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Announcements

NYS Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference, March 31 & April 1, 2025

OVERVIEW

TWO FOCUSED SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025
1:00 - 5:00 PM

RECEPTION
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025
5:30 - 6:30 PM

FULL DAY OF TRAINING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025
7:30 AM - 4:15 PM

View More Details Here
www.tughill.org/localgovernmentconference

Questions? (315) 785-2380

Register Online or via Mail by Friday, March 7, 2025

2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

March 31 - April 1, 2025

It's not too late to register for the 34th annual Tug Hill Local Government Conference!

Held once again at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center in Verona, the full day of sessions is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, with two concurrent afternoon sessions scheduled for Monday, March 31.

There is a great lineup of relevant sessions geared for town and village boards, planning and zoning

boards of appeals, clerks, assessors, and all who are involved in municipal government. Topics include fire protection in your community, regulating cannabis, understanding the equalization rate, lessons learned from the Chaumont solar farm battery fire, regulating short-term rentals, and much more. The half day sessions are *Budgeting and Accounting for Small Communities* Mini-Course with Laird Petrie and the NYS Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and *Tackling Vacancy, Blight and Housing in Small Towns & Rural Communities* with the NY Conference of Mayors. Both sessions will run at the same time on Monday afternoon. The hour-long conference reception will follow the afternoon sessions, which will include hearty appetizers and a cash bar.

For more information, view the full agenda, or to register, including details about hotel reservations, at www.tughill.org/localgovernmentconference.

Towns: *Annsville ~ Ava ~ Boonville ~ Camden ~ Floyd ~ Forestport ~ Lee ~ Remsen ~ Steuben ~ Trenton ~ Vienna ~ Western Villages:* *Boonville ~ Camden ~ Holland Patent ~ Remsen ~ Sylvan Beach*

Strengthening Small Wastewater Systems: Technical Assistance in Obtaining Funding Webinar, March 18



Small and rural water systems face unique challenges in managing wastewater and stormwater. Join the Environmental Finance Center Network and their partners on March 18 from 1 - 2 pm as they present a no cost webinar that highlights the resources communities are using to address these challenges. The session will touch upon many topics, such as technical assistance, supporting system need evaluation, project development, and capacity-building, as well as accessing funding and financing to pay for system improvements. Six panelists will provide an overview of available programs, share stories from participating communities and utilities, and provide insight on the process of applying for funds from an applicant's perspective.

This webinar should demonstrate the types, forms, and availability of Technical Assistance for RST communities. It should help to clarify the SRF application process and explain how RST systems can qualify for additional subsidies. Additionally, it should provide insight on the technical assistance process from an applicant's perspective, and share community perspectives on obtaining SRF loan funds

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Congressionally Directed Spending Request Applications

The Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) process is an opportunity for Federal Representatives to place requests to direct federal funding to local projects, programs, or initiatives that advance community priorities across New York. Eligible applicants can apply for federal funds to be set aside for specific projects that would benefit from a one-time allocation. Before applying for CDS funding, please carefully [review this list of potential funding accounts](#), which is unchanged from FY25, pending further updates from the Senate Appropriations Committee.



Eligible entities include state and local government entities and non-profit organizations. Congressionally Directed Spending items that are selected for funding by the Appropriations Committee are subject to audits by the Government Accountability Office. Funding is limited and not all eligible requests will be funded.

You can access our Federal Representatives' Funding Applications, as well as specific guidance, at the following links:

[Senator Chuck Schumer CDS Application](#)

[Senator Kirsten Gillibrand CDS Application](#)

Grant applications for Congressionally Directed spending projects should be submitted to all of your New York State Representatives, in both the House and Senate, as the information gathered is very similar and may increase chances of selection.

Applications are due Monday, March 31, 2025.

Tug Hill Commission Scheduled to Meet March 17



The Tug Hill Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the Harrisburg Town Hall, 7886 Cobb Rd., in Copenhagen. The meeting will include routine business of the commission and a review of major projects and activities in the region. The public is always welcome to attend.

NOCCOG Executive Committee to Meet March 20

The NOCCOG directors are scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 20th at 3pm at the Town of Trenton municipal offices. Along with routine business, other items on the proposed agenda include the GPS mapping program, the NOCCOG municipal quick reference guide, and the scholarship program. The executive committee meetings are always open to the public.



For more information, contact John Healt at 315-941-2818 or jhealt@tughill.org.

NYS Town Clerk's Association Annual Conference, April 27-30



The NYSTCA 43rd Annual Conference will be held April 27-30 at the Marriott, Downtown Syracuse.

The conference is designed specifically for the education and professional development of town clerks and their deputies, with a goal of helping each clerk succeed in their position and in their municipality, armed with up-to-date information and well equipped for their many daily tasks. There will be sessions with State agencies who are frequently contacted, topical speakers during breakout sessions, vendor specialty classes, and one-of-a-kind offerings. There will be classes for new clerks as well as seasoned clerks.

For more information, visit nystca.com, or click [here](#), to register. The registration deadline is April 16th.

EFC is Accepting Listings for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is preparing its Intended Use Plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026, which begins October 1, 2025. Municipalities are invited to list new projects through May 30, 2025. The project listing and an approvable engineering report consistent with the [Engineering Report Outline](#) (effective 10/1/2024) must be submitted no later than **May 30, 2025** in order to be included on the 2026 Annual List and eligible for financing in FFY 2026. Listing forms received after this date will be processed for inclusion on the 2027 Intended Use Plan.



Any projects included in the 2025 Intended Use Plan that do not have a recent financing application or a closed financing will receive a request from EFC to provide updated project information. Completing the provided update form is required, a new listing form is not needed for these projects.

For questions about the program, please email plus@efc.ny.gov or call Alex Brunelle, Program Coordinator, at (518) 402-6924.

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