

Tupper Lake, NY

Nestled in the heart of the Adirondack Park, a resilient, innovative community built on heritage and progress

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A Community Built on Timber

- Logging Legacy
- Deep roots in the timber industry
- Tupper Lake Pine Mill: still operating and providing local jobs
- Forestry shaped our economic foundation and cultural identity
- We are a community of rich ethnic and religious diversity. Lebanese, French Canadian, Italians and their respective faiths all came together to build a strong community.



Big Tupper Ski Area

- Big Tupper opened in the 1960s and remains a symbol of our community's spirit and potential.
- Efforts to explore revitalization continue



Sunmount: A Legacy of Service





 Sunmount, once a VA hospital for WWI veterans with shell shock, is now an OPWDD facility and has long been a cornerstone employer for the region.



The Oval Wood Dish Factory

Historic factory producing woodenware and household goods

A symbol of local industry and innovation

Now being reborn as a center for housing and business







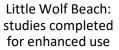
Revitalization Through Recreation







Tupper Lake Waterfront Park: guided by LWRP planning







The Wild Center: tourism and driving environmental leader Tupper Lake Golf Club: long-time recreational resource

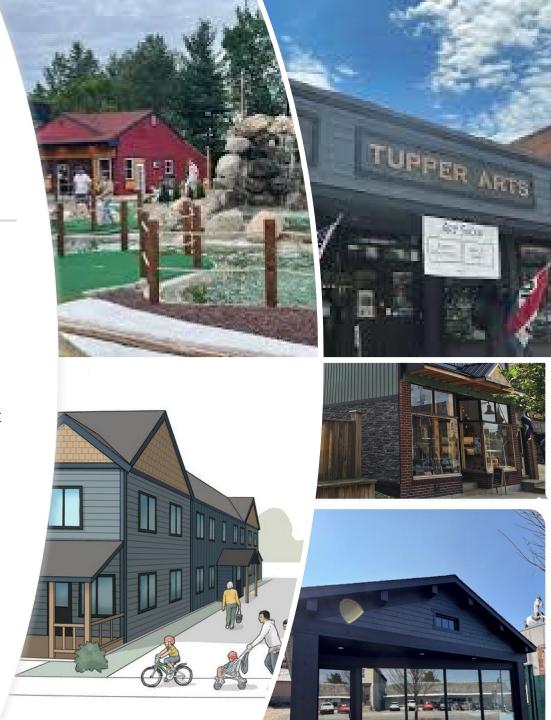




Revitalization and Transformation

- Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) projects are transforming the heart of Tupper Lake.
- TimberJaxx Mini Golf and Tupper Arts highlight creativity, culture, and family fun.
- Housing and streetscape investments strengthen community appeal.
- Northern Forest Center's housing project bringing a new face to Park Street with 9 new units for work-force housing
- Façade renovations on Park Street businesses
- A new face for the Adirondack State Theater coming soon!

If you haven't seen Park Street in a while, you should plan a visit soon!



Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

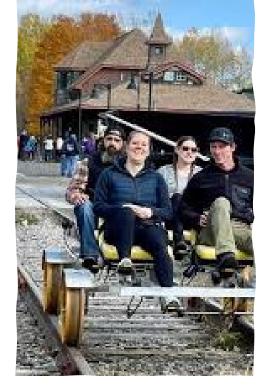
- Developing a shared vision for the waterfront and uplands.
- Enhancing access to Raquette Pond and improving public amenities.
- Funded through NYS Department of State aligning local and state revitalization goals.















Adirondack Rail Trail

- A 34-mile trail connecting Tupper Lake to Lake Placid.
- Transforms a historic corridor into a fourseason recreation route.
- Supports cycling, skiing, and snowmobiling while fueling local tourism.
- Tupper Lake Station now serves as a vibrant gateway for visitors.

Recreation in All Seasons









- Outdoor adventure yearround defines our identity.
- Summer: paddling, boating, biking, fishing, golfing, camping
- Fall: hiking, leaf-peeping, scenic drives.
- Winter: skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling.
- Spring: birding and wildlife exploration.





The Tupper Lake Triads & Challenges

- The Hiking Triad: Mount Arab, Coney Mountain, Goodman Mountain.
- The Paddling Triad: explore connected waterways.
- Encourages repeat visitation and community pride.
- Thousands have completed the challenges since 2015.





Signature Events & Festivals

- Field Day summer celebration of tradition and community.
- OkTupperfest fall festival featuring music, crafts, and brews.
- BrewSki winter cross-country ski event paired with local breweries.
- Tinman Triathlon one of the longestrunning triathlons in the U.S.
- Northern Challenge Ice Fishing Derby a major winter attraction.

















Water Infrastructure & Partnerships

- Tupper Lake continues addressing aging systems and water quality.
- Collaboration and planning ensure long-term solutions.
- Strong partnerships with state agencies guide progress to aging systems and limited funding
- Commitment to long-term solutions with available resources



Looking Ahead: A Shared Vision

- Projects like the LWRP, Rail Trail, and DRI share a unified goal: sustainable growth.
- Climate Smart Community and a Pro-Housing Community
- Together, we're building a connected, vibrant, and resilient future for Tupper Lake.
- Thank you for supporting our vision and partnership.