



September 18, 2018 - RACOG Report

Railroad Bed Update – Ronald Trottier said that the pedal cars should be arriving in Lowville in the near future. He is purchasing the Memories Restaurant at Beach's Bridge, where he is looking to also do kayak and pontoon boat rentals.

Black River Mapping – (See Draft Report) <https://www.racog.org/black-river/> About 21.7 miles were mapped out from Lowville to Carthage. There were 21 navigation hazards mapped consisting of woody debris, piles, boulders, shoals, etc. Close to 20,000 depth points were taken along our navigation path on the river. If deemed worth it by RACOG, we could verify hazards again in 2019 and update the navigation map. It would take two days of work.

NY Alerts Update – We have the training tonight and will be looking to follow-up with other users at another date and time.

Website – Maintenance on website and working with new updates. There have been some hurdles with the website updates. Lowville's website is close to being ready for review. Will be getting together with Janet to start getting Deferiet's website put together, summer was a busy time for them.

Internships – Seth Lapp has been hired on at the Village of Deferiet. If there are any projects RACOG would like an intern for, we actually have to start looking for interns now, because of the internship programs that are out there.

LED Lighting – Paul Vesel with RealTerm Energy (associated with Troy & Banks) will be presenting about municipal owned LED lighting at the RACOG board meeting in October. He has asked for the municipalities to send their most recent electric bill to me, so I can send it over to him prior to his presentation, giving him a chance to run the numbers.

Fort Drum – Would the board like me to reach out to Fort Drum Army Community Service department about them coming to present to RACOG on what communities can do to help make soldiers feel welcomed? Also, talking about their employment readiness program and whether there are things that local governments can do to help with this, whether getting employment locally or even within a local government.

RACOG Resource Inventory Management Plan – Would the board like me to continue working on this management plan? It utilizes census information to show trends and what might be happening within the communities. It also usually incorporates current comprehensive management plans into it and for those that don't have one, this could be utilized for that purpose.

Community Resource Map – I will be looking to update this map moving forward. The community resource map can be found at www.racog.org and it is also incorporated into the Tug Hill Commission's map portal at www.tughill.giscloud.com