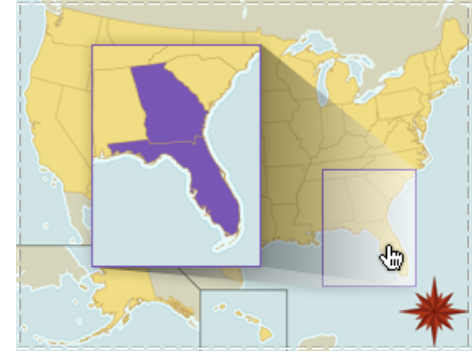




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Report: Mohawk Towpath Byway Scenic Conservation workshop

This past June Scenic America facilitated a workshop

to discuss the visual character of the Mohawk Towpath Byway in upper central New York State.

The gathering was part of a series of scenic conservation workshops conducted by Scenic America under the auspices of [America's Byways Resource Center](#). The workshop was organized locally by Eric Hamilton, chair of the Mohawk Towpath Byway.



Historic district of Crescent on the Mohawk Towpath Byway
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Attendees represented all of the major municipalities along the byway, as well as key business, community and government entities in the area.

A report on the workshop was prepared by the primary facilitator of the workshop, Brad Cownover, ASLA, Director of Scenic Conservation Services for Scenic America. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the report as a PDF file.

Maine celebrates 30 years since billboard ban

It's been 30 years since the State of Maine enacted an all-out ban on billboards. It took seven more years to rid the Pine Tree State of the eyesores, but finally in 1984 the last billboard fell with a group of dignitaries and the press watching.



The Maine Sunday Telegram has published [this article](#) commemorating the anniversary. Kevin Fry, president of Scenic America, and Marion Fuller Brown, Scenic America founder, were both interviewed for the report.

Scenic Trivia Question:

Q: When was Scenic America founded?

A: In 1982, as the Coalition for Scenic Beauty. The name was changed to Scenic America in April 1989.

Quote of the Month:

"When a man throws an empty cigarette package from an automobile, he is liable for a fine of \$50. When a man throws a billboard across a view, he is richly rewarded."

~ Pat Brown
California Governor in 1961

[The YouTube question you *didn't* hear](#)

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As part of the debate, candidates took questions submitted by citizens via



video through the YouTube site. Out of the thousands of questions submitted only a handful were chosen for inclusion in the debate.

Among the questions that weren't used on-air, Scenic America found one that we would've *loved* to have seen played for the candidates.

Van Kornegay of [Citizens for a Scenic South Carolina](#) wanted to ask the candidates a rather timely question about upholding Lady Bird Johnson's memory and doing something about the ever-expanding blight plaguing our nation's roadways and landscapes. [Click here](#) to watch Kornegay's submission.

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