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Announcements

Accounting for Interfund Transactions, August 5



Sponsored by the Division of Local Government and School Accountability, this webinar on Wednesday, August 5th, from 10:00 am - 11:00am will provide a better understanding of interfund transactions within governmental operations as provided for under GASB 1800.102 including; loans (interfund advances), interfund services provided and used, reimbursements and transfers (operating).

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

NYSLTAP - CLRP Foundational Webinars

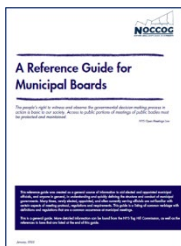
Join the Cornell Local Roads Program as they continue their no-cost Summer Foundational Webinar Series this month, focusing on many important principles which are key to local highway agency operations and management. Each webinar offers a convenient way to learn the basics of a particular topic. Taken together, they cover the foundation of local highway issues. The hour-long webinars are on Tuesdays and start at 9:00am. *Please note only the person registered will receive credit and you need to attend 75% of the live session for an attendance certificate and 90% for a PDH certificate.*



- August 4 - [Flagging](#)
- August 11 - [Ethics](#)
- August 18 - [Snow & Ice Strategy](#)

For more information about these webinars, or to view the Winter Foundational Webinar series schedule, visit the NYS LTAP Center webinar webpage, [here](#).

NOCCOG Reference Guide for Municipalities Still Available



Copies of the NOCCOG Reference Guide for Municipal Officials are still available by request, as well as digitally on the NOCCOG website. The guide was created as a general source of information to aid elected and appointed municipal officials, and anyone in general, in understanding and quickly defining the structure and conduct of municipal governments.

To request copies, please contact your municipal advisor, or reach out to John Healt at 315-941-2818, or jhealt@tughill.org.

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Confident Solids Management in Your Wastewater Lagoon webinar, August 11

Join presenters from the Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center and the Wichita State University Environmental Finance Center on Tuesday, August 11, from 2-3:00 pm. As they describe new technology used to assist communities with sludge management. Topics include how to identify whether your community would benefit from a sludge survey, how the technology works, how to better support the people conducting your survey, and factors that could make a survey troublesome or unavailable. Discussed will be new technology used to simplify measuring and mapping sludge accurately, and attendees should gain a better understanding of how solids affect compliance in their wastewater system.

For more information, or to register, click [here](#).



Using Records Inventory Results webinar, Aug. 27



*New York State
Archives*

The strongest records management programs complete an inventory of records and then maintain and use the results. An important outcome of an inventory is the development of a records management program supported with policies and procedures, and guided by a records management plan.

On Thursday, August 27, from 10:00-11:00 am, New York State Archives and presenters Katrina Manzari, Maria McCashion, Vincent Commisso, will show how to use records inventory results to create these important records management tools.

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

Super COG meeting, September 22

When all five Tug Hill Councils of Governments, and their member municipalities, gather together with the Tug Hill Commission board and staff, it's referred to as a Super COG. These meetings are a great opportunity to hear updates from each other, discuss regional issues and opportunities, and formulate action items on areas of agreement.

The next Super COG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, from 6:00-7:30pm, at the Redfeild Fire Hall, 4879 County Rt. 17, in Redfeild. A complementary buffet dinner will be provided for all attendees.

In the Northern Oneida County Council of Governments, each member municipality has one designated NOCCOG representative, typically the executive officer, invited to the meeting.

The last Super COG was held in 2018. Since then, there have been many COG leadership changes, new supervisors and mayors, and new faces at the Tug Hill Commission- both board and staff. Additionally, membership in the councils has grown significantly, including many communities outside the official Tug Hill region boundary.

Reservations are requested by September 10. To RSVP, click [here](#). For a digital version of the invitation, click [here](#).



Tug Hill Commission at the NYS Woodsmen's Field Days

If you plan on attending the NYS Woodsmen's Field Days, August 21-23, in Boonville, please visit the Tug Hill Commission booth, at its new location in the Newell Wagner Building. This year, the Commission is working closely with NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to bring a full slate of educational, forestry related seminars, as well as offering free water fill ups and device charging stations. Click [here](#) for a full presentation agenda or visit the NYS Woodsmen's Field Days [website](#).

NYCOM Fall Training School, September 14-17

Registration is open for the NYCOM Fall Training School for City and Village Officials. The week-long training starts Monday, September 14, and concludes with the annual banquet and awards dinner, Thursday, September 17th. This year, the Fall Training School will be using The Saratoga Hilton, Courtyard by Marriott Saratoga Springs and Hampton Inn and Suites, Saratoga Springs Downtown. Conference sessions and all meals except breakfast will be held at The Saratoga Hilton.



Several concurrent sessions will be held on a variety of topics, such as Municipal Finance Fundamentals, Accounting for Non-Accountants, Protests, Political Signs and First Amendment, Town Taxation of Village Properties, and much more.

Registration information and a full agenda are available [here](#). The early registration discount deadline is Monday, August 17 and online registration deadline is Monday, September 14.

New York Imposes a One-Year Statewide Moratorium On Large Data Centers

On July 14, 2026, Governor Kathy Hochul signed an executive order establishing the nation's first statewide moratorium on hyperscale data centers, pausing state environmental permits for facilities consuming 50 megawatts or more of power for up to one year. The moratorium aims to allow state officials to develop a regulatory framework addressing energy demand, water usage, environmental impacts, and community protections.

Data Center Webinar Materials Available



More than 50 participants joined a webinar on June 25 to learn about the data center industry and planning considerations for Tug Hill communities. The presentation was provided by speakers from Camoin Associates and the Tug Hill Commission. A recording of the webinar is available [here](#), and the slide deck used during the webinar is available [here](#).

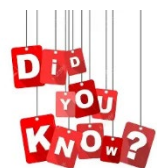
To view other recorded webinars, visit the Tug Hill Commission's Past Workshop Presentations [page](#).

Resolution of Support For The Tug Hill Commission

With unprecedented growth from municipalities joining councils of governments with the Tug Hill Commission, the small Commission staff is finding it difficult to assist all communities when the need arises. For many years, the Commission's budget has remained flat, making it impossible to increase staff to match the increased demand.

It has been suggested that council of governments member municipalities pass resolutions in support of the Tug Hill Commission, noting the work and services provided, with the hope of securing increased funding to ensure the continuation of its services.

For information or a copy of a sample resolution, please contact John Healt at 315-941-2818, or jhealt@tughill.org.



On May 26, 2026, Governor Hochul signed into Law Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2026. Part OO of Chapter 58 provides for a two-year extension, without other modification (until July 15, 2028) of the amendment to the Open Meetings Law (OML) established by Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022, expanding the use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings under extraordinary circumstances. See previously issued guidance on this topic, which remains applicable, [here](#).

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TOWN BUDGET WORKSHOP

WITH LAIRD PETRIE

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Lee Town Hall, 5808 Stokes Lee Center Rd,
Lee Center, NY 13363**

This workshop is designed to assist town officials in preparing their annual budgets. 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 cap
- Question and answer period



**Register for this free workshop by
Monday, August 24, 2026
tinyurl.com/2026BudgetWorkshop
or using the QR code! Questions, call
the Tug Hill Commission at (315) 785-
2380 or email tughill@tughill.org.**

