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NorCOG: No idea this part. Okay.

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NorCOG: there we go, ready to go.

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NorCOG: Hello, everyone

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NorCOG: I'd like to welcome you to this meeting. It's

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NorCOG: It's a Norcog meeting for the people who don't know what that is. It's a North Shore Council of Governments, which is

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NorCOG: a group that functions within the within the town of West Monroe town of Constantia, village of Cleveland, and the village of Central Square.

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NorCOG: and we just try to deal with issues that are common amongst all of those

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NorCOG: communities on the North Shore.

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NorCOG: I know a lot of you are here to hear about the Wetlands law, which is going to be a presentation. But we do have to have a regular business meeting.

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NorCOG: and we're going to try to get through that as quickly as possible. And you see that on the agenda.

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NorCOG: and

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NorCOG: that's I won't say much more. But the people up here I'm

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NorCOG: are

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NorCOG: voting members of Norcon. There's usually 2 from each one of those 4 municipalities that I mentioned.

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NorCOG: We can introduce them as Frank Tomino, on the right, Dale, Mahar.

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NorCOG: Vern, Sun Sunset, and Randy House and myself. Richard Colestanny, missing is the village of Cleveland.

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NorCOG: so we'll start our business meeting. We'll get through this this stuff as quick as possible, and there is some interesting updates in the agenda, and then we'll get to the wetland stuff.

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NorCOG: What is it called fault? The circuit writer

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NorCOG: who basically

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NorCOG: coordinates between the traditional between North High and the subdistine.

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NorCOG: Thank you, Rick. A couple of things to handle under financial tonight. I've put up front there with you a

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NorCOG: rough copy of the current year budget. So we could start planning for the budget for 2025, which would normally be adopted at the

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NorCOG: 1st business meeting in the New Year. Of

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NorCOG: another thing that we need to talk about. Oh, and you see on the budget there that I have the expenses between both North Shore and Salmon River since

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NorCOG: some items are shared items between North Shore and Salmon rivers. Some are individual to each individual cog

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NorCOG: the other thing that we need to talk about, probably because we have Heidi coming on board very shortly, is setting things forward

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NorCOG: for her reimbursement, because things will change somewhat when she is going to be the lead circuit rider and eventually the prime circuit rider in North shore and salmon rivers. While I've been a circuit rider, I've had a separate cell phone with a separate telephone number for cog business. Heidi is just as comfortable operating off of her own phone and her own

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NorCOG: cell phone number some of the other cogs do that. The North shore and salmon rivers does things in the way they've been doing it. But in

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NorCOG: no cog, and in cooperative Tug Hill, I believe Katie Malinowski, our Tug Hill executive Director prepared a comparison chart between the cogs

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NorCOG: to see how different cogs handle different things for comparison purposes, and in several of the other cogs they provide just a a stipend flat out every month that covers both their

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NorCOG: both the cell phone expenses and some portion of their high speed Internet expenses, since those are pretty vital to our being able to operate. So one thing that we need to talk about is how we want to handle that, and we really need to. Well, we'd want to do that, probably with November, since I will be starting in November.

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NorCOG: We did a little chatting with Vern about setting forth a flat rate policy for Heidi at the rate that we're currently paying me in terms

of reimbursement for cell phone and probably doing that quarterly to reduce the number of checks that Vern would have to write, and he was fine with that, but we wanted to run it by the whole

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NorCOG: group to see how they felt about that. And if that sounded okay, if we did that, it would be no more expense to the cog than we are currently doing, and of course you'd probably want to review that from time to time to see

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NorCOG: how it met up with the expenses that Heidi was incurring.

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NorCOG: So

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NorCOG: I guess I'd like to throw that out to the group and see, how do people feel about that? And does that seem like a good way to proceed.

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NorCOG: and we do that starting in November, because for a while both Heidi and I will be on the

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NorCOG: the payroll and circuit riders for North Shore and 7 Rivers. I'll be dropping off after the 1st quarter of next year, and at that point it would be just Heidi being reimbursed. Again, some of the different cogs do things in different ways some of them do reimburse the associates for cell phones. Some don't. So.

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NorCOG: but to keep things simple. I I really wanted to get things settled for Heidi, for now.

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NorCOG: so does that sound? Okay.

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NorCOG: you probably should

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NorCOG: you?

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NorCOG: You have good coverage with rising

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NorCOG: so far. Yeah, sure.

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NorCOG: And have you determined how much of the site is for the cell phone.

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NorCOG: I think in our chats we were discussing \$30 a month.

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NorCOG: I would note that in some of the other cogs some of their cogs go as high as \$100 a month to the lead circuit rider in the area. And that would be. And that would cell phone and some portion of their Internet. Yeah. Well, they they would again. This expense would be split between North Shore and Salmon rivers, because right now the cell phone expenses split between North Shore and Salmon Rivers, so 30 would be split. So you'd be paying 4 tenths of that

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NorCOG: or 4 tenths of a hundred if you decided to go that way, or some figure in between. I mean, you could decide on 50,

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NorCOG: and then you'll just add it to the developer.

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NorCOG: Well, that might be. That might be a separate thing, quarterly on the cell phone bills and and monthly on the

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NorCOG: on the mileage.

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NorCOG: First, st when she becomes a prime circuit writer. She won't be billing it for time, as she does as an associate.

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NorCOG: but she still will be submitting for mileage. But yeah, I would think monthly on mileage and then quarterly on

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NorCOG: on the cell phone and Internet combined reimbursement.

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NorCOG: Well, then, the motion is for \$30 to type in a month

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NorCOG: be between the 2 groups. Yeah.

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NorCOG: all favors

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NorCOG: and more discussion, if not

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NorCOG: all, in favor.

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NorCOG: I think you got that, Heidi.

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NorCOG: Now, one other thing that's Heidi related and related to the transition to Heidi being the circuit rider for North Shore on Salmon Rivers is

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NorCOG: some time ago you authorized the purchase of a new cell phone for me and actually a laptop for me. Because the computer that I'm using

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NorCOG: for most of my work is one that's a large computer that is kind of cumbersome to carry around with you. And it's been convenient for me to carry a computer around with me, not just for routine work, but for in support of zoom sessions.

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NorCOG: So you authorize that purchase for me, it's something that I haven't implemented yet, either on the cell phone purchase or the Laptop Purchase.

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NorCOG: Since I'm close enough now to the date that I will not be the circuit rider for North Shore and Salmon Rivers. That is, money that could be made available

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NorCOG: applied towards the laptop purchase, and I threw the question out to Heidi to start looking into. We still want to buy a laptop, but she would be able to buy a smaller, lighter laptop that she could carry around with it right now. The laptop that you've probably seen her with at me meetings is her personal one. So if anything happens to it

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NorCOG: oh, well, that's up to her, just like if I carry one of my computers around with me. Oh, well, if I drop it or break it, it's up to me.

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NorCOG: But there really should be a a laptop for her to be able to carry around 2 meetings. That isn't

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NorCOG: a big, heavy unit. And we did. We did authorize that. So I want to let you know that we're moving now towards buying one for Heidi rather than buying one for me. Heidi is looking into that, and she'll be working with burn on that, to be able to buy it tax exempt. And that's more of a Fyi type of item, because it was

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NorCOG: already authorized for the cog to buy it again. That's a expense that's shared with salmon rivers.

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NorCOG: so

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NorCOG: mainly just wanted to bring that up, so you'd know what it was that we were up to in that respect.

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NorCOG: And I think that's all we have for financial. We'll talk about financials, I'm sure.

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NorCOG: more at our organizational meeting. If that's our next meeting, which would be in January.

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NorCOG: and I'll provide you with updates

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NorCOG: along with Vern in between.

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NorCOG: I think that's all we have for financial for tonight.

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NorCOG: qualitatively municipal agreement.

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NorCOG: I can touch on the intermunicable agreement. We last, as individual communities passed or signed on to the North Shore intermunicable agreement in 2020, and under the way the State law works on that those need to be renewed once every 5 years. So

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NorCOG: it was a several months into 2020. As I recall that we actually all signed that. So we don't need to have that done on the by January first.st But we should get that done in the 1st part of the year. And there probably are some issues that we need to take a look at. I've emailed everybody a copy of the current intermunicable agreement with the agenda that I

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NorCOG: emailed out for this meeting. So you might want to take a look at that. And between now and then I'll be taking a look with Heidi at the intermunicable agreements for the other councils of governments, and we'll probably come up with some. I can't see anything huge coming out of that, but there probably will be some fine tuning type of changes that we want to make.

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NorCOG: and when we do that, we'll circulate that, and that'll go to each of the town and village boards

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NorCOG: for their adoption, and then we'll be good for another 5 years.

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NorCOG: So that's all there is on that like, I said, the intermunicable agreement is both on the Norcog website.

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NorCOG: www.norcog.org. And it was in that email that I sent out. And

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NorCOG: if anybody needs a copy, that's probably the best bet for getting those

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NorCOG: faulty.

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NorCOG: So you're done with the intermission. I think we're done with the Ima. Yes, take a minute and

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NorCOG: explain to the audience. 5 second deal on the connection between the Tokyo Commission and North. I forgot. Yeah, yeah, for those of you that aren't familiar.

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NorCOG: my name is Paul Baxter. I'm the circuit rider for North Shore and Salmon Rivers, and Heidi is my successor after I retire in the 1st quarter of next year. I am an employee of the New York State Tug Hill Commission. Katie Melinowski, who's the executive director, is here as well as well as Matt, our planning director.

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NorCOG: basically. What they do is they provide me to the North shore area, which is made up of Constantia, Cleveland, West Monroe, and Central Square.

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NorCOG: and the Salmon Rivers Council of Governments, which was made up of Albion.

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NorCOG: Amboy Orwell, parish, town, parish village, and our newest member, the village of Pulaska. I work for both those cooperating groups, and between those 2 cooperating groups we share expenses. Tug Hill picks up my salary, but there are other expenses like mileage. And

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NorCOG: well.

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NorCOG: as I mentioned just a couple of minutes ago, the the primary desktop computer that I use for my day to day work is provided to me by Tug Hill as well as a printer, but the cogs pick up

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NorCOG: replacement Toner, for example, when I need to do that. So basically, some of the consumable type things, and they the cog covers the cost of about my mileage and my cell phone, which they will be doing again for cheese

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NorCOG: starting in November.

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NorCOG: and it all the cog which is

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NorCOG: the cooperating group on the north Shore also pays for other expenses, like like the associate, which is kind of like my assistant and helping me cover meetings.

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NorCOG: Does that cover what you're hoping for me to cover

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NorCOG: anybody, have any questions on the organization?

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NorCOG: I don't think they do.

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NorCOG: Yeah. And the other part of how that works is each of the municipalities that have signed on to the intermissible agreement pay annual dues, and then the fiscal agent, which is the town of West Monroe

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NorCOG: and Vern writes out the checks after they've been audited by

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NorCOG: either the chair or the group.

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NorCOG: and and hold.

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NorCOG: or sometimes I review some of them before they get as far as the chair.

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NorCOG: Go ahead

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NorCOG: they are. They've been scarce. They're they're the

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NorCOG: 2 chairs right there.

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NorCOG: They were invited, but they did not attend tonight.

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NorCOG: no, I I was, or either Heidi or I were at their last village board meeting, so we're in monthly touch with them. Yes, and so they're aware of tonight's meeting.

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NorCOG: They don't think it's tomorrow. I hope not.

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NorCOG: It did say Thursday on the agenda, but it said Wednesday, the 30th and multiple other places, and and I would like to thank Dean gas for being the 1st one to point that out to me, and I issued a correction on the agenda, but the email itself, as well as the message header. All said Wednesday, the 30th so, and I've been saying Wednesday, the 30, th last month. So hopefully, nobody will show up here tomorrow night.

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NorCOG: Yeah.

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NorCOG: okay, we're

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NorCOG: next one is Oswego County trails. The rails

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NorCOG: update?

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NorCOG: No?

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NorCOG: Well, good evening. Everyone. Those that you have not met yet. I'm Tim Stall. I'm the director of Community Development Tourism and planning for Oswego County. You might notice me from one of these boxes. I'm typically inside of one of them. But I wanted to come out tonight. Make sure I had an opportunity to meet you and answer any questions that you have had. I heard there's some concerns and some questions, and so I just wanted to stop out and really just be here to see what you

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NorCOG: you know, what what is important and what maybe we can do to help. So

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NorCOG: the 1st thing I want to start out with is, talk a little bit about the county's recreational trail.

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NorCOG: I know that I received a letter talking about the concern about the condition of the trail and potentially what the county could do to help improve that. So we did work with the county's highway Supervisor Shawn Walker, and I believe, although I have not physically laid eyes on it, you can let me know, but my understanding is that he's been out there for the last few weeks.

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NorCOG: or his guys have been. They've been working on really repairing that section of the trail he expects this year to get. And again, you know, it's miles and miles and miles across the entire county. They don't. They typically will go out there once the paving stops and before the plowing starts. That's kind of the window they have, and each year they try and do a certain section of the trail.

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NorCOG: So this year's plan was to go from county line. He plans to be able to get all the way to 49 by the end of before this, you know. Obviously weather dependent before the weather. Stops him from doing that.

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NorCOG: He did say they've been able to do some light maintenance across the trail the entire. I know they've mowed it, and they've done some. But the plan would be for this year to get to that 49, and then, obviously, in future years, to kind of work work around that.

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NorCOG: So that's that's the as far as the maintenance goes.

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NorCOG: there's been some conversation about. My understanding is is investing some some time some money into that trail as more of a recreational

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NorCOG: you know, either for some wheels or or really more.

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NorCOG: What what could this look like if we invested some funds there? And so one of the conversations I I hope to bring up today, and I I don't see Mr. Turner, Dave Turner. He's our strategic initiative director for the county. He oversees the infrastructure conversation we've been having. And so I I know a bit ancillary. I don't really have the full understanding also, Wheelock is here. I know he's got some additional information, so I may call on him on that. But one of the things that we are looking at, and I think you know, in light of micron and everything that's going on

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NorCOG: we are looking at. How can the county better invest in infrastructure like wastewater potentially drinking water broadband things like that? What can the county do? And how can we help out the towns and villages who really need it.

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NorCOG: One of the conversations that we're actively looking into would be, what would it look like to put in a trunk line

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NorCOG: all the way across that recreational trail. You could connect certain important strategic locations of the county without, you know,

really disrupting too much life. Right? You got it. We've got a trail that runs the entire stretch. We have access to it. We could potentially, if we had funding. And and we worked with the right partners, you know, we could down the road, put some sort of trunk line wastewater system right through the whole backside of the county.

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NorCOG: So that's 1 of the conversations we're actively having. It's it's the most realistic one outside of ripping up streets all across the town, you know, towns and villages and the cost to do that obviously, would be very expensive. So

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NorCOG: the reason why that's important to this conversation is the last thing we want to do is

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NorCOG: invest a bunch of money to pretty up the top of it, only to go through, rip the entire trail up and put in wastewater lines. And so one of the conversations that we're actively working on is, if we were to put this wastewater line across the county.

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NorCOG: Part of those grants is typically what it looks like. When you're done right? You can. You can beautify it. You can. We could invest some funds at that point. And so that's that's the conversation I just wanted to bring now is that it's ongoing. We fully expect that if and when we put that trunk line through there.

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NorCOG: It will not be just rubble piled on top of it. It will be some sort of a strategic plan that we work with the communities to best utilize that. Get your highest and best use for that section of trail.

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NorCOG: So, as that conversation goes on, this is not a tomorrow thing. Right? Obviously, this is.

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NorCOG: you know, any of that in infrastructure investment is potentially a 5, 6, 7, 8 year project. So we want to work. My understanding is the county is looking to help out over the short term, you know, find ways to help improve it, but obviously investing a ton of money at this point may not make sense if we are going to be ripping that up

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NorCOG: so the thought would be, Keep

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NorCOG: you folks involved, you know, in in the conversation. So if and when we get to that point.

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NorCOG: you know, if this is feasible and we can do it. Then, you know, you folks are going to be involved in that process, or whoever wants to be? Of what should it look like when we're done? And how do we make sure that this is, you know, the most efficient use of that space and and taxpayers funds.

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NorCOG: so that's kind of a quick overview of it. We're early on. I want to be frank, we're early on in this process. This isn't happening tomorrow. But any sort of investment like this, you know, takes a lot of planning and and takes some time to see it through, so I'll kind of leave it at that, for now I wish I had more information on specifically where we stand as far as the the wastewater plans. I don't know, Austin. If you

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NorCOG: want to give a little bit of what you would understand, I just want to say which actually has the wastewater treatment capacity through Bali, scruple Hastings, then jumping over to West Monroe, potentially Constantia, and maybe even all the way to pleasant. So I mean, it's it's something that we haven't seen to that level before, really stretching from one end of the county to the other.

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NorCOG: I do know that. The conversation kind of started on the western end of 81, you know. That was the original kind of concept of looking at from Hastings back to Fulton. But I I think that there is a need as well on the eastern eastern side. And obviously you guys have been working towards a a wastewater project that

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NorCOG: this may be able to be a good fit for that. You know it. It has a lot of advantages. I mean, you wouldn't have to be. You wouldn't have to take it all the way to the river, and you know, get it out that way. Obviously, a lot goes into that. A lot of you know. We have here as well. And they're obviously, you know, with that kind of plan, they would have absolutely be involved in that

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NorCOG: But I think it has momentum. And I think that because of the potential of the micron project and potential for growth and everything

else that's going on. The county is now looking and saying, how can we work with our communities that have a need, but don't necessarily have the resources to make it

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NorCOG: so, you know. Not- not a lot more details on it, but just the why we're looking at doing it, and what we hope to see come from it. But you know Tim is right. It's a it's years in the planning. And then years. And you know, years further in the implementation.

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NorCOG: So go ahead

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NorCOG: back to the maintenance part of it.

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NorCOG: Is, is there an actual maintenance plan that currently tries to home with the trail just general maintenance like, because I know. Years ago they fixed it up from grindings, and they were taking pretty good care of it, and it seems like it dropped off. And so there was like a big wall or a gap. And that's why it got so deteriorated.

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NorCOG: So that's a great question. Is there a plan? Or they got lost someplace or put on the back burner? What I would say is, I don't know that I've ever seen a formal plan? I think it has been one, a case of competing priorities in the past where, when there's availability.

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NorCOG: you get it done when there's not. If there's staffing issues or other things that are stretching it, it's it's more difficult. One thing I will say is that and I want to be gentle with this, but some of the usage more recently has

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NorCOG: caused it to deteriorate quicker.

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NorCOG: And that's something that is, you know. Part of the conversation is, you know, typical use. The way it was even 20 years ago 15 years ago is a little bit different than some of the use of it today?

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NorCOG: You know whether that's allowed or unallowed. The reality is, there's there's traffic going on there that is really doing some damage and the amount of

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NorCOG: my understanding, and again, this a little outside my my world of knowledge. So I apologize. But I did talk to the Supervisor Walker this afternoon to talk a little more, to understand specifics.

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NorCOG: and he had said, It's something that is important to them. But you can only do so much with the staff you have, and you know the county the rules the size of this county that we have, you know, with. I think they do a great job, but their focus is, you know, drawn across the entire county. So I do think it's something that he said that is important to them. And it is something that they have. You know they've done this stretch 2 years ago, 4 years ago they did this stretch, you know, next year. Their plan is to kind of move

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NorCOG: farther to the to the west. But what that looks like. I think it's open to conversation, too, and that's what I want to encourage you to is, you know, keep me in the loop, Shawn, I know it has, is doing the best he can with what he has. But the more we can have these conversations, the more I think when he does have windows we can prioritize what's important to you.

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NorCOG: if it is a staffing thing would they consider reimbursing the towns to take care of their own sections?

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NorCOG: I don't. I don't know if I can answer that question. I think it's worth a conversation.

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NorCOG: again. I don't want to say no to anything. We should have those conversations. Sure, I think it's something we have to talk about. I just I don't know enough about that world to to speak to it, but I mean I'm not here to say that we won't listen to anything or have conversations. And again, we understand the importance of that trail. I mean, it really is a great asset that we have out here, and you know, to have that maybe not being maintained the way we would love to see it.

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NorCOG: Maybe there's a way forward that we could figure that out between us. So is there consideration given to restricting the type of traffic

that's on them. There is and I believe there are restrictions, and the bigger issue a lot of times is, I don't want to say enforcement. I just want to think the capacity, I mean, if you think about the response to a call right? I mean, you're not going to have people trolling, and we're not gonna have sheriff deputies riding up and down there all day every day. That's not reasonable, and so the response to a call

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NorCOG: is based, you know, on the size of our county, where they where our nearest person is, and what they're dealing with, and how quickly can you get there? And if someone's on an Atv or something else out there by the time they may get there.

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NorCOG: you know, and so I think it is. It is a difficult situation, and I will tell you. I've had great conversations with the current sheriff sheriff Felton is very interested in finding a path forward that works for everybody, understanding the limitations we have in this county. But it it is, you know, the Atv traffic is not going away. The reality is, we're seeing more and more and more of it more than ever. And so part of the conversation might not be, you know, punishment things like that. Maybe it's finding a way to make it work in a way that works for everyone. And what does that look like? And how do we invest in that? Because I I mean, the reality is, I don't think we can say don't drive.

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NorCOG: I just don't think it's gonna happen. I think people are gonna keep driving. So

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NorCOG: how do we? How do we work with that?

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NorCOG: I I would have to find it hard to believe that it's the

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NorCOG: cause, even way before the Atv is pretty familiar with it. It's it's always needed

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NorCOG: maintenance, or it's always been the same kind of maintenance, just the base or whatever. So I don't. You really can't blame it on a certain.

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NorCOG: Think your- your best bet is you try to combine, you know.

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NorCOG: pedestrians, and Atv can use it right and and part of the issue, that though, too, is some of the sections of that the width

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NorCOG: is challenging. Right? And how do we? How do we work that out? And I think that's all part of the conversation. The plan is to have is, how do we? How do we really make this thing useful for everyone? You know? How do we make it? Not a liability at times, but really the asset that it should be so. It is a very good asset, but it could even be better. Yes, I think I mean, I don't know anybody who disagree with that. I think it's just

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NorCOG: kind of how do we get to that point? Well, Dave Turner is on. Okay. So Dave Turner, it looks like David's ipad

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NorCOG: is here. So, Dave, I don't know if you we I just kind of gave a quick update with what I knew. But if you wanna give a little summary to these folks about the the infrastructure plans for this area, or at least the discussions.

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Dave Turner: Yeah, thanks. Thank you for your patience. I just got home from work. This is why I couldn't join you in person. That I had other commitments tonight that I knew were gonna keep me late. So my apologies

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Dave Turner: so

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Dave Turner: I'm not sure what Tim or Austin might have shared with you, but we have had several discussions one with some of the leadership and Constantia West Monroe area

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Dave Turner: about

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Dave Turner: this proposed

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Dave Turner: trunk line sewer. That would

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Dave Turner: at least the study that's going on now is being hosted

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Dave Turner: by the town of Hastings. They have Barton and Judas

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Dave Turner: take a look at

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Dave Turner: the feasibility potential costs. We've met with the city of Fulton. They're very much excited about this and I'm

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Dave Turner: very happy to tell you that just yesterday I had a call with the Dec.

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Dave Turner: The people at the

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Dave Turner: water staff and clean water staff.

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Dave Turner: and they asked if we would

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Dave Turner: make a presentation to the regional director because they're very excited about this

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Dave Turner: project. They think it can be an example for others to use about intermunicipal cooperation and

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Dave Turner: the advantages of not everybody trying to have their own wastewater treatment plant, but working together to share assets and do it in a way that makes sense

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Dave Turner: for the region and economically for all the partners. So we're getting ready to to present this to not only the the new regional director, but some of their Albany clean water and water staff

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Dave Turner: they're very interested in knowing about it. And

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Dave Turner: who our partners are, and potentially our partners are everybody along that corridor, including you folks. At at some point it would make sense to to tie this end together with the other, and I think there's already some infrastructure in place that will

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Dave Turner: make that easier than you might expect, so.

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NorCOG: Yeah.

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Dave Turner: I I'm I'm excited about it. The the people who own the existing assets are excited about it now. The regulatory folks are excited about it. So it's just a matter of

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Dave Turner: trying to find a way to make it work and put the money together to create a a project that everybody will benefit from.

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NorCOG: Does anybody have any questions for Dave or Tim?

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Dave Turner: The nice thing about this also is that while I I know that there's been

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Dave Turner: discussions about the trail and multi use and and

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Dave Turner: enhancement and signage So

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Dave Turner: when you do a project like this, there's restoration work that goes along with it. And

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Dave Turner: I think there's the there's likely a way that

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Dave Turner: we can work into the Restoration budget

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Dave Turner: some of the enhancements for the trail that we otherwise would have to find separate funding for.

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NorCOG: Thank you, Dave. Thanks, Dave. Awesome.

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NorCOG: That's him. Thanks.

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NorCOG: Okay.

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NorCOG: The next topic.

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NorCOG: Update on it.

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NorCOG: Sure. I'll take that one. We're changing it up today. Katie Malinowski, Tuck Hill Commission at the last, Nor Cog meeting. There was a lot of firemen in the room, and we had a hearty discussion about the potential new Osha changes in the Fire Brigade standard and what that could mean to volunteer fire departments.

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NorCOG: There was a lot of concern that it would, could decimate some of the membership of those, because they wouldn't meet the standards and would have to step away from fire service.

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NorCOG: As a result of that meeting there was a letter drafted. I know several councils of governments, perhaps some municipalities, and some

volunteer fire people sent letters to representatives to Osha to kind of make their their concerns known.

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NorCOG: I went out today to find out what the latest is. And on Osha's website they put out a statement on September 17.th So that's since the last. Nor cog meeting

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NorCOG: and it was regarding the emergencies response rulemaking this new potential fire brigade standard. And how this might impact volunteer emergency responders. It sounds like they've heard a lot of you talking to them and that they're concerned about

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NorCOG: how that could affect. So they're saying, and I can leave this in the back. But right from their statement it says, Osha is committed to taking steps in any final standard consistent with the rulemaking record to assess and minimize detrimental effects on volunteer fire departments

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NorCOG: if supported by the record, and that means all the comments and everything. This may include excluding voluntary emergency response organizations entirely based on these feasibility concerns.

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NorCOG: So that's their way of saying they might exempt volunteer organizations from having to meet the Osha

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NorCOG: new standards. So I mean I I we heard last month or last meeting that you all are trying your best, and you want to keep your people safe and and do things as Co. You know, as good as you can. But some of these things are just very, very onerous in terms of

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NorCOG: the costs and the requirements. So that's the update that I have on the fire service

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NorCOG: section. And while I'm up here, do you mind if I jump around, Rip. So I don't have to like come up and down and okay,

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NorCOG: so really, quickly, the the route, 49 traffic study. So that was something that the town of West Monroe requested the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council

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NorCOG: a while back to consider funding a route 49 traffic analysis. They accepted that. They said they would be. It would be starting in April, I think, was the the earliest. It would be starting this past April 2024. They're just really getting organized for that, and I know they have gotten their local reps straightened out. I think Vern is the rep from West Monroe.

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NorCOG: and I think there really wanted Central Square at the table. So between Randy and Ken Sherman, they're going to cover the central square part of things.

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NorCOG: and they plan on having a 1st meeting for that very soon. We also have a staff person in Watertown that deals with traffic related issues. So he's also going to sit on that committee. So I think that's a really good step forward. Obviously, the the 49 Bridge closer has really kind of highlighted the issues with 49. We all knew there was a lot of traffic, but now everyone's feeling it because of the reroute. So

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NorCOG: that's the update on the route. 49 study status. And Heidi's got the update on the closure and the temporary bridge construction.

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NorCOG: Hello, everyone for those of you that don't know me. My name is Heidi Tompkins. I will be taking over for Paul here shortly, as it's been spoken about this evening. So Update for New York State Dot. We got a update from Region 3. Paving is scheduled actually for tomorrow. And they are expecting installation and inspection of that to be done on November 11th and November 12.th

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NorCOG: From there they'll open that up to traffic as long as everything goes well with the inspection. So that's really good news, especially for a lot of people that are sitting in this room.

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NorCOG: what's next? I don't have the agenda, is it? Commission updates which we could we could tag team that, too.

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NorCOG: so as everyone's heard. So this is kind of old news. But November 7th is Heidi's official. Start date on the Tug Hill Commission payroll. She has been the associate circuit rider, the assistant for several for over a year now, I think. Actually, but we're lucky enough to get her full time in the payroll starting November 7.th So you're going to see Heidi a lot more at your meetings.

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NorCOG: and Paul will still be here. He will be continuing to help with the transition, which is great. We're really happy. We can have this overlap. Paul's also got some time he needs to take off before he retires, so that'll be nice and he's got. I don't know 40 plus years of files to sort through. It's amazing how much paper you can accumulate over the course of a career. So Paul will be focused on that kind of thing.

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NorCOG: the other thing I just want to mention. Really quick. Is that

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NorCOG: a plug for the Tug Hill Local Government Conference? Many of you may have been there in the past. It's going to be March 31, st and April 1st of 2025 at turning stone. So mark your calendars. April 1st is the full day of training. And then march 31st is just the afternoon. And that afternoon those 2, the afternoon focus session. One's going to be on

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NorCOG: vacant buildings and housing issues, and and we'll have a dual. We're going to actually split the room and have another track about budgeting and accounting with Laird Petrie. So we're really excited about our agenda, and there'll be more to come very soon on the details

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NorCOG: the only thing that I ask from board members, or anyone, I guess, in Talk Hill Commission is from now on. Just keep Paul and I and all your correspondence. It'll be both of us that'll be responding and just trying to help out with that transition so, and it'll save me doing all those forwards.

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NorCOG: So does anyone have any questions for me.

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NorCOG: I'm looking forward to working with you guys along with Sam and Rivers.

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NorCOG: Thank you.

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NorCOG: And last, but not least, I'm Matt Johnson. I'm the planning director at the Commission. Is that better?

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NorCOG: a lot of demand, Paul. Just a real brief overview of some things we have. Basically the main thing that planning

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NorCOG: wing of the Commission has going on in the Norcog region, and that is helping the town of Constantia with work on developing a zoning law

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NorCOG: which would be the town of Consentia's 1st ever zoning law.

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NorCOG: it's a it's a difficult grind it out process. But hopefully, we're

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NorCOG: getting to about the halfway point.

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NorCOG: something like that. So kudos to the town for taking that on, I think that's really important.

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NorCOG: You may have heard me reported other meetings that our planning staff capacity has been really stretched to the limit the last couple of years. But we're

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NorCOG: pretty sure that that's going to improve. So stay tuned, and we can hopefully

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NorCOG: get out to more communities. One thing we can do for you that I want to mention is we can do training

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NorCOG: for planning boards and zoning boards, and I don't think we've done any of those in the Norcog region in a while. So if you're

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NorCOG: planning board, or your Zba is interested in getting some one on one training. Please

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NorCOG: call the Commission or email us, and we'll try to get you on the schedule.

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NorCOG: We're also available to talk to you about what we can offer and some more details on that

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NorCOG: and I want to do it just a really quick update on what we know about the micron project as of right now. You've probably read about that in the paper that the the groundbreaking has been delayed.

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NorCOG: I think the latest groundbreaking is now expected to be November of 2025. So a year from now

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NorCOG: the draft environmental impact study is in progress, and that's expected to be complete by the end of 24

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NorCOG: with a public comment period available or or coming

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NorCOG: opening up in the New Year sometime January or February.

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NorCOG: You've probably heard that there's been there have been extensive issues with wetlands and some endangered bats that might be sort of slowing down the process along with some other economic issues.

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NorCOG: But with that

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NorCOG: anything related to micron, we always are telling communities. You really want to try to do some planning in advance of that, and I'm sure Tim will back me up on that, and Dave will back me up on that if he's still on there.

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NorCOG: But this is the time, if you're at all concerned about, you know the impacts of micron on your town or your village. This is the time to really start thinking about that.

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NorCOG: we are hearing a lot of a lot from our Eastern

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NorCOG: Oswego County towns and villages. A lot of them are looking for planning help. We're hearing from Albion

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NorCOG: and Blaskai in Williamstown.

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NorCOG: In addition to Constantia.

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NorCOG: They're all very interested in getting to work on some planning and zoning work. So we think that's great, and we encourage

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NorCOG: everyone here all the towns and villages to

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NorCOG: at least review your plans and your zoning, if you haven't already.

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NorCOG: I think that's it.

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NorCOG: Thanks.

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NorCOG: And in between speakers I'll mention I brought out another pot of coffee. If anybody else wants a refill.

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NorCOG: we have a speaker for the 9 element plan. Well, let's at Austin community economic development that are housing.

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NorCOG: Okay?

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NorCOG: Yeah. I know I've come to several of these in a row, and I think at our last one we mentioned that the Swigo County, Ida, in partnership with the Sugo County Legislature, was starting a housing study. It's actually called a housing market assessment and development strategy. So one we're looking at the existing housing stock all across the Swigo County, and then looking at opportunities for development, for housing everything from single family, new, single family housing to multifamily market rate and affordable housing. So

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NorCOG: We had actually our 1st steering committee meeting last week as the group that is pushing this forward with our consultants, which actually, we, we selected Mrb group which had done the economic resiliency study out here on the North Shore, so they already have a pretty good understanding of of the area out here.

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NorCOG: we're actually as part of this.

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NorCOG: Looking at some of the studies that they had done in the past. We didn't just want to do a 1 size fit all study for Oswego County. So we actually looked at breaking Oswego County down into many regions. Actually. So, one of the many regions they're looking at is the North Shore area saying that a lot of these communities have a lot in common. So a strategy that's put

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NorCOG: forward localized to the North Shore can be used here which will be obviously different than the strategy that's pushed for the city of Oswego, City of Fulton, Northern Oswego County, or what we're calling the the South Town communities that are just across the border of the river from where micron and and that development in Northern Onondaga County is going to happen. So

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NorCOG: we've also put together separate focus groups for local elected officials that may have already reached out to you. I know that they've already started meetings with some of our local elected officials across Oswego County. We put together a focus group for real estate professionals, for them to get an understanding from home builders, from other housing developers, from land bank, from other entities that have their pulse on different areas of housing, and can give them a good understanding of how that works in Oswego County, and what they see as the opportunities and some of the barriers.

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NorCOG: We'll be having our next steering committee meeting in early December, with our plan of wrapping up the study in late February, early March.

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NorCOG: and then there will also be a marketing piece with information on strategic sites and key info that'll be developed about a month or 2 after that. So, but the study itself will be wrapped up by about February March. So

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NorCOG: what I'm thinking is that we could probably come and make a presentation on sort of the you know that study. You know, in sometime in the spring, so I would say, probably March, but maybe it might be a little bit after depending on when that comes out. So I think that it's a it's a great thing that we're we're working on. To my knowledge. We've never really done anything like this. We're kind of behind some other counties and and regions around the State that have done this in the last couple of years. It's obviously in need. The

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NorCOG: Syracuse and Central New York region has been identified as the second hottest housing market in the in the Us. Right now in terms of the percentage of cost increase just over the last few years. So obviously, there's an there's an issue with supply versus demand. So we're trying to look at how we can help to

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NorCOG: Bring some of the housing, the best and highest use, and and and bring the kind of housing that we want to have in a sweet county. So that's really an update on that. Like I said, it's something that

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NorCOG: the Industrial Development Agency and the county legislature really partnered on, and because we see it as a as a huge need. And I look at it this way, if we want more business to come. We need to have

more workers here and to have more workers here. We need to have the kind of housing that they need. So it's it's all related together. And if one of those things isn't working, then it's going to impact the others. So anyway, any questions on that.

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NorCOG: Okay.

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NorCOG: thank you.

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NorCOG: Okay? So I think on the last thing before we get to our future speaker. So I should have said this when I was up here earlier. But the United Lake 9 E update. We reached out to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, who is taking the lead on the United lake water. It's a watershed plan. They call it 9 E. It's short for 9 element. It's just a certain way of approaching watershed planning. It's been going on for a couple of years now.

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NorCOG: And the update from Central New York was that they're continuing to do the computer modeling. Looking at different scenarios that were developed by the Advisory Committee earlier this year.

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NorCOG: Those different computer modeling scenarios include things like temperature and precipitation increases

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NorCOG: increased levels of phosphorus which could come from additional septic systems in the watershed. If that were to happen in the future.

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NorCOG: And what happens if things like cover crops or septic system, improvements or improvements on farms happen? What does that do to the water quality? So they're just doing all these modeling exercises on the computer at this point.

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NorCOG: If it continues to progress, as they hope, they plan on holding a public meeting, on the results of the modeling in the spring of 2025.

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NorCOG: So that's my update. I'm not really involved in it. But that's what Central New York said. Lots of things can be being presented and talked about in the spring of 2025. So that's all. I

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NorCOG: God, I don't really even want to take any questions, because I won't. I won't be able to answer them. So and you're gonna introduce Krista.

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NorCOG: Okay? So Kristen is with us tonight, Krista, do you want to just double check and make sure you can share your screen, you should be able to.

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Krista Spohr: Yes, yeah. Let's see.

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NorCOG: Oh, we can hear you great in the room that's.

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Krista Spohr: Yay!

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NorCOG: So Krista is with the Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany office. She has been the point person for public participation for the new, proposed DC. Freshwater Wetland regulations, and I really can't do a better job of introducing her than that. So I'm just going to turn it over to Krista, and if you'd like to say anything else about yourself before you dive in, please do thanks.

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Krista Spohr: Yeah. Thank you. Can you guys see that 1st slide?

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NorCOG: Yes, we can.

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Krista Spohr: Okay, fabulous. Thank you for that introduction, and thank you so much for

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Krista Spohr: accommodating me and allowing me to do this on Zoom. I really wanted to get out there in person is what I you know what works

best. I love to meet new faces, but you know we have this tool. So why not use it when I can't make that happen?

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Krista Spohr: before I get into this, I'm just gonna cause th. This is long, and I'm glad I got you guys this presentation before. So you can digest and also have some time. But I also want to say there will be time for some questions. It's about 45 min long.

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Krista Spohr: there.

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Krista Spohr: because we are still in step one and step one is getting these regulations adopted. Step 2 is the nitty gritty of the regulations, and exactly how you'll be regulating them. So any case, by case basis any like site specific things for future determinations after January 21, st I cannot answer those for you. The best I got for you is to

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Krista Spohr: look at the statue, and there's a

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Krista Spohr: QR. Code and website at the end of this. So look at the express terms and try to figure out if it's close or not. By the end of December. We will have those sops out. We will have more of, you know

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Krista Spohr: the nitty gritty of with of the direction of how exactly this is happening. So let me

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Krista Spohr: start. And just, we're talking about these wetlands regulations today. And it's all about the mapping and the classification. So 1st of all, we're going to be talking about these statutory changes, the current regulations and the challenges, the draft regulations implementing changes, the advance notice of proposed rulemaking, the feedback we got from that, and how we

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Krista Spohr: revised the express terms because of that permitting, through the transition period examples of Gis application of the criteria, general programmatic process, changes

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Krista Spohr: and public comment period and the hearings.

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Krista Spohr: So our freshwater wetlands regulations are housed in 3 different parts.

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Krista Spohr: the part 663 is where the permit requirements are part 664 is where the mapping and the classification are part 665 is where local government implementation and minimum land use is, but we are just changed. Well, legislation just changed, part 664. So the mapping and the classification

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Krista Spohr: this, these are all the sections of where those changes are found.

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Krista Spohr: That's why I'm very glad you guys have this presentation. So I can just buzz through these big ones.

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Krista Spohr: So currently, in part 6, 6, 4, we have mapped regulated wetlands and anything that is greater than 12.4 acres.

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Krista Spohr: There is an unusual local importance that

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Krista Spohr: makes it regulated. And that's if there was something like a bog turtle in that wetland. There's only 13 of these unusual local importance. Wetlands throughout the State.

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Krista Spohr: There is a hundred foot adjacent area around the wetland that we regulate as well. This gives the wetland a little bit more space to be able to

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Krista Spohr: protect those benefits, those wetland benefits you might have heard called a buffer area.

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Krista Spohr: Internally, DC uses adjacent area, but consultants and others use buffer area. Those are interchangeable

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Krista Spohr: and we classify wetlands, one through 4, 1 being the most restrictive in the permitting process, and 4 being the least restrictive.

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Krista Spohr: So like, I said, we classify those wetlands, one through 4, and we classify them on the ability to perform wetland functions and provide wetland benefits.

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Krista Spohr: The special ecological importance that Wetland might have, like an inland core fan.

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Krista Spohr: special features, habitats for endangered or threatened species.

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Krista Spohr: hydrological and pollution control features. So currently, in part 6, 6, 4, there's 40 criteria. And in a class one wetland, there is 7 criteria.

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Krista Spohr: So currently

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Krista Spohr: we have these maps, these regulatory maps, and these are based on a field visit of each site, taking in consideration the wetland type, the benefits of the wetland, the distribution and location, and they were drawn up just like this

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Krista Spohr: cartographer is doing in this picture. So there's an overlay of the aerial photo.

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Krista Spohr: and they circle around where those wetlands are found.

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Krista Spohr: So we're going to enlarge this portion because I'm going to show you how these maps are inaccurate.

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Krista Spohr: And then this is the original air photo. You do the overlay.

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Krista Spohr: And you can see the shaded in portions is the wetlands. Using old technology. Using new technology is the outlined green portion. So there is a lot of wetlands being missed on the landscape. Because we're using old technology.

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Krista Spohr: So let me give you a little bit more context on why there's a need for change. So in 1975, Article 24 of the Freshwater Wetlands Act was introduced

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Krista Spohr: by 1984. The 1st county had finalized its maps. So that's how long it took for the 1st county to get their maps all identified and drawn up on them on the maps.

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Krista Spohr: By 1992, we realized. Okay, these maps are inefficient, and we need to do some amendments to them.

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Krista Spohr: So then, by 1995, we realized how efficient the inefficient the process was to do these map amendments because there was

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Krista Spohr: so much that goes into it as like resources, including money. You have to send out a certified letter of mail to all the people in the parcel that are involved. You have to put notification in the newspaper.

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Krista Spohr: There was a they estimated it was about.

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Krista Spohr: Maybe I have it on there, but it's estimated about

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Krista Spohr: to do all the map amendments in New York State. It would cost about.

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Krista Spohr: I think it was 7 million dollars and not worth it.

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Krista Spohr: So then, in 2011 and 2022, the effort, the main goal, was to remove the maps as being regulatory. So currently, there's about 1.2 million acres on the maps, 1.2 million acres of wetlands on the maps. It's estimated we're missing about a million additional unmapped wetland acres that meet our jurisdictional criteria, but because they're not on those regulatory maps.

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Krista Spohr: we can't protect them.

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Krista Spohr: So these are the implications of the inaccuracy of the regulatory maps.

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Krista Spohr: There's confusion for the regulated community and DC

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Krista Spohr: ongoing jurisdictional questions.

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Krista Spohr: difficulty for project planning development and design

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Krista Spohr: delays in project implementation

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Krista Spohr: and the statutory resource protection goals are not being met.

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Krista Spohr: So basically, our maps stink.

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Krista Spohr: So that's why the significant statutory changes to the freshwater Wetlands act came to be. So there's 3 key changes.

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Krista Spohr: One. The maps are no longer going to be regulatory.

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Krista Spohr: There are going to be informational maps. These informational maps. The modeling is done is being done by Cornell Institute for Resource information Sciences

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Krista Spohr: previously mapped and informational maps will be available online in December. That is going to be housed either in the environmental resource map or the Dec. Info locator.

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Krista Spohr: So the second is key is the acreage threshold. So we're maintaining the current, 12.4 acre threshold, from 2025 to 2027, and 2028. The threshold decreases to 7.4 acres.

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Krista Spohr: and then the 3rd key change is wetlands of unusual importance.

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Krista Spohr: So unusual importance shall mean a freshwater wetland, regardless of size, that will possess one or more of the following characteristics, as determined by the department pursuant to the regulations.

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Krista Spohr: So these are the 11 criteria

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Krista Spohr: located within a watershed with significant flooding, located within or adjacent to an urban area. According to the Us. Census bureau, it contains a rare plant species. It contains habitat for essential behavior of endangered, threatened special concern or species of greatest conservation need.

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Krista Spohr: It is classified by the department as a class one wetland. It was previously classified and mapped by the department as a wetland of unusual local importance.

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Krista Spohr: and, like I said, there was 13 of those in the State.

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Krista Spohr: It is a vernal pool, known to be productive for amphibian breeding. It is located with a fema designated floodway.

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Krista Spohr: It was previously mapped by the department on or before December 31st 2024. It is a wetland of local or regional significance.

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Krista Spohr: It is of significant importance in protecting the State's water quality.

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Krista Spohr: So summary of the key changes in order the what's gonna

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Krista Spohr: determine these jurisdictional determinations

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Krista Spohr: is the regulatory maps no longer being regulatory. They're informational maps.

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Krista Spohr: the acreage threshold

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Krista Spohr: dropping, staying

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Krista Spohr: 12.4, but dropping to 7.4 in 2028. And this unusual wetlands criteria. So if we go back to this unusual wetlands criteria.

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Krista Spohr: if you look at 6 and 9, these are basically the same thing. So it's pretty much 10 criteria instead of 11. It's kind of like that Jimi Hendrix song. If 6 were 9.

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Krista Spohr: So looking at these criteria or these

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Krista Spohr: unusual importance criteria. These are so specific in the statute, there is no room for us to have to do any interpretation

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Krista Spohr: where the work was

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Krista Spohr: and why we did 2 rounds of public comment is, we had to really put our thinking caps on and define what these ones were, and we really tried hard to strike a balance, a balance environmentally and economically so located within a watershed of significant flooding habitat for essential behavior of endangered, threatened special concern. Species of greatest conservation need.

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Krista Spohr: It is classified by the department as a class one wetland. It is a vernal pool known to be productive for amphibian breeding.

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Krista Spohr: It is a wetland of local or regional importance

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Krista Spohr: or significance.

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Krista Spohr: It is significant importance in protecting the State's water quality. So, looking at

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Krista Spohr: the existing part 6, 6, 4.

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Krista Spohr: Like I said, it's

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Krista Spohr: classes we. We are keeping the classification system one through 4. There's 40 criteria. The assignments are based on site visits of each wetland to identify and assess

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Krista Spohr: these 3

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Krista Spohr: things.

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Krista Spohr: But basically it's field-based classification scheme

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Krista Spohr: when looking at the proposed part 6, 6, 4,

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Krista Spohr: drafting

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Krista Spohr: the remote, just, jurisdictional determinations and classification system needs efficiency. So

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Krista Spohr: determinations must be timely, repeatable, objective, consistent process with the same outcome among all staff

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Krista Spohr: and appropriate wetland classification assignments made based on objective id of classification

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Krista Spohr: criteria. So this is a data reliant data driven

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Krista Spohr: Jd and classification assignment. So there is

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Krista Spohr: so. This main difference with the regulatory maps is currently, if you had a question about jurisdictional determination, you would go to your region, and that region would answer, they would look at the maps, and if there was any sort of question they might come out and

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Krista Spohr: and look at the site

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Krista Spohr: And now, instead of going to the region.

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Krista Spohr: it's all going to be done remotely. So you're going to call Center. There's going to be a form on the website that you will fill out to get a jurisdictional determination and the same kind of thing. If there is a process, if there's a disagreement, because once you put that form in for that jurisdictional determination, and anybody can put in a jurisdictional determination for a parcel

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Krista Spohr: or a project, and once that is in, then you will receive a letter of notice, and it either will say a negative determination or a positive determination. When you get your positive determination, we will also tell you what classification that Wetland is.

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Krista Spohr: So in January 3rd of this year we put in the advance notice of rulemaking. So the goals of this rulemaking was to engage with the public in an open, transparent manner, to inform the stakeholders of the New York State Freshwater Wetland program and the changes on the horizon. We wanted to solicit and receive stakeholder feedback and input while developing the new proposed rules.

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Krista Spohr: And we wanted to provide an efficient mechanism with time to act on that feedback early enough to develop to change the regulations.

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Krista Spohr: because again, that statute says.

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Krista Spohr: we have until January 1st

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Krista Spohr: of next year.

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Krista Spohr: So there is a lot of reoccurring themes, a lot of clarifying questions on definitions, implementation, and data concerned. We will be overwhelmed with the workload permitting for projects already in the development pipeline vernal pools. How will that work? Because in New York we've never regulated vernal pools before

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Krista Spohr: questions regarding the jurisdictional determination? Process. So these are the changes we made regarding those, the feedback.

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Krista Spohr: So first, st the permitting protocols for projects already in the pipeline.

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Krista Spohr: And this is just a picture of. There was 3 new biologists hired in for Central Office, and these are the ones that will be doing the remote jurisdictional determinations.

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Krista Spohr: So projects meeting the following criteria prior to January 1, st 2025 will be allowed to continue without any change in Article 24. Jurisdiction for the following specified terms.

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Krista Spohr: so projects with map State regulated wetlands. If these conditions are met before 2025, if issued. Dec. Freshwater wetlands permit or Dec. Notice of complete freshwater wetlands permit. Application

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Krista Spohr: doesn't matter. The scope of the project, whether it's major or minor. There is new regulations won't apply until the permit

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Krista Spohr: that they currently have expires

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Krista Spohr: projects without

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Krista Spohr: map state regulated wetlands.

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Krista Spohr: So the conditions must be met that are must be met before

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Krista Spohr: 2025 is if there's a final environmental impact statement

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Krista Spohr: or a negative declaration for a type, one action.

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Krista Spohr: or the Site plan approval by the municipality. So the scope of the project is dependent here. So if it's a major project.

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Krista Spohr: They have 3 and a half years. So until July 2028, if it's a minor project they have about 2 years. So that's till January 2027.

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Krista Spohr: So next is amend the Jd process.

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Krista Spohr: It came up that what if

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Krista Spohr: what happens if DC. Misses that 90 day jurisdictional deadline? There's a we have 90 days after there's a request for a Jd. Comes in.

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Krista Spohr: So if the department fails to provide a definite answer in writing within 90 days the Requester shall make notice of that failure by means of certified mail.

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Krista Spohr: If the Department then fails to provide a definite answer within 10 business days of the receipt of such a notice.

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Krista Spohr: freshwater wetland jurisdiction shall be be deemed waived for a period of 5 years from the date of the waiver.

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Krista Spohr: so regulated vernal pools. This was one of the big ones that we had to do a lot of thinking about, and there's a lot of questions around.

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Krista Spohr: It states the Department shall create and maintain a list of

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Krista Spohr: geographic coordinates for vernal pools known to the department, and that meet the criteria in subparagraphs, one through 6 of paragraph G in this section

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Krista Spohr: the department shall publish updates to the productive vernal pool list in the Environmental notice, bulletin

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Krista Spohr: Allergies.

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Krista Spohr: So

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Krista Spohr: in order to

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Krista Spohr: know what's productive in a vernal pool has to be a list of known productive vernal pools. So

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Krista Spohr: the natural heritage program

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Krista Spohr: had already created a survey of New York State, of their vernal pools and the productivity. So that is what we looked at.

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Krista Spohr: They looked at species, groups.

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Krista Spohr: geographic area. That's why the state is broken up into 5 different areas.

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Krista Spohr: And we have to list this on our website.

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Krista Spohr: So the changes that were made

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Krista Spohr: to the vernal pools because of the advance notice

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Krista Spohr: is the process for landowners to notify dec of productive rental pools. So

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Krista Spohr: basically, right now.

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Krista Spohr: when 2025 starts, the only vernal pools that will be regulated are the vernal pools that are already in that survey from the heritage program.

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Krista Spohr: and it's mostly state

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Krista Spohr: vernal pools. Very few private ones. This is a program that is going to be voluntary for people to submit their information, saying, Hey, I think I have a productive vernal pool over here. Will you please regulate it?

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Krista Spohr: We did some technical adjustments, and that's in the next slide. And we extended the adjacent area. So the technical adjustments. This is

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Krista Spohr: how product productivity is determined by the egg masses of the species.

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Krista Spohr: And when we put in that advance notice, there was a lot of good data sent back to us that, hey?

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Krista Spohr: These numbers

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Krista Spohr: are way too high for these species in this region. So then we dropped and we did more research. They gave us the data. And it's actually instead of 55 plus egg masses for a spotted salamander in the

Hudson Mohawk area. It's going to be 35, and instead of 30 plus egg masses for the Wood Frog, it's going to be 10.

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Krista Spohr: And then why extend the adjacent area for vernal pools? Because that was a big concern.

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Krista Spohr: that a hundred foot adjacent area just was not enough.

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Krista Spohr: The statute directs us to protect fernal pools for amphibians. Upland habitat is vital for amphibian populations to persist, and all studies conclude that protecting a 100 foot zone is not enough for amphibians to persist.

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Krista Spohr: So the question is then how large of an area is enough.

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Krista Spohr: There was a

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Krista Spohr: a lot of peer reviewed

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Krista Spohr: information that came into us or came to us that stated

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Krista Spohr: why we needed to extend that adjacent area, a lot of science behind it. And then.

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Krista Spohr: looking at all of that

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Krista Spohr: data, we took the average and the mean of the average. And that's where we came up with, okay, instead of a hundred foot adjacent area, it's going to be 800 foot adjacent area

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Krista Spohr: which makes people concerned. So I will show you.

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Krista Spohr: And so a remember that vernal pools. It's a voluntary program, and it is difficult to get on the list, so you must have wetland vegetation. It must be surveyed.

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Krista Spohr: must be productive, so that stringent egg mass chart that I showed it must be documented, it must be submitted to DC.

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Krista Spohr: And then you must get on the list in order, must be posted on the website in order for that to then be regulated.

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Krista Spohr: So say we have a vernal pool. That's a little blue.in the center.

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Krista Spohr: There's a lot of site specific factors for permitting your vernal pools there's must have. We're looking at the existing conditions, the lot arrangement proposed activities.

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Krista Spohr: practical or whatever you know that word

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Krista Spohr: options

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Krista Spohr: impacts on habitat and amphibian use. So let's say, there's a farm field here.

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Krista Spohr: and then we already have some development going on. Now that dotted line is the limit of disturbance.

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Krista Spohr: So

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Krista Spohr: if you're looking at that vernal pool

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Krista Spohr: right, the green area is more of where that amphibian where the amphibians would most likely want to be when it's a farm field. Yes, they'll go in it a little bit, but it's not their preferred area. And then.

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Krista Spohr: when there's development, they're not going to go all the way to the development. There's a limit of disturbance, right? So say, there's a

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Krista Spohr: a house that somebody wants to put in, and they're looking. There's a road right there, so they can't go much further out of that

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Krista Spohr: 800 foot buffer area. It's blocking them for doing that so. And they want their limit of disturbance to be that yellow bar. Well, instead of making that

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Krista Spohr: their limit disturbance, that yellow bar, that big yard. Well, how about we just shrink it down a little bit, then we're not

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Krista Spohr: so much so too close to that vernal pool. And then, even further, well, what if we just move the house a little over to the side. So then it's not

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Krista Spohr: so dead center into the 800 foot buffer zone. So there's ways that their permitting can still happen. The what we, the rules that we go by is avoid.

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Krista Spohr: minimize. So we want to 1st try to avoid any kind of disturbance to the wetland. If you can avoid, then we're going to minimize. So this is an example of us minimizing. If there's no way for you to minimize, then that's when we get to mitigation.

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Krista Spohr: So another thing that's in the regulations that's changing is the extending the adjacent areas. And this is to special wetlands like the vernal pool. So that's 3 or 800, and then to 300 feet for nutrient poor wetlands.

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Krista Spohr: So example of a nutrient poor Wetland is a Brac spruce tamarack bog.

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Krista Spohr: It is. These special, nutrient, poor wetlands are all known in New York State. There's 20 of them.

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Krista Spohr: and they're on the natural heritage, database and the environmental resource mapper.

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Krista Spohr: So then, when we look at located within a watershed with significant flooding, so how did we determine that? Well, we looked at hydrologic

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Krista Spohr: unit codes or hucks. So the United States Geological Survey created the Hux, a hierarchical land area classification system based on surface hydrologic features. So the Usgs uses this nationwide system to delineate watersheds.

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Krista Spohr: A Huck is a sequence of numbers or letters that identifies a hydrological unit or feature. So these hucks are unique to each hydrological unit in the State, and it consists of 2 to 12 digits.

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Krista Spohr: So it's kind of counterintuitive, because the smaller the number, the larger the area. But we looked specifically at Huck. 12. So we're looking at the smallest area. And this picture is depicting all the Hucks in New York state.

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Krista Spohr: So now that's step one. We look at all the Hucks, Huck. 12 s. Watersheds, but they have to have 3.

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Krista Spohr: The following criteria. They have to have impervious surface greater than 2%.

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Krista Spohr: It has to have a water storage area of less than 5%,

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Krista Spohr: and it has to be within 4 kilometers or 2.4 8 miles of an urban area. This was our way of looking at runoff water, holding capacity and human risk.

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Krista Spohr: So when you look at these things individually.

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Krista Spohr: this is factor one. All the hucks that have impervious surface

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Krista Spohr: greater than 2%. This is Huck, 2

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Krista Spohr: water storage, less than 5%,

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Krista Spohr: and then factor 3 within a 4 kilometers of an urban area. So all of them separately look like a lot, and then it boils down to this.

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Krista Spohr: So then.

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Krista Spohr: things like located within or adjacent to an urban area that is so explicit. There was no room.

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Krista Spohr: you know, Wiggle, there's no nothing we had to define. But these, are the New York urban areas throughout.

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Krista Spohr: according to the Us. Census Bureau.

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Krista Spohr: and then looking at the habitat for essential behavior of species of greatest conservation need so species of greatest conservation need is defined as it contains, so it contains a habitat for essential

behavior in or of a species of greatest conservation need listed in the New York State. Wildlife Action plan

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Krista Spohr: with habitat loss, having been identified by the Department as moderate to very high threat to New York populations. So we looked at habitat loss, because this is more about the habitat than the species itself.

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Krista Spohr: And then.

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Krista Spohr: if you look at all the species of greatest conservation need, there's 300 plus of those. But when you look at the actual habitat, the water where the wetlands are. That would be that specialized wetland housing these animals. There's only 20 species that are wetland dependent throughout New York State.

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Krista Spohr: Again, it's data, reliant data driven.

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Krista Spohr: And then the last thing that we changed or looked at in the statute was the appeal of jurisdiction, jurisdictional determinations. So if there is a appeal, the

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Krista Spohr: don't like the positive jurisdictional determinations. The 1st step to appeal that is, an initial consultation on that is, a field meeting on the site to delineate and look to see. Well, okay, maybe this is where it is or whatnot.

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Krista Spohr: So then, after that initial delineation, then you have to complete a Jdf appeal application

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Krista Spohr: within 120 days of that initial consultation.

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Krista Spohr: so an acceptable basis of appeal would be an application missing technical information, incorrect application of regulatory criteria or incorrect application of guidance.

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Krista Spohr: and the department has 60 days to respond to this.

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Krista Spohr: So our timeline going forward, we did the July 10th notice of proposed rulemaking in the State Register. The public hearings were in September. That's when the comment period closed October, November. Right now we're processing the 400 plus comments.

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Krista Spohr: and then hoping to get regulations to become adopted in early December and then December informational Wetlands, maps posted online along with those standard operating procedures

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Krista Spohr: all posted on the website, and then January first, st

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Krista Spohr: statutory amendments take effect.

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Krista Spohr: There is the QR code that links to the freshwater Wetlands program. There's fact sheets on. There, there's a this presentation. A little things might be different on it that I gave in August.

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Krista Spohr: virtually with some questions that were sent in, that I answer at the end.

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Krista Spohr: I'll leave it up for a little bit longer.

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Krista Spohr: Actually, I'll go back to it.

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Krista Spohr: So oh, supporting documents Q. And a sheet.

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Krista Spohr: So I always love to end with a chuck, Norris quote, because who doesn't love Chuck Norris?

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Krista Spohr: I've always found that anything worth achieving will always have obstacles in the way, and you've got to have that drive and determination to overcome those obstacles en route to whatever it is that you want to accomplish. It's nice, because this is so, such an overwhelming

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Krista Spohr: Amount of information and large change that we are doing to our regulation of wetlands. But the

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Krista Spohr: the bigger picture is, we need to really protect these ecosystems. They are very important, not only to the natural world, but to the human world as well, and especially in these times of climate change like this is the weirdest fall ever. I cannot believe it's going to be 82 degrees tomorrow on Halloween. But anyway, we're going to get past that.

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Krista Spohr: There is my information. Thank you so much for letting me talk to you, and without making you guys stay too past. Oh, see, I spoke quick enough that I gave you guys enough time to ask questions. But yeah, I'll leave that up, and I'll open the floor to questions.

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Krista Spohr: and I am not looking at the comments. So if there's questions on the comments, I don't know how you guys want to facilitate this.

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Krista Spohr: If you want to look at comments, I can stop sharing, and then I can look at comments, or if there's questions in the audience.

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NorCOG: Yeah. Can you? Can you explain the 12.4 and the 7 point the acreage.

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Krista Spohr: Yeah, so currently, it's 12.4 acres or greater that we regulate

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Krista Spohr: that threshold is staying the same

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Krista Spohr: until 2028. January 1st of 2028, then the threshold drops down to 7.4 acres.

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Krista Spohr: So the thought process in their legislation when they were creating this law is that there will be enough work for us to do just to figure out the unusual importance criteria

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Krista Spohr: and regulating that. And there's going to be

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Krista Spohr: so much more regulation happening.

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Krista Spohr: Just with the unusual importance criteria and the the maps being not regulatory anymore. That that gives us a couple years to kind of work out the kinks, and then be able to drop the threshold.

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NorCOG: So if you're you're a resident, you're going to build a house. If you're building under 12.4 acres, you're going with the old rules

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NorCOG: or the original rules that are in the technology

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NorCOG: like a hundred.

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Krista Spohr: So if you're building, I'm sorry I'm trying to hear you. If you're building a house

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Krista Spohr: on.

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NorCOG: If you're a resident building, a house, and you're under 12.4 acres, is it? Just?

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NorCOG: Is what rules are you basing on the 100 foot buffer, the old, the rules that exist now.

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Krista Spohr: Now, but because now there's going to be unusual, the unusual importance criteria. So there's no size limit to those.

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Krista Spohr: And so that's if you believe that you are? Your project is anywhere near a wetland? It is a a

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Krista Spohr: do you need to get a jurisdictional determination? 1st to see, okay.

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Krista Spohr: where is this wetland.

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Krista Spohr: and what classification of a wetland is it? Because if it's if it doesn't have any of those 11 criteria, then

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Krista Spohr: and it's under 12.4. Then, yeah, you can. Yeah, you can go by that.

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Krista Spohr: You can build your part. You can do your project.

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Krista Spohr: But 1st you still have to get a Jd. Even if it is under 12.4. Because of that unusual importance, there could be something there that deems it

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Krista Spohr: worthwhile to regulate?

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Krista Spohr: Does that answer your question?

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NorCOG: Yes, hasn't the corps of engineers

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NorCOG: historically regulated wetlands less than 12.4 acres.

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Krista Spohr: Yes.

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NorCOG: Why? Why is it necessary for New York State, Dec. To start to do that?

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Krista Spohr: Because they do it on different their classification scheme and what they deem as it. They're only looking at dredging and filling. Mainly. They're not looking at other. Their

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Krista Spohr: regulated activities are less than what the State is.

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NorCOG: But

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NorCOG: so your your regulations are

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NorCOG: more comprehensive. What the corps of engineers regulations are.

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Krista Spohr: Yes.

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NorCOG: Any any other questions.

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NorCOG: I've got some written questions that that I'll go over, but I'm wondering if somebody didn't get a chance to write them if they want to ask a question.

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NorCOG: She's not hearing you about this.

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NorCOG: Where? Where's the question?

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NorCOG: So my name is Austin Wheelock. I'm the executive director of Operation County as well as the CEO of the county idea. We're currently involved in multiple property development projects looking working with actually New York State on part state development to produce trouble, ready sites for major industrial projects. We're very concerned about this especially since located within or adjacent to an urban area

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NorCOG: that's never been looked at before. It's a completely new. And I know you're saying, Hey, there's nothing we needed to do, because it's already saying what it is, but it seems pretty arbitrary in terms of what is an urban area. What is not, or what is adjacent, are there maps? I mean, there's a map here showing the urban areas. But there's nothing showing the adjacent urban areas. Do you have that? And could we see it

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NorCOG: because we're I just have concerns that

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NorCOG: it. We're gonna be held under a completely new rules very soon. And and I would, I would argue that these are not urban areas. They're very rural areas.

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Krista Spohr: Yeah, that is so in the comments of the second round of the comment period that has definitely been noted. And that is unfortunately, we don't even. We don't have the maps from Cornell yet. We don't have those sops yet, like, I said, we've been in the 1st

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Krista Spohr: step, and I know it's all kind of

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Krista Spohr: a lot. And all at once there is gonna be a transition period, and there is good. It's gonna be

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Krista Spohr: not smooth as we figure it out. But we're not be. We recognize that. So it's not. It's just gonna be a conversation. And you can start that conversation with your region like you said you're already actively working with your with the State on some things, and all of our regional managers, you know. They know,

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Krista Spohr: what's going on and how how large the uncertainty scale is at this.

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Krista Spohr: So we we just have to keep that conversation open.

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Krista Spohr: We're not going to be jerks about it when it comes time to it. We understand it's a lot to ask.

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NorCOG: Our-. Our engineers and our in our conversation today said, Try to get it done before January first.st That's what they told us

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NorCOG: is, is their answer. So it's it's not really feasible to do that. Projects that take multiple years. This is this just another question I had is that

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NorCOG: you mentioned early on that 1.2 million acres are currently regulated. You think that that there's another 1 million. So it's almost doubling the amount of regulated acreage. If and when that happens.

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NorCOG: does the State have any plan to reimburse local municipalities for loss of usable acreage? When property owners successfully agree their property assessments, because land that they own is not no longer usable, and they are going to have their assessment.

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NorCOG: Great question, so.

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Krista Spohr: Okay, I'm trying to reframe the question. So I understand it.

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Krista Spohr: Is there some sort of compensation for landowners that they bought this property? Thinking there was no restrictions on it. And now, all of a sudden, there's restrictions on it. Is that what you're saying.

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NorCOG: That's 1 part of it, but more also for the communities that they have a certain tax base, you know, and and the money they raise in terms of pay, for you know the town bills and for a school district bills. Whatever is tax rate times assessment equals the amount they bring in. If

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NorCOG: you know the the amount of wetland property is going to double or almost double. That means that they're going to, then go to their towns and say, Hey, the assessor currently says, my my home and my 10 acres is worth 250,000. I'm saying it's only worth 200,000, because

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NorCOG: this property in the back is no longer usable. And when they do that, and the effect values in town drop by 20 to 30%. Maybe it's being hyperbolic. Maybe it's not that much. Even if it's 5 to 10%, they need to make that money up somewhere is the state have any plan to help those communities to make up that difference.

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01:28:35.650 --> 01:28:48.129

Krista Spohr: Well, there is conservation, ease, or easements. There are things, but that's municipality based as far as a statewide. There is not anything yet, but

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01:28:48.630 --> 01:28:51.609

Krista Spohr: it's in the comments, and it is being considered.

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01:28:54.040 --> 01:28:54.760

NorCOG: There's

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01:28:55.070 --> 01:28:57.090

NorCOG: gentlemen over there, Katie.

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01:29:14.120 --> 01:29:25.750

NorCOG: Yeah, on a slide. 43. Which is there.

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01:29:28.230 --> 01:29:34.200

Krista Spohr: Sorry I have a really hard time hearing you. I heard on slide something, and that was about it.

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01:29:36.790 --> 01:29:39.079

NorCOG: 5, 43. Can you hear me?

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01:29:40.480 --> 01:29:42.270
NorCOG: What if

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01:29:43.110 --> 01:29:48.579
NorCOG: this gentleman would like to see slide 43? Can you put that up,
Krista?

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01:29:49.700 --> 01:29:52.030
NorCOG: You might be able to hear you better up here.

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01:29:52.430 --> 01:29:54.139
Krista Spohr: Yeah, sorry guys.

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01:29:55.610 --> 01:29:57.050
Krista Spohr: so let me

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01:29:58.100 --> 01:29:59.420
Krista Spohr: share

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01:30:00.890 --> 01:30:01.800
Krista Spohr: 40

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01:30:02.540 --> 01:30:03.030
Krista Spohr: cheese.

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01:30:03.030 --> 01:30:04.579
NorCOG: Getting slide, 43.

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01:30:12.020 --> 01:30:13.779
Krista Spohr: Alright, bear with me!

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01:30:19.930 --> 01:30:20.600
Krista Spohr: Yep.

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01:30:20.860 --> 01:30:31.290
NorCOG: So, yeah, so you mentioned limit of disturbance in here. And I
was looking for a definition as to what limit of disturbances? So is that
outside of actually building something? Is that like how big you can have
your yards.

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01:30:31.290 --> 01:30:34.220
Krista Spohr: Yes, that's how big you can have your yard. So then.

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NorCOG: So you're not just regulating buildings. You're regulating how big of yard space we can have as well.

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01:30:40.610 --> 01:30:41.340

NorCOG: Yep.

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01:30:41.850 --> 01:30:51.849

Krista Spohr: The limit. Yes, exactly. So. You also have to think. What do people put in yards? They put in, depending on where they are? They put in septic, they might put in wells, they might put in pools.

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01:30:53.660 --> 01:30:55.969

NorCOG: And that's something that DC wants to regulate.

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Krista Spohr: If it's close to, if it's close to a wetland, and it's in the up against an adjacent area.

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NorCOG: Almost feels like it's unconstitutional. You you don't see that as an overreach.

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Krista Spohr: No, because you don't see that we need to protect these ecosystems. You don't see what's been going on, because we've just been blatantly doing what we wanted for so long. These are protecting us from so many things.

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01:31:22.800 --> 01:31:24.449

NorCOG: I've seen frogs in my yard.

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01:31:24.740 --> 01:31:30.909

Krista Spohr: That's great. You're not going to see frogs very long if we keep doing what we're doing. The fact that it's 82 degrees tomorrow

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01:31:30.970 --> 01:31:32.640

Krista Spohr: on Halloween.

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01:31:33.088 --> 01:31:43.400

NorCOG: 82 degrees 20 years ago, and I feel you should know your audience before you start going on this rank of yours.

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01:31:43.400 --> 01:31:49.149

Krista Spohr: I apologize for my reaction. I am had a very long day, and it is not your fault

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01:31:49.250 --> 01:31:51.119

Krista Spohr: that I'm exhausted.

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01:31:51.350 --> 01:31:54.250

NorCOG: Krista. I have. I have 4 questions

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NorCOG: that 4 or 5 questions from the audience that were written down, and I'll

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NorCOG: 2 of them deal with the

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NorCOG: basically questions that are suggesting that Dec is would be incapable of handling the additional workload associated with enumerating

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NorCOG: all of these additional wetlands, ie. Where you you can't do it. Now, how are you going to do it? With the additional increase in the

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NorCOG: or reduced reduction in the amount of wetland acreage.

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Krista Spohr: And if that happens, then it's proof that we can't do it, and then we can petition to get more help.

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01:32:31.170 --> 01:32:36.069

NorCOG: So is that is that in the are you doing that? Now? I mean, it's obvious.

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Krista Spohr: Yes, yes.

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01:32:37.820 --> 01:32:45.780

NorCOG: Then challenges to you doing wetland delineation under the current law with the expanded stuff. Are you trying to get more staff.

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Krista Spohr: Absolutely every single year we try to get more staff.

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Krista Spohr: We got 5 new hires, for with this legislation package.

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Krista Spohr: and we are.

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Krista Spohr: we are fully aware that it's probably gonna require more than just 5. But

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Krista Spohr: we can. We're kind of like the child, and we have to ask the parent for such a thing.

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NorCOG: And

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NorCOG: the most of the work with the wet and the New

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NorCOG: Wetlands law is going to be done out of Albany. It's not going to be done regionally.

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Krista Spohr: So it's a combination. The 1st initial is going to be Albany remotely, but all Albany works with the region. The region will also be seeing

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Krista Spohr: what Albany is seeing remotely, and then, if it's needed, they will go on site and give us on-site feedback.

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Krista Spohr: We've been doing remote determination for large energy projects for years. So this isn't anything new to us. This is also a process that the army corps uses. They don't do regulatory maps. They do

remote determinations. Most of the country has switched to remote determinations. It's just better technology, a better way to do it.

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NorCOG: On your average average energy project? What is the acreage on an average energy project?

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Krista Spohr: Well, how big is micron.

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NorCOG: Oh, God! I don't know how big is it?

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Krista Spohr: And

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Krista Spohr: thousands, thousands of acres.

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01:34:16.540 --> 01:34:17.850

NorCOG: Thousands of acres, right?

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01:34:17.850 --> 01:34:25.919

Krista Spohr: I don't. I don't know. I'm unfamiliar with how large, but I can come back to you with the answer of how big the energy projects are.

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01:34:25.920 --> 01:34:29.090

NorCOG: I guess I'm trying to help with Rick. He's he's stating that

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NorCOG: your statement was, we track, you know, remote from all we need energy projects. But those are large projects, low.

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NorCOG: you know, not a large

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NorCOG: and well, a lot of residential projects, and many of them going on every day and permits going. And so you're going to be overwhelmed immediately. And so that's the concern.

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Krista Spohr: I definitely understand the concern. We have the same concern here, which is why we petition for more staff.

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Krista Spohr: And that's what I'm saying. It's it's

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Krista Spohr: it is.

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NorCOG: 22.

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Krista Spohr: It is a catch 22, but something has to be done. This was also, we don't make the laws. The law was given to us to regulate. We are not the creators of the law, so we are doing the best that we can with what we have given.

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NorCOG: And that's where.

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Krista Spohr: It's going to require a conversation and a trust to trust that we we all of us in the room just want to do the right thing. We know that there is a need for economic growth. There's a need we do not. We're not trying to be the overreach, the government overreach. So

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Krista Spohr: start the conversation.

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Krista Spohr: We're not just because you have wetlands on your property or

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Krista Spohr: adjacent area where you want to be doesn't mean that you're not going to get a permit to build it just requires a little bit more conversation with the State.

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NorCOG: Hmm!

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NorCOG: Well, we were.

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NorCOG: Wouldn't it been easier just to update the maps for the 7 million? No, just to update them.

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Krista Spohr: So many years there was. There's so it took so many years just to update.

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Krista Spohr: It's too inefficient of a project and wait

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Krista Spohr: way, too costly

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Krista Spohr: cause. We're losing more and more wetlands with the event, like, it's just not worth it.

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NorCOG: But so I have 2 more questions.

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NorCOG: Yeah, well, I have 3 more. Actually

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01:36:31.240 --> 01:36:43.889

NorCOG: one. I'll read this one is that the rationale for this new regulation is the rationale for this new regulation, a result of municipalities not doing a satisfactory job of protecting wetlands.

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01:36:44.550 --> 01:36:46.130

Krista Spohr: No, not at all.

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01:36:47.370 --> 01:36:48.919

NorCOG: This is the story.

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01:36:49.390 --> 01:36:50.420

NorCOG: Go ahead.

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Krista Spohr: No go ahead!

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01:36:52.010 --> 01:37:00.150

NorCOG: I don't believe municipal. The charge for protecting wetlands is with the Dec. Primarily identifies helps.

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NorCOG: The landowner identify those wetlands, but they're not charged with protecting.

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Krista Spohr: No, there's only there's an option in the statute where, if there's a municipality that wants to take over the regulation of the wetlands, they can, and that's that's a whole nother thing. There's only one

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01:37:20.140 --> 01:37:35.299

Krista Spohr: or 2 places in the State where they have done that, and that they're both down in Long Island, because they have very specialized tidal wetlands, different wetlands. But no, and that's what. Also, when I spoke to other municipalities early in this year.

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Krista Spohr: if you look at it this way, there's never been a Wetlands outreach person for Dec. My position was created because of these regulations, and they saw, well, if you're going to totally change these regulations, you need to have somebody telling people about it. But there was never a person to really tell people about the old regulations. So municipalities have been very much in the dark for a long time, and it is my job to make sure that that is not

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01:38:05.490 --> 01:38:08.539

Krista Spohr: the case going forward. And I

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Krista Spohr: what it is my job to figure out how to best educate and give you guys the best tools so that you don't feel like we're pulling the rug out from underneath you. So you do feel like you can

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Krista Spohr: ask questions, and, you know, be able to work with us, and we're not working against you.

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NorCOG: Okay. So if if you're really serious about protecting vernal pools.

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01:38:36.740 --> 01:38:47.039

NorCOG: which it appears that you are, because you've got a whole set of regulations that deal with that. Why, why would you make it voluntary? The identification of those pools.

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NorCOG: volunteers.

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Krista Spohr: Because that's part of the balance. If we came on down hard with all of these unusual importance criteria, and dropping the threshold and getting rid of the regulatory maps.

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Krista Spohr: There's already upheaval with that.

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Krista Spohr: And then to put this to not be voluntary on top of that.

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NorCOG: It. It really suggests a

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01:39:11.020 --> 01:39:13.160

NorCOG: an inconsistency, though I mean.

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Krista Spohr: It's it's not an inconsistency. It's our way of trying to be balanced trying to do

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01:39:18.450 --> 01:39:23.089

Krista Spohr: you both both good by the environment, but also good by

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Krista Spohr: the constituents and the economics of the state.

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NorCOG: You probably won't get many people to volunteer their vernal pool.

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01:39:31.820 --> 01:39:32.420

Krista Spohr: Maybe not.

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01:39:32.420 --> 01:39:38.210

NorCOG: Just as a suggestion. Okay, the last written question I have, go ahead, Neil. You got another question.

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NorCOG: The last written written question I have

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NorCOG: is basically asking

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NorCOG: the relationship between Article 24, which is this.

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01:39:48.810 --> 01:39:54.510

NorCOG: Wetlands law and Article 15, as it relates to property owners

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NorCOG: that own property on, for example, Oneida Lake, or a river that's currently regulated under Article 15.

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NorCOG: I can read this.

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01:40:05.010 --> 01:40:10.479

NorCOG: But Tom does that kind of is that okay? To ask her that. Or do you want me to be more specific?

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NorCOG: Pretty soft.

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NorCOG: I mean

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NorCOG: portion?

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01:40:20.770 --> 01:40:21.520

NorCOG: And I,

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01:40:24.430 --> 01:40:25.930

NorCOG: page 21,

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NorCOG: 31, yeah.

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01:40:31.445 --> 01:40:31.900

NorCOG: yes.

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NorCOG: no. It's

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NorCOG: why, on my 200 feet between the lake and the boat I live on? Or is that going to be taken away from me?

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01:40:41.300 --> 01:40:46.449

NorCOG: Do I own my home, or is it in some kind of a web blank mistake

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01:40:46.480 --> 01:40:47.709

NorCOG: which is gonna enable?

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01:40:47.820 --> 01:40:48.910

NorCOG: Can't do that.

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01:40:51.130 --> 01:40:56.250

NorCOG: This this has to do with? I'll read. I'll read Tom's question, but I,

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01:40:56.290 --> 01:40:59.110

NorCOG: what this has to do with is with the

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01:40:59.540 --> 01:41:01.599

NorCOG: the ability of the State to

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NorCOG: designate a lake or a pond

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NorCOG: as a wetland.

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01:41:06.380 --> 01:41:16.509

NorCOG: I know. I I believe, that they've had that ability. They've never done it. Now, under this new law, they're gonna if if the area of a lake or the lake itself. I

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NorCOG: meet certain criterion.

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NorCOG: They can designate that as a wetland.

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NorCOG: That's accurate. Am I correct? There.

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Krista Spohr: Yes. So what the criterion is that makes that lake

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Krista Spohr: into a wetland. It's in a lake that has certain sub aquatic vegetation that is

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Krista Spohr: and it's usually, and it's always in shallow, weedy lakes.

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NorCOG: So if you make

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01:41:43.700 --> 01:41:49.629

NorCOG: Oneida Lake fits that description, I can tell you that right now, and it has the the plant species

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NorCOG: that

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NorCOG: the indicator species that would classify it could classify it that way. So if you designate a portion or all of Oneida Lake as a wetland.

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NorCOG: then that buffer zone

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NorCOG: is going to come into play. The 100 foot buffer zone from the lake back.

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NorCOG: Is that accurate and.

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Krista Spohr: That is accurate.

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01:42:09.870 --> 01:42:13.500

Krista Spohr: That's accurate. But also let me tell you that

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01:42:13.640 --> 01:42:16.890

Krista Spohr: it. We understand how this is a huge.

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Krista Spohr: a huge shift, and we don't not want to regulate every single thing that was never regulated before in a lake. I couldn't come out to you today because I just got back from Chautauqua Lake, and we had a

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Krista Spohr: general permit meeting with them. So that was the general permit. Because we were given these regulations.

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Krista Spohr: We have to regulate them. This is the law.

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Krista Spohr: so a general permit is our way of easing the burden of the regulations on the people who have lakefront property, and that would be something where activities it would be an activity based general permit and so frequently done activities like

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Krista Spohr: So

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Krista Spohr: something that is regulated in a wetland would be

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Krista Spohr: dredging, filling, building a new structure.

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Krista Spohr: So we're like, so when having this meeting, we said, we were like, Okay, what are the activities, the frequent activities that you do, that you would want to put in a general permit.

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Krista Spohr: and things like fire pits came up.

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Krista Spohr: A lot of people want to build more fire pits. So, but something that is not

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Krista Spohr: a regulated activity in an article 24 area on a lake would be regular maintenance. So if there's already an existing dock, if there's already

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01:43:47.502 --> 01:44:02.109

Krista Spohr: home that's within the adjacent area. If there's so any maintenance routine maintenance of that, there's no permit needed. There's nothing. It's when there's new builds and new dredging and new like.

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Krista Spohr: even if there is a lake in Oneida Lake. If there is portions that have sand right sandy beaches.

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Krista Spohr: If you've always had that sandy beach, and you always have to replenish that sand

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Krista Spohr: every year. That's not regulated. That's routine maintenance. Now, if you wanted to create a new beach and put in sand somewhere else for the 1st time, that is a regulated activity, if it's in the wetland, because that's considered adding, Fill.

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01:44:30.810 --> 01:44:32.710

Krista Spohr: does that answer your question?

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NorCOG: Why, why, wouldn't

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01:44:37.320 --> 01:44:40.020

NorCOG: you know Article 15

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01:44:42.760 --> 01:44:49.130

NorCOG: basically regulates lakes and rivers as it relates to stream banks and river and bottoms

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01:44:49.490 --> 01:44:53.960

NorCOG: that that wasn't satisfactory. I mean, that's not enough regulation.

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01:44:54.030 --> 01:44:58.230

NorCOG: You needed this extra level of regulation to put onto the people

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01:44:58.280 --> 01:44:59.650

NorCOG: to protect one.

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01:44:59.910 --> 01:45:13.039

Krista Spohr: Because in the law it says that wetlands are different types of wetlands that we protect. And so one of those types of wetlands is sub aquatic vegetation.

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01:45:13.670 --> 01:45:14.780

Krista Spohr: So

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01:45:15.420 --> 01:45:24.300

Krista Spohr: that that is why we say, well, this is how we're going to handle that, because that is a lot, and we're going to handle it with general permits.

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01:45:27.870 --> 01:45:37.920

Krista Spohr: It is the law that they gave us, and we are just trying to find the easiest way to implement that law without the most upheaval.

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NorCOG: Who participated in drafting the the changes in the law.

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NorCOG: Somebody had to put something, or, I mean, is there somebody responsible for making these changes.

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Krista Spohr: Yeah, the lawmakers.

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NorCOG: Yeah, who? There's usually somebody puts their name to it. I mean.

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Krista Spohr: Yes, I can. I can find that out for you if you send me an email and remind me of your name and send me like who your name.

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NorCOG: These regulations came through the legislature. Is that what you're suggesting? And there were bills that are introduced into the.

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Krista Spohr: Yes.

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NorCOG: But my, the fact is that there isn't anybody in that legislature that's competent to identify any of the criterion that you've established in here that had to come from Dec programs. People.

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Krista Spohr: Because then they they start it right? They start. Okay. So we say.

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Krista Spohr: we pushed to get the regulatory maps off. That was in the regulatory package that we pushed forward because the maps are inefficient.

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Krista Spohr: But then sitting here and bickering about, this doesn't do any good because it's happening. So I'm just trying to assist you with how it's happening.

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NorCOG: I know it doesn't do any good, but at least we gotta answer the questions correct.

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Krista Spohr: That's true. If it makes you feel better, I am happy to do that.

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NorCOG: She's got okay. We've got a question back there.

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NorCOG: Well, come on up and answer it.

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NorCOG: My name is Brittany Jarrett. I'm with some women. Barclays Office.

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NorCOG: And I'm I'm just listening to the presentation and taking some notes tonight, too.

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NorCOG: And I appreciate you circulating the letter and the statement that he put out with his concerns on this.

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NorCOG: But just to answer the question, I did a little research before coming here, and it was 2022 Budget Bill that this was a part of.

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NorCOG: So it was all within that massive part. Qq, I think. Yeah, it was.

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NorCOG: And that was

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NorCOG: that was where it came from, so as far as we could track. It wasn't a particular

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NorCOG: author, but a program well, right from

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NorCOG: the government

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NorCOG: to Rick's Point, where, like, there's nobody there to draft that bill other than Dvc input to push the bill through to.

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NorCOG: You know what I mean. I can't imagine them thinking this up on their own.

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NorCOG: It's also it's also why New York State needs to stop making laws through the budget process.

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NorCOG: We can't agree with you more. Thank thank you.

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NorCOG: So before I go there, I got time. Did I? Did your question get answered? He's the only one of 4 that wrote it. I can read it verbatim. Do you want me to read it? No.

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NorCOG: they're not taking your help.

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NorCOG: Okay? So we can take a few more questions. Go ahead

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NorCOG: because she can't hear you unless you have. No.

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NorCOG: no, don't give him hell now. All she's gotta do is hang up.

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NorCOG: Yeah, I know.

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Krista Spohr: I won't do that, no matter how mad I get. Don't worry.

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NorCOG: So quick. Just overview of what just happened to us is we bought a hundred acres.

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NorCOG: and on

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NorCOG: we bought it, because originally on the maps. It was about 15 to 20 acres of wetlands.

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NorCOG: We were planning to have 2 new construction builds on it.

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NorCOG: and on one side of it, where my father was building. He wanted to have the Dec. Come out and just map out the wetlands that were there to make sure we weren't in that original 100 foot buffer zone.

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NorCOG: Now she came and made

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NorCOG: are

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NorCOG: basically our entire piece of land wetlands. It's now 90 acres of wetlands

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NorCOG: instead of just the original 20, which is the reason why we bought it.

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NorCOG: So now, moving forward, we have this small little corner about 10 acres in the back left corner that we are allowed to build on.

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NorCOG: And

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NorCOG: at this point it's like, what is your permitting process going to look like? It's probably going to take, you know, 10 years to get through it, because you're going to have so many different permits.

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NorCOG: and or how stringent are your regulations going to be on this permitting process if we did want to take.

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NorCOG: I don't know. Section out an acre, 2 acres, 5 acres of

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NorCOG: wetlands to maybe build on.

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NorCOG: And because now, we have all wetlands. Basically.

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NorCOG: yeah.

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Krista Spohr: Then I

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Krista Spohr: I totally hear how frustrating that is, and that is also a reason why

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Krista Spohr: the maps need to be Redone. There's a lot of uncertainty. We're currently, if you look at the environmental resource mapper, there's a 500 foot check zone

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Krista Spohr: that it says. And we give that 500 foot check zone, because that's to say, Hey, if you're anywhere it, we it.

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Krista Spohr: We give you 500 feet because there's an uncertainty here. And I,

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Krista Spohr: yeah, that sucks.

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NorCOG: 500 feet is a little bit different than changing it. About 80 acres.

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Krista Spohr: Yeah. And that's so. Your region. 7.

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NorCOG: Yes, sure. Yes, yes.

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Krista Spohr: Yes, okay, and so the permitting process

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Krista Spohr: they're like, I said, especially after what you're dealing with.

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Krista Spohr: it's not that

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Krista Spohr: if you give a site plan. If you say what you want to do, we will work with you. There is building within an adjacent area the 1st thing is to avoid. But if you can avoid, and it sounds like you can't avoid, because now you're working to go, you went from 100 acres to 10 acres.

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Krista Spohr: and then.

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Krista Spohr: because you can't avoid your end to mitigate. Okay, well, what exactly is it that you want to do? And then they look at what you want to do

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Krista Spohr: and how big of an impact that would be onto the wetland, depending on what it, what you want to do. So just

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Krista Spohr: it's a back and forth.

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NorCOG: How stringent are these going to be.

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Krista Spohr: It's site specific. So did they tell you what kind, what classification those wetlands are.

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NorCOG: No, not yet.

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Krista Spohr: Okay? So that is a major thing. It's a lot different if it's a class one than a class 4.

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NorCOG: Okay, now, it's a when did you start your process right now? Oh, I have built it. So we we bought it. What? 2 years ago.

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NorCOG: 2 years ago.

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NorCOG: the only, the the delineation just happened in the beginning of September.

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NorCOG: and

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NorCOG: I had already, so I divided the property from not 100 acres from 5 acres and 95. I gave her 5 acres of it, and when they did the delineation

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NorCOG: they literally went on the driveway which runs up the property line.

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NorCOG: There's alleviation. Run right along the driveway

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NorCOG: across where she wanted to build her health

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NorCOG: across within 50 foot of the existing old barn that was there, and then heads to a probably more west direction.

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NorCOG: and they literally cut right across there. I thought I was like this 2,200 foot road from, and all we have to to work with is the original driver.

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NorCOG: point 240 work front, which is now all gotten.

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NorCOG: There's no room for a driveway, not except for the existing driveway.

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NorCOG: and I am compatible.

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NorCOG: I don't know a whole lot, but it's only 38.

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NorCOG: They showed up with onyx maps on their phone previously. And that's how we were mapping in.

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NorCOG: So can you hear any of that? Or is it.

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Krista Spohr: I trying to get the gist I get the gist. It's.

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01:53:58.138 --> 01:54:08.069

NorCOG: Would like to start building in spring.

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NorCOG: And how long is this process going to take? Am I going to take a year of permitting of going back and forth and back and forth, and I'm getting pushed another year to build.

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Krista Spohr: I know that is not the goal. That is not the goal on our side, either, because it just takes longer and longer. It drags it out for both of us.

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NorCOG: Well, correct. I'm just wondering again with your you're going to be overwhelmed in the amount of wetlands that we're now currently have. You're gonna have an

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NorCOG: in a crazy amount of hermits, I can only imagine.

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NorCOG: So we'll have to see.

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Krista Spohr: We get there. I don't.

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NorCOG: Yeah, but.

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Krista Spohr: I don't have a crystal ball.

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01:54:43.990 --> 01:54:44.860

NorCOG: Alright.

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01:54:45.140 --> 01:54:51.869

NorCOG: Alright. So I think that we're gonna have to wrap up the questions. It's 9 o'clock. We usually try to end by now.

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NorCOG: Krista's email address, I hope, is either it's probably on that documentation.

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Krista Spohr: It's in. It's also in the Pdf. Of the slides.

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NorCOG: So you can email her a question and hopefully, she'll get back to you. And beyond that.

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NorCOG: it is what it is

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NorCOG: in the year.

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NorCOG: So Krista.

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Krista Spohr: Yes.

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01:55:17.310 --> 01:55:19.009

NorCOG: You still there? Thanks a lot.

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Krista Spohr: You're welcome. Thank you.

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NorCOG: Better.

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Krista Spohr: Thank you.

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NorCOG: Away from Chautauqua Lake.

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NorCOG: See you later.

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Krista Spohr: Bye, have a good day, guys. Thank you for listening to hard stuff to hear.

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Krista Spohr: But honestly, we're not trying to be jerks.

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Krista Spohr: Thanks.

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NorCOG: Wanted to mention that Krista's presentation will be available. It's a Pdf. On the Norcog website, which is norcog.org. The Pdf. Will be there. And I believe the last slide has her email address on it. We're also planning on posting the Zoom recording of tonight's meeting on the Norcog website as soon as I can get that up there.

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NorCOG: You know, you're gonna lose a large section of your land for development

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NorCOG: for a monetary return.

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NorCOG: Anything out as much as possible. Yeah, because I part of where I wanted to build was in checkbook

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01:57:11.520 --> 01:57:18.385
NorCOG: so

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01:57:25.570 --> 01:57:30.479
NorCOG: proper protocols. At least let me get delineation right

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01:57:30.610 --> 01:57:43.249
NorCOG: when she came to do the literally, she walked straight. 900.

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01:57:43.560 --> 01:57:49.970
NorCOG: Some of it is still at the old way. But yeah, but I also lived on the pitch

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NorCOG: going through. It's not in the check.