



March 20, 2018 - RACOG Report

NY Alerts Update – Waiting to hear back from Jason Willetts after their management meeting yesterday. It currently looks like the new vendor will not support individual village and town users. Jason is checking into whether RACOG can be setup like a county organization within the NY Alert system. The other option will be to reach out to the county and see if they can setup user roles for each municipality for alerts. Other options besides NY Alerts are being looked at.

LED Lighting – There is a complete list of inventories for the LED lighting. Jamie Rogers the Clean Energy Communities representative from ANCA is willing to come out and meet with the group about next steps. It might also be worth seeing if Chris Carrick from the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board could come speak to the group also.

CCA (Community Choice Aggregation) – NYSERDA information on what is a CCA can be found on their website: <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Clean-Energy-Communities/Clean-Energy-Communities-Program-High-Impact-Action-Toolkits/Community-Choice-Aggregation> . There are a couple of CCAs out there:

- MEGA (Municipal Energy Gas Alliance): <http://megacca.org/>
- NY-MEP (New York Municipal Energy Program): <https://ny-mep.com/>

Community Resource Map - The intern from Monroe Community College has been working on pulling together the historical, municipal, and non-for-profit resources for the RACOG area and she believes she has most of all of them. She may be contacting the clerks from each community in the near future. She is also willing to come out and present at the RACOG board meeting in May.

Website – The new website is up and running at www.racog.org . Town of Champion's site is just about complete, then I will begin work on the Deferiet and Lowville sites. We are starting from scratch with the last two, so they should go a little faster. Wilna Champion Transportation Association would like a web page on the RACOG website if possible.

Internships – We have one and maybe two potential interns through the "Careers Here Program" at the Jefferson & Lewis County Workplaces. Also, there is another program that could be utilized. The Environmental Finance Center has agreed to submit for that application and would handle the administration of that intern if successful.

Mapping – Village of West Carthage will be receiving a QGIS package with their data on it for the planning board. The village of Carthage DPW Superintendent on Thursday afternoon will be shown how to utilize the tablet and mobile application. Preparation for the culvert mapping project for town of Wilna will be starting soon.

Mickey Dietrich, RACOG Circuit Rider - Report

RACOG Highway/DPW Meeting – Looking at having a spring meeting of Highway and DPW Superintendents to discuss shared service tracking and other issues they might be facing. Also will be looking to have a presenter or two at that meeting.

IT (Information Technology) Services – Would like to utilize some of Brian's time for getting the last two websites up and running. The town of Champion site will be able to be used as a template.

Town of Lowville Request – All communities have passed the resolution to sign the new IMA with the town of Lowville. Randy Schell is currently on vacation, but the town of Lowville board did approve him signing the IMA. He will sign it as soon as he gets back from vacation.

Wilna Champion Transportation Association – Heather from the Wilna Champion Transportation Association is willing to come give an update to the RACOG board in April, if there will be a meeting that month.

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.

Adirondack Park Local Government Conference

Crowne Plaza Lake Placid, New York April 18 & 19, 2018 More information is available on APA's website www.apa.ny.gov

Local Leaders Conference

We invite you to join the SU-EFC for our annual Local Leaders Conference to be held once again at the beautiful Minnowbrook Conference Center in Blue Mountain Lake, NY. The purpose of this conference is to provide rural leaders in NYS the opportunity to develop leadership skills and discuss local governance needs, all while networking with technical assistance providers and state and federal funding agency representatives. This event is part of EFC's Public Management Finance Program (PMFP). <http://efc.syr.edu/2018-smart-management-for-small-communities-conference/>

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".