

A scenic photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, some of which are illuminated by the setting sun. In the foreground, a dark wooden pier or dock extends into the water. On the right side of the pier, two small silhouettes of people are visible, looking out towards the sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

**NYS Tug Hill Commission
2016 Annual Dinner**

**Tailwater Lodge & Barn
Altmar, NY
November 10, 2016**

The last time

January: New Executive Director Appointed



Commissioners appointed Katie Malinowski as the commission's fourth executive director on January 25, 2016.



Passing of the skis, originally given to Ben Coe by town of Champion supervisor Mark Freeman, who was on the steering committee that planned the first public forums in 1974.



The last time the skis were passed was in 2004.

February: Focus on River Area Council of Governments



View of Black River from remediated Crown Cleaners Site in Wilna.

- Champion Comprehensive Plan*
- Village of Carthage/Town of Wilna shared planning board*
- Shared Zoning Board of Appeals*
- RACOG grows - Deferiet joins*
- Village of Herrings, located within the town of Wilna, to dissolve*

Map of Herrings prepared by staff to support dissolution plan.



March: Minimum Maintenance Roads, Local Government Conference, Venerable Folks



Weikel Decision in Lewis County Supreme Courts puts designation of minimum maintenance roads in jeopardy.



27th Annual Local Government Conference draws 700 attendees; Keynote speaker Frank Pastizzo is a big hit.



Venerable Folks of Tug Hill portraits first unveiled at Dodge Pratt Northam Art Museum. Leona Chereshnoski, Tug Hill Commissioner, subject.

April: Focus on Cooperative Tug Hill Council



Fall dinner attendees hear about proposed wind farms.

- ❑ *CTHC spring meeting – Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust speaker*
- ❑ *New website design and content: www.tughillcouncil.com*
- ❑ *12 of 16 towns with new Special Areas maps adopted*
- ❑ *CTHC fall meeting – Discussion with wind farm developers*
- ❑ *All 16 town official road maps completed!*

May: Focus on Salmon Rivers & North Shore Councils of Governments



The Conservation Fund, NYSDEC, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, and the Stavemill Club are working cooperatively to conserve over 3,000 acres in Orwell and Redfield. Photo credit: Carl Heiman



- Parish broadband project complete*
- Girl Scout camp in Amboy & Parish purchased by Elks*
- Conservation of Kendall Tract in Orwell & Redfield*
- Significant state investment in Constantia sewer*
- Comprehensive zoning law amendment in West Monroe almost complete*

June: Black River, Tug Hill Recreation Guide



Work begins on trail data collection for new edition of Tug Hill Recreation Guide. Leif Ostrum, Whetstone Gulf State Park.

- ❑ *6th Annual Black River Conference held*
- ❑ *Black River 9-Element Watershed Plan completed*
- ❑ *Black River Trash Bash in its 7th year*
- ❑ *Jefferson County Stormwater Coalition installed two rain gardens, started education campaign*



July: Grants & Exploring the Region

❑ *Consolidated Funding Applications submitted*

- *Floyd Park*
- *Ava Park*
- *Constantia Park*
- *Wilna Park Planning*
- *Annsville Sewer*

❑ *Learning about the region*

- *Salmon River Falls*
- *Halfshire Historical Society*
- *Constable Hall*
- *Whitaker Park*
- *Pleasant Lake*



Clockwise from top left: Staff/Commissioner retreat at Constable Hall to brainstorm new Tug Hill book; Picnic at Whitaker Park, Martinsburg; Staff at Halfshire Historical Society; Staff meeting at Dietrich camp on Pleasant Lake, Champion.

August: Wind Farms & Training

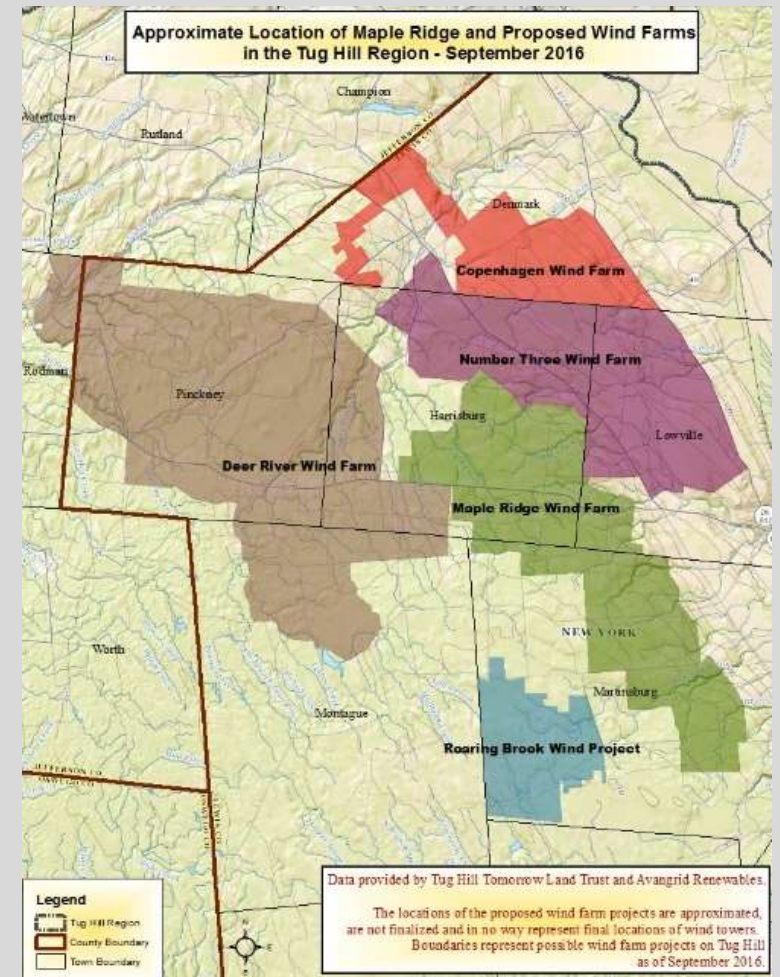
❑ Issue Papers Completed & Updated

- *Justice Court Consolidation Solutions*
- *Forming a Not-for-Profit Corporation*
- *The Next Generation of Wind Farms*
- *Municipal Fundraising & Gifting*



❑ Workshops Held

- *Newly Elected*
- *Red Flags for Fraud*
- *Subdivision Review*
- *Comprehensive Plans*
- *Emerald Ash Borer*
- *Town Budget Process*
- *Wind Energy*
- *Land Use Laws Q&A*
- *Article 10 Process*



September: Focus on Northern Oneida County Council of Governments

- ❑ *Annual Meeting reviews NOCCOG history, renewed intermunicipal agreement in process*
- ❑ *Comprehensive amendments in Ava zoning law nearing completion*
- ❑ *Work on Main Street Façade Improvements and Downtown Riverwalk underway*



Above: Attendees at NOCCOG Annual Dinner.

Right: Field work for Camden Façade project: Tyler Henry, Village Code Enforcement Officer; Rich Hauser, In Site Architecture; Stu Hatzinger, property owner; Kurt Schnarr, In Site Architecture; Ed Flynn, LaBella Associates.



October: Tug Hill Tomorrow turns 25, Venerable Folks, SuperCOG



Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust holds 25th anniversary dinner at the Kallet Theater in Pulaski.



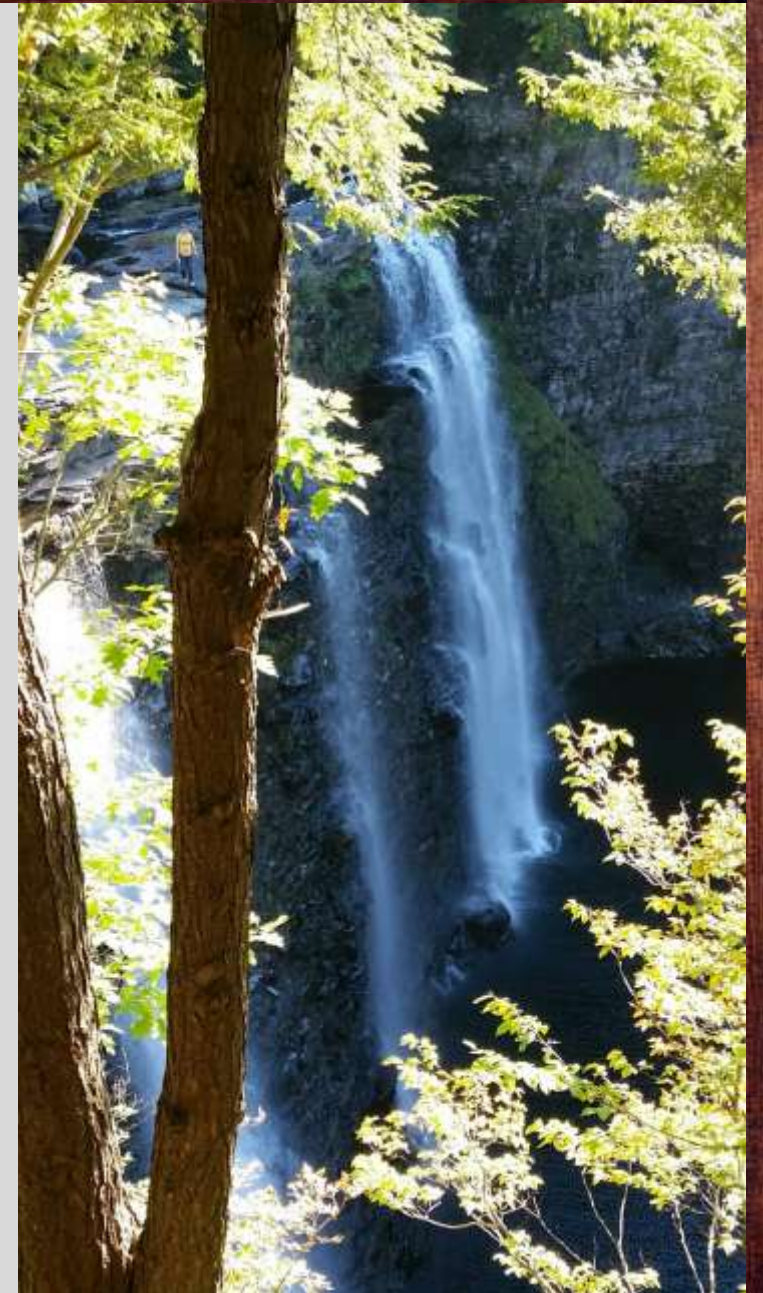
Representatives from all five Tug Hill Councils of Governments discuss common issues at SuperCOG.

Celebrating 43 years of service to the Tug Hill region

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Looking Ahead to 2017

- ❑ *Minimum Maintenance Roads*
- ❑ *New Book about Tug Hill Region and Tug Hill Commission*
- ❑ *Renewable Energy*
- ❑ *Amendments to Forest Tax Law 480a?*
- ❑ *Continuing Support to Councils of Governments and Tug Hill Communities*



Thanks for a Great Year!

