



February 26, 2018 - RACOG Report

NY Alerts Update – Waiting to hear back from Jason Willetts. They are working through some issues with the new vendor, so we are just waiting for them to be resolved before moving forward with training.

LED Lighting - I am currently collecting all the light fixture inventories for each member municipality. Jamie Rogers from ANCA, said he would be willing to come meet with the group once we have those, to discuss potential next steps if RACOG is interested?

Community Resource Map - The intern from Monroe Community College has been working on pulling together the historical resources for the RACOG area and she believes she has most of all of them. She is starting to work on the fire departments and municipal buildings right now.

Website – The new website is up and running at www.racog.org . I am currently working on Town of Champion's site, then will begin work on Deferiet's.

Internships – There were two internship applications submitted to Pratt-Northam Foundation within the RACOG area. Both of these applications were not approved. They had 10 less workshops this year, so things were very competitive. RACOG applicants that were not approved, were encouraged to apply to the "Careers Here Program" at the Jefferson County Workplace. They said that program could potentially be a good fit in getting an intern for the summer.

QGIS Training – The training on February 23, 2018 at Carthage Central High School saw 26 people sign up. It was a very successful event and Carthage Central High School is a great resource to have in the area. The Tug Hill Commission has coordinated another hands-on QGIS training at SUNY ESF in Syracuse on March 12, 2018. Keith Jenkins from Cornell University will also be presenting at that one. I will again be presenting for about a half hour of that training, in relation to the Tug Hill Commission's GIS.

Individual Community Support – I have been providing assistance to individual communities. The most recent assistance was looking into a CCA with NY Municipal Energy Program (MEP) for the Town of Champion, which could benefit RACOG as well.

IT (Information Technology) Services - I needed Brian for an issue that came up and he was very responsive. It is nice having someone like him to back me up when needed, especially when there is a time constraint.

Town of Lowville Request – The Town of Lowville by board approval, are requesting to join RACOG. Should RACOG approve them for becoming a member, each individual community will have to approve changing their IMA to include the Town of Lowville. Are there any other communities interested in joining? If so, would it be beneficial to reach out to them, since it may be more efficient changing the IMA one time to include multiple interested municipalities?

Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider - Report

Circuit Rider Mileage – Does RACOG want the Tug Hill Commission to administer the mileage reimbursement?

Tug Hill Local Government Conference - March 29, 2018: Registration is now open and you can register online at <http://www.tughill.org/lgc2018/> or by filling out the registration form, which also can be found at this website address.

Black River Watershed Conference - June 12, 2018: The conference will be held at Camp Turk, with the keynote speaker being David Eichorn. His presentation is titled “Changing Weather in a Changing Climate”.