

Apply by July 31 – Circuit Rider, Planner, and Planner/Local Government Specialist

The Tug Hill Commission has three great job [opportunities](#) for individuals who want to make a difference on Tug Hill!

- **Municipal Management Consultant/Circuit Rider.** For the North Shore (Central Square, Cleveland, Constantia, and West Monroe) and Salmon Rivers (Albion, Amboy, Orwell, Parish (town and village), and Pulaski) Councils of Governments. The towns and villages in each council work together on projects of common interest, such as economic development, tourism, and water/sewer infrastructure. The successful candidate will attend monthly municipal meetings, organize and support council meetings and projects, and coordinate needs of the councils with the commission's Watertown staff.
- **Planner.** Working out of the commission's Watertown office, the planner will assist local governments in the rural Tug Hill region in land use planning, local law development and revision, and general technical support to planning boards and other municipal boards.
- **Planner/Local Government Specialist.** Working out of the commission's Watertown office, the planner/local government specialist will both undertake traditional planning activities and provide support for the five Tug Hill Councils of Governments and their member towns and villages as needed.

Each position is a Management Confidential (M/C) NYS Grade Equivalent 14 with an expected beginning salary of \$55,005 and a job rate of \$68,805. Each position also includes M/C benefits of health insurance and NYS retirement, as well as other [benefits](#).

All applications must **submit a letter of interest and resume** to Katie Malinowski, Executive Director, NYS Tug Hill Commission, received, 317 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601, katie@tughill.org **no later than July 31, 2024**. Resumes will be reviewed as received and interviews may occur before the July 31 deadline.

Venerable Folks on Display August 10

The [Venerable Folks of Tug Hill](#) display will be available to the public on Saturday, August 10, at the Greystone Manor in Martinsburg for Martinsburg Day. Since its development in 2016 as a collaborative project with artist and Tug Hill Sage Loretta Lepkowski, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, the Tug Hill Commission and Traditional Arts of Upstate New York, the exhibit has been touring the Tug Hill region and beyond. To date, it has been displayed at over 30 venues both locally and across the state. The traveling display and artwork is available for other venues if interested. Please contact the commission office for details!

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Commission Board Meeting

Monday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town of Denmark, 3707 Roberts Rd., Carthage, New York 13619.
The public is welcome to attend.

July 23 Public Meeting on Lowville Beaver River Railroad Historic District

A virtual community [public meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, July 23 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed Lowville Beaver River Railroad Historic District, located in Croghan, New Bremen, and Lowville in Lewis County. Hosted by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, an informational presentation will be provided, followed by a question and answer session. The historic district will be considered by the NYS Board for Historic Preservation at their September 12, 2024 meeting for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places. A draft of the proposed nomination will be made available upon request approximately 30 days prior to the board meeting and will be posted on parks.ny.gov/shpo in advance of the meeting. For more information, contact Leslie Krupa, Division for Historic Preservation, Peebles Island State Park, P.O. Box 189, Watford NY 12188, (518) 268-2464 or via email at Leslie.krupa@parks.ny.gov.

Central NY Community Engagement Committee Releases Priorities Document

The Central New York Community Engagement Committee (CEC) was formed in response to the \$100 billion Micron chip fab project slated to be built in Clay, Onondaga County, over the next several years. The CEC conducted significant public outreach to identify community priorities for the \$500 million Community Investment Fund that will make needed local investments to support the Micron development.

The Community Priorities Document identifies a set of priorities, strategies for addressing them, and indicators for measuring progress. Below are the immediate priority areas identified. The complete report can be accessed [here](#). Immediate priority areas are outlined below.

Immediate Priority Area: Educational Resources and Access

- Strengthen the integration of STEAM, literacy, and social-emotional supports programming into the K–8 education system
- Create career and workforce readiness opportunities in grades 8–12

Immediate Priority Area: Workforce Exposure, Development, and Job Opportunities

- Actively engage high school students and lifelong learners in workforce exposure programs to align their skills with evolving industry needs
- Strategically develop and expand workforce development and opportunity programs to enhance skill sets, meet industry demands, and foster employment growth
- Develop and implement workforce support services

Immediate Priority Area: Minority-, Women-, Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises and Small Businesses

- Actively enhance and support Minority-, Women-, and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises
- Strategically support and grow the small business support ecosystem

Immediate Priority Area: Housing, Community Development, and Quality of Place

- Enhance and develop diverse and sustainable housing development initiatives

Immediate Priority Area: Community Health and Family Supports

- Strengthen childcare and family supports initiatives

August 7 ‘Cemetery 101’ Workshop in Adams

The NYS Department of State [Division of Cemeteries](#) will hold a “**Cemetery 101**” workshop on Wednesday, August 7 from 4 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Adams Fire Department, 6 North Main St., Adams, 13605. The workshop will cover the basic aspects of successful cemetery operations, provide an opportunity to meet with Division of Cemeteries staff and ask questions and gain insight into best practices. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP, but walk-ins are welcome. Additional information and a link to RSVP for the Adams workshop can be found at dos.ny.gov/cemeteries-101.

Town Budget Workshops

with Laird Petrie

These workshops are designed to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets. The same material will be presented at each workshop. Topics will include:

- An overview of the budgetary responsibilities of town officials
- How to develop a structurally balanced budget
- Key elements of the annual budget
- Tools available for assisting town officials in the budget process
- Monitoring and amending the annual budget
- Operating within the tax levy cap
- Question and answer period

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Albion Municipal Building, 15 Bridge Street, Altmar, NY 13302

OR

Thursday, August 29, 2024

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Boonville Municipal Building, 13149 NYS-12, Boonville, NY 13309

Sponsored by the NYS Tug Hill Commission

In cooperation with the Cooperative Tug Hill Council

North Shore Council of Governments

Northern Oneida County Council of Governments

Salmon Rivers Council of Governments

River Area Council of Governments

Call 315-785-2380 or email tughill@tughill.org to register
for these free workshops.

Plan to Conserve 30% of NY Lands and Waters by 2030 Released

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) recently released a proposed strategy document for implementing New York's commitment to support the national goal of conserving 30% of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. The draft New York State 30x30 [Methodology and Strategies document](#) is available for public comment until August 30.

Key components of the draft 30x30 proposal include:

- Defining what will be counted towards New York's 30x30 goal including both permanent and persistent protections;
- Creating a baseline of what is already protected to determine the number of acres needed to reach 30% of NYS's lands and waters;
- Identifying priority conservation areas based on ecological significance and biodiversity;
- Pinpointing strategies for providing support to conservation partners to protect lands and waters, including enhancing existing grant and other programs that protect land, developing new grant and other programs to protect land, and legislative initiatives that protect land; and
- Establishing methods for supporting sustainable land management practices and promoting climate resilience.

The draft plan categorizes a variety of public and private land uses as conserved land under 30x30, including but not limited to:

- Non-active capped and remediated landfills maintained for pollinator habitat;
- Agricultural Value Assessments that reduce property taxes on lands used for commercial production of crops, livestock, or livestock products;
- Voluntary or regulatory forest carbon offset programs; and
- Community gardens that are found on a variety of land holdings.

Baseline Conditions by Conservation Mechanism and Ownership						
Mechanism	Public		Private		Total	
	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres
Fee Title Ownership	13.47	4,703,770	0.47	164,531	13.94	4,868,301
Conservation Easement	2.72	950,705	0.60	208,820	3.32	1,159,525
Freshwater Regulatory Wetlands*	0.00	13	2.66	929,875	2.66	929,888
APA Freshwater Wetlands	0.00	0	0.64	224,016	0.64	224,016
Tidal Regulatory Wetlands	0.00	0	0.18	62,565	0.18	62,565
Forest Tax Law	0.00	3	1.11	385,989	1.11	385,992
Marine Protected Areas	0.00	0	0.03	9,219	0.03	9,219
Total	16.19	5,654,490	5.68	1,985,015	21.88	7,639,505

For more information on the 30x30 plan and to submit comments, you can visit [DEC's 30x30 webpage](#).

State Comptroller Upcoming Webinars

The NY State Comptroller's office provides regular training sessions through [The Academy for NYS's Local Officials](#). Below are four upcoming virtual opportunities! Registration is required through the comptroller's website.

- **July 17, 2024**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Accounting for Capital Projects
- **July 24, 2024**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Constitutional Tax Limit Reporting
- **August 7, 2024**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fraud Prevention and Detection
- **September 12, 2024**, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fiscal Stress Monitoring System Briefing for Local Governments



2024 NYSACC CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT



SEPTEMBER 18-20

REGISTER HERE

[TINYURL.COM/NYSACC-CONFERENCE-REGISTRATION](https://tinyurl.com/NYSACC-CONFERENCE-REGISTRATION)



Check out [our website](https://www.nysacc.net/2024-coe) for information about our speakers, field trips, and more:
www.nysacc.net/2024-coe

Virtual day registration is free for all students!

Glimpse of Our Natural Resource Economy & Opportunities Presentations

- Black Farmers United
- Sustainability Practices at a Vineyard
- Compost for Good at the Adirondack North Country Association
- Developing a Roadmap for a Wood-based Bioeconomy in New York State
- Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward – Lyons Falls, Boonville, Lowville
- Environmental Justice at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Questions? Contact Jillian, jillian@tughill.org or 315-785-2406

Upcoming Local Government Training Opportunities

Local government trainings will be offered by The Association of Towns and Conference of Mayors. Detailed information on the trainings is available by clicking on the links.

DATE	TRAINING	LOCATION
September 16-20, 2024 REGISTRATION OPEN	NYCOM Fall Training School for City and Village Officials	Saratoga Springs
October 21-23, 2024	NYCOM Public Works Training School	Saratoga Springs
February 16-19, 2025	AOT Annual Training School	New York City
May 28-30, 2025	NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training School	Bolton Landing



Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District



Fishing Challenge

The District is sponsoring a fishing challenge to
Lewis County anglers of all ages!

- Submit a picture of your catch (next to a tape measure) along with your name, phone number, date of catch, waterbody caught in & category (Largemouth/Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Brook/Brown Trout).
- Prizes in each category (1st-3rd) will include items such as tumblers, coolers, lures, tackle, fishing apparel, etc.

Submissions will be accepted through October 15th



Send submissions and inquires to: alexislyndaker@lewiscounty.ny.gov

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For upcoming trainings, grant deadlines, and meetings, view our [calendar](#).