



November 19, 2019 - RACOG Report

Chamber of Commerce (Local Events): **Jeanette Turner**, Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce, **Lewis County Chamber Board Member (TBD)**, Lewis County Chamber of Commerce

Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey Results (Potentially): **Katie Malinowski**, Tug Hill Commission
(Waiting on report from JCC Center for Community Studies for RACOG)

Fort Drum Internships – Currently there are no Fort Drum interns. Presented a couple weeks ago at a session at Fort Drum for soldiers transitioning out of service on potential internship opportunities with RACOG.

RACOG Resource Management Plan Update – Will have final draft for approval at January meeting.

LED Lighting – Hoping to have Jessica Waldorf come out and give an update at the January meeting. Any community looking to add sensors to their street lighting, like meter readers, air quality sensors, etc., will want to contact Jessica to setup a meeting. RACOG should know about the Local Government Efficiency grant by the end of December.

Walkable Communities (Complete Streets) –The Jefferson Lewis BOCES students are willing to work on community projects. There is a draft complete streets policy available for communities that are interested. Any community adopting the policy will have potential access to grant funding for projects. So far, the villages of Carthage, Copenhagen, and Deferiet have adopted the policy. We have started to pull together projects for these communities.

Industry Summit – I had a conference call with Eric Virkler (Lewis County IDA), David Zembiec (Jefferson County IDA), and Sarah Bullock (Carthage Industrial Development Corporation) about an event like this. There was consensus that this should focus on the RACOG area specifically. It was talked about having something toward the end of April and could even be a ½ day workshop.

Project Inventory (Vision Plan?) – Erik Labitoria started to gather some of this information, but his internship has ended. More information needs to be collected, so this will be something I will continue to follow-up with communities on.

Websites – The villages of Castorland and Copenhagen will be having websites setup through RACOG. Also, those communities currently using RACOG website service will be undergoing an update. Once updated, I will let everyone know to make sure everything still works okay.

ACTION ITEMS

Future Presentations – We have several potential presenters. Jessica Waldorf is willing to come out and give and update on the LED street lighting project, as well as, provide information related to Climate Smart

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Communities and Community Choice Aggregation. Along those same lines, RACOG could have Good Energy, Joules Assets, and MEGA come speak to RACOG about Community Choice Aggregation. The Lewis County IDA has expressed interest in coming to a RACOG board meeting, so maybe we also invite Jefferson County IDA and the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation. Having all three organizations present.

Action Needed: *Feedback from the board.*