



May 15, 2018 - RACOG Report

NY Alerts Update – New York State is currently working with the vendor in getting the RACOG communities into the new system. The issue that was preventing things from moving forward, seems to have been fixed.

LED Lighting – Troy & Banks was unable to attend our May meeting. I am looking into a webinar that any interested communities could sit in on. Also, there will be a presentation done by Troy & Banks in Syracuse on June 19th, 2018.

Community Resource Map – Kelsey Hurley from Monroe Community College will be presenting at the RACOG board meeting in May.

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/>

Good Energy with NY-MEP is willing to come present to the board about their program.

Website – I met with Brian Phelps about a week ago to discuss websites and some conversions of documents that needs to take place. Brian is going to work on the backend of some of the sites, while I work on the layouts and graphics.

Internships – Seth Lapp has started working with the Tug Hill Commission through the Environmental Finance Center. With Seth's early start, he will be on pace to be done by about the third week in July. The funding through EFC will run out around that time. If the RACOG board would like to extend Seth's internship to around the end of August, EFC would need about \$2000. EFC is willing to still administer the internship through them and handle all the paperwork. For the \$2000 there would be no restrictions on what work Seth could be working on for the RACOG communities.

It looks like our internship through the Jefferson County Workplace is close to being accepted. Next Wednesday they are coming out for a site visit to see where the intern would be working. The intern through this program will be assisting primarily with comprehensive planning, but will probably do a little mapping work as well.

Mapping – The Tug Hill Commission web map portal www.tughill.giscloud.com has undergone some changes. More local data is in the process of being loaded and more features have been added. The Commission is receiving some feedback from communities on what things they would like to see or be able to do. The RACOG Community Resource Map will also be added to the portal.

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River Recreation Opportunities – Lewis County Chamber of Commerce and Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce are looking at a date to get together to discuss a kayaking/canoeing type of event from Lowville to Carthage.

Railroad Bed Update - Ronald Trottier will be coming to the June 19th board meeting to talk about his plans for the railroad bed from Lowville to Croghan and Lowville to Carthage.

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”.

Summer Initiatives – As summer approaches, the board may want to look at what projects or initiatives you would like me to be working on. We won't be meeting during July and August.