



Hudson River - Black River Regulating District

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Executive Director's Corner

We have been having an exciting winter at the Regulating District, with numerous weather related events.

On January 16, our reservoirs at Sacandaga and Indian Lake prevented flooding in the Upper Hudson River. With massive inflows, the Great Sacandaga Lake rose nearly five feet in just twenty four hours, preventing the river downstream from reaching flood stage at numerous points below the Conklingville Dam.

Winter safety on our reservoirs is always of great concern, and we highlight community efforts to reduce public risk. The Henry D. Ross III Memorial fund has graciously donated two snowmobiles to the Fulton County Sheriff's Department as we support efforts to raise public awareness for safety.

Lastly, the Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council is accepting funding applications to turn community ideas into projects for the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Yours in service,

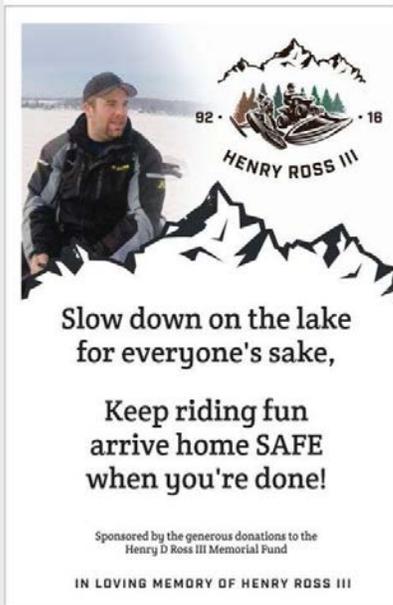
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Mother of Snowmobile Accident Victim Leads Community Effort to Donate 2 Snowmobiles to Sheriff's Office



It's been almost two years since Maria Ross' 24 year-old son Henry died in a snowmobile accident.

"It's not something that goes away with time," Maria Ross said.

In a matter of months she raised 30,000 dollars to help get the Fulton County Sheriff's Office two brand new snowmobiles, "It took some time for them to get to Henry, I don't know if that would have made a difference. We can't go back in time but we can move forward and try and make sure nobody goes through what Henry went through," Maria Ross said.

Both are complete with decals and brand new LED lights. Sheriff Richard Giardino hopes this can lower their average of one deadly snowmobile accident per year.

"It gives them a level of comfort knowing that maybe we can make a difference with somebody else's family," Giardino said.

Please visit the [Henry Ross III Memorial Fund Facebook page](#) for more information on how to contribute.

Historic Spotlight

GSL-No7

June 28, 1928



View looking north along center line of dam from south end of dam. Same position as No1

On May 3, 1927 the Board of Hudson River Regulating District received bids for the first of seventeen contracts which would be authorized to complete construction of the Conklingville Dam and the Sacandaga Reservoir. Contract No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 16, and 17 involved construction of dirt, gravel, and bituminous macadam highways. Contract No. 4 included the construction of the Conklingville Dam, spillway and outlet structure. Work associated with Contract No. 6 involved the clearing of timber in the reservoir basin. Contract No. 10 provided for the construction of the Hunter's Creek Dam. Contracts No. 11 and 12 involved the construction of fences at cemeteries created by the Regulating District, while Contract No. 13A, 13B, and 13C provided for the removal, transportation, and reinternment of bodies. Construction of the Batchellerville Bridge was completed under Contract No. 14, while Contract No. 15 involved the construction of the dam at Mayfield Creek. Work associated with Contract No. 17 involved construction of the Northville Bridge. A team of 26 consulting, resident, design, and junior engineers, led by Chief Engineer Edward H. Sargent were responsible for the administration of the construction contracts.

Watch for subsequent Newsletters which will include additional articles regarding contract details and the construction activities associated with each.

Scheduled Board Meetings

The next meeting of the Regulating District Board is at 10:00 AM on March 13, 2018.

It was previously scheduled for Oneida County in the State Office Building in Utica, NY, but may instead be held at the Town Offices in Boonville, NY.



Click image for a detailed watershed map.

Black River Watershed

A brief overview of this watershed and its water quality is presented below. For more detailed information about the Black River Watershed, published [NYSDEC reports](#) are also available. General information about watersheds is available at the ["We All Live in a Watershed"](#) webpage.

The Black River drains the western slope of the Adirondack Mountains and the eastern edge of the Tug Hill Plateau before flowing north and west and emptying into Lake Ontario. The Black River watershed is mostly forested and sparsely populated; the primary population center is located in Watertown.

Location: North central New York State

- Much of Jefferson, Lewis and Herkimer Counties, and
- Portions western Hamilton and northern Oneida Counties.

Size: 1,920 square miles of land area.

Rivers and Streams: 3,910 miles of freshwater rivers and streams. Major tributary watersheds to the Black River include:

- Moose River (872 river/stream miles)
- Beaver River (624 miles)

- Independence River (207 miles)
- Deer River (201 miles)

Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs: 179 significant freshwater lake and reservoir segments (33,500 acres) including:

- Stillwater Reservoir (6195 lake/reservoir acres)
- Fulton Chain of Lakes (4310 acres)
- Lake Lila (1,414 acres)
- Big Moose Lake (11,286 acres)
- Woodhull Lake (1,258 acres)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 BLACK RIVER WATERSHED CONFERENCE

The eighth annual Black River Watershed Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Camp Turk in Woodgate, New York.

Conference organizers, including the Tug Hill Commission, NYSDEC Region 6 and Lewis, Jefferson and Oneida County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) have scheduled a keynote titled "Changing

Weather in a Changing Climate" by David Eichorn. Dave is a Meteorologist with over 30 years of experience who retired from television in April 2016. While Dave is most widely known for his weather broadcasts on television, he has also expanded his work into lecturing and education, teaching at a number of colleges across Central New York.

Other topics organizers hope to cover include wildlife connectivity, updates on local SWCD projects and a presentation on the importance of stream gages by the national weather service.

The following site will be updated as the conference date approaches. <http://www.tughill.org/projects/black-river-projects/black-river-watershed-conference/>. We hope to see you in June!



**Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council
Request for Proposals**

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About Us

The Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council (GSLAC) was established in March 2000 to administer monies given annually by the power company to be used to enhance the environment within the Sacandaga River Basin

Funds may be used for projects, studies, or services for the following purposes but not limited to: ecosystem restoration or protection, fish stocking, natural resource stewardship and new recreation resources

Applicants must be a tax exempt organization or government body

Submit proposals for funding to:
GSLAC
45 Military Road, Edinburg, NY, 12134

sacandagaadvisorycouncil@gmail.com

Proposal Format

Proposals are accepted year round and should include:

- Cover Sheet
- One Paragraph Project Summary
- Name & Address of Project Supervisor
- Total Budget & Funds Requested
- Work Schedule with Start & Completion Dates
- A narrative description of the Project & benefits to the Sacandaga Lake area
- Graphics, drawings & photos as appropriate
- Explanation of State & Local Permits & Approvals required
- A Statement that the Project is equally available to all members of the public
- A Statement of Understanding that all Project publicity will acknowledge the Project was funded through the GSLAC

Projects are funded through a majority vote of the
Great Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council



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The geography of the Regulating District encompasses nearly six million acres in the Hudson and Black River watersheds.



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