possible. Draft results will be reviewed at the commission meeting being held in Wilna on May 21.

Remember that all survey responses are kept confidential. The responses will be combined into a white paper delivered to Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature later this year. Thank you for your honest and timely feedback.

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### Commission Meeting Monday, May 21, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Town of Wilna  
414 State Street,  
Carthage, NY

RSVP to [gwen@tughill.org](mailto:gwen@tughill.org)  
or (315) 785-2380 if you  
would like to attend.

UPCOMING  
WORKSHOPS

## May 31<sup>st</sup> Workshop at JCC ~ Rx For Your Zoning Law

Sometimes you don't even know your zoning law is sick. This session will review the symptoms and diagnosis of a sick zoning law, as well as some remedies to cure the sickness and things to think about during check-ups in the future. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

The Jefferson County Department of Planning and the NYS Tug Hill Commission are co-sponsoring a land use training session on Thursday, May 31, 2018, 6:30 PM, at Jefferson Community College.

**You are strongly encouraged to RSVP by Tuesday, May 29th. Please register online here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rx-for-your-zoning-law-registration-38078243050>.** You may also call Jefferson County Planning Department at (315) 785-3144 or Email: [planning@co.jefferson.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.jefferson.ny.us).

### AGENDA

**6:30-6:35 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**6:35-8:30 pm Presentation by Mark Gebo, Attorney with Hrabchak, Gebo, & Langone, P.C.**

Mark Gebo, Attorney with Hrabchak, Gebo, & Langone, P.C. of Watertown, will be presenting this session on how to review your zoning law. Mr. Gebo is a graduate of SUNY Albany and Cornell Law School. His firm is general counsel to many North Country towns and villages in Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego and St. Lawrence counties. He has been a frequent lecturer at prior Local Government Conferences and training programs and is a wealth of information on zoning and planning issues.

*If approved by your municipality, this workshop can provide two (2) hours of training to meet the NYS Municipality Training Requirement.*

Note to planning board and ZBA chairpersons and clerks – Please share this event with other board members and officials in your community.

## Introduction to Governmental Accounting (Basic Accounting School) June 5-7, Watertown

The Academy for New York State's Local Officials is presenting school for those individuals who possess some accounting experience, but are newcomers to governmental accounting in New York. It will benefit chief executive officers, chief fiscal officers, comptrollers, treasurers, clerks, accounting personnel, board members and department heads.

June 5-7, 2018 -- City of Watertown, Dulles State Office Building. Details and registration form available at <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/academy/desbasic.htm>.

## Register for the Black River Watershed Conference

Registration is now open for the 2018 Black River Watershed Conference at Camp Turk on **Tuesday, June 12, 2018**. All are invited! This year's conference will focus on how changing weather patterns affect the environment and decisions made by municipalities. This year's conference will feature a keynote by Dave Eichorn, a retired meteorologist and visiting professor at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

For complete information and a registration form, please go to <http://www.tughill.org/projects/black-river-projects/black-river-watershed-conference/> or contact Jennifer Harvill at 315-785-2392 or [jennifer@tughill.org](mailto:jennifer@tughill.org) for more information.

# Consolidated Funding Application and Tree Grants Now Open

## **Tree Grants**

Round 14 of NYSDEC's urban forestry grants or "tree grants" are now open on the grants gateway. These funding opportunities will support tree planting, maintenance, tree inventory, education programs, and community forestry management plans. Grants are available to municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts, soil and water conservation districts, community colleges, not-for-profit organizations, and Indian nations or tribes. Awards range from \$11,000 to \$75,000, depending on municipal population. Tree inventories and community forestry management plans have no match. Tree planting, maintenance, and education program projects have a 25 percent match.

DEC foresters are available to provide applicants with technical assistance. For more information on each of the three tree grant opportunities see the following links:

- Education programming (25% match) [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2)
- Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan (no match) [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2)
- Tree Planting and Tree Maintenance (25% match) [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/module/nysgg/goportal.aspx?NavItem1=2)

Not-for-Profits should check their qualification status and municipalities may want to check that the correct people are assigned roles in Grants Gateway. There will be a webinar addressing this opportunity on May 10th, 2018 at 10:00am and 2:00 pm. Here's the Grants Gateway link: <https://grantsreform.ny.gov/>.

## **CFAs Are Now Open**

The CFA opened to applicants on May 1st and the deadline for applications is Friday, July 27th at 4 p.m. The 2018 REDC Guidebook and list of available resources is accessible at [www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov](http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov). For applicants, the CFA is available at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>. This year, there are over 30 programs available through 11 state agencies, Empire State Development; NYS Canal Corporation; NYS Energy Research and Development Authority; Environmental Facilities Corporation; Homes and Community Renewal; Department of Labor; New York Power Authority; Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; Department of State; Department of Environmental Conservation, and Council on the Arts. Here's what we know so far about the CFA workshops. We'll let you know if we hear any more about them.

Mohawk Valley CFA Workshop: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mohawk-valley-redc-cfa-workshop-tickets-44806589716?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTQyNjc5MjMvamVubmlmZXJAdHVnaGlsbC5vcmcvMA%3D%3D&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformlv2&utm\\_term=eventimage&ref=enivtefor001](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mohawk-valley-redc-cfa-workshop-tickets-44806589716?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTQyNjc5MjMvamVubmlmZXJAdHVnaGlsbC5vcmcvMA%3D%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformlv2&utm_term=eventimage&ref=enivtefor001) - May 17 at MVCC

North Country CFA Workshop <http://www.regionalcouncils.ny.gov/north-country> - May 23 at SUNY Potsdam

North Country CFA Workshop <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/north-country/events/cfa-workshop-lake-placid-jun-29-2018> - June 29 at ORDA Convention Center in Lake Placid

## **DECinfo Locator Web Tool Available**

DEC has launched DECinfo Locator, a map-based web tool to provide easy access to documents and public data pertaining to the environmental quality of specific sites and outdoor recreational opportunities in New York State. The current prototype includes information on Air Title 5 permitted facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, remediation and bulks storage sites, permitted mines, boat launches, DEC state land, and much more. Additional environmental information will be added in the future.

Explore the new locator tool at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>.

# Legal Aspects of Records Management Workshop

The law has a great impact on records. It influences how we manage them, access them, secure them, and how long we keep them. This course will explore how statutory laws and court decisions affect records management programs and the importance of a good records management program in protecting your organization during law suits

## This FREE workshop will:

- Explain the legal requirements of a records management program;
- Review federal and state laws that greatly impact records management
- Review court cases that affect records management;
- Explain how the legal discovery process works;
- Explain the consequences of not preserving records; and
- Provide practical steps for going forward.

## Wednesday May 9, 2018 - Lowville

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Lowville Town Hall  
5533 Bostwick Street  
Lowville NY 13367

**To register:** <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/the-legal-aspects-of-records-management-2018-05-09>

## Wednesday June 27, 2018 - Fulton

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Volney Town Hall  
1445 County Route 6  
Fulton, NY 13069

**To register:** <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/schedule/the-legal-aspects-of-records-management-2018-06-27>

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