



April 16, 2019 - RACOG Report

PRESENTER: InfoGroup Webinar Presentation – TJ Pridell

LED Lighting – Communities who have approved to move forward with NYPA so far, are the towns of Champion, Martinsburg, Wilna and village of West Carthage. More communities are looking to bring up approval at their next board meetings. Other communities involved in the group are the towns of Adams, Denmark, Lyme, and villages of Adams, Carthage, Castorland, Copenhagen, Croghan, Deferiet, Lowville, Lyons Falls, and Sackets Harbor.

RACOG Resource Management Plan Update (After Presentation) – Update on the progress of the Monroe Community College interns and vision of what this plan will look like. Looking for feedback from the RACOG board.

Fort Drum Community Involvement – I was asked to present to the 210 Brigade Support Battalion at Fort Drum on April 9th on behalf of RACOG. I talked about recreational opportunities and ways that soldiers and their families can volunteer or be involved in their communities. There was some interest in maybe assisting with boardwalks in Carthage Park and helping with the Carthage monument.

Online GIS Portal – RACOG's new map portal link is <https://racog.giscloud.com>. Still a work in progress, as things are still being developed and information from the resource management plan will be incorporated into it as completed. Have been working on doing some customization to the site. Brian has been assisting with this.

NY Alerts – Looking at doing a group training, so everyone can have a refresher course.

Carthage Area Hospital Walkable Community Dinner Meeting – The hospital is looking into having a dinner meeting and inviting the RACOG board, where Mark Fenton would present about walkable communities. The meeting looks like it will take place on the night of May 15th.

RACOG Public Works Presentation – Due to requests from different DPW personnel within RACOG, I have reached out to the NY Rural Water Association to do a presentation on the Diamond Maps program. Right now it looks like this will be taking place on May 30th.

Black River Kayak Event – There is interest from the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lewis County Chamber of Commerce to do a kayak challenge event. Some ideas were a relay kayak race, including a shorter individual race, kayak obstacle course for kids, vendors at different locations, and awards ceremony, followed by maybe some music.

ACTION ITEMS

Resource Management Plan – Are there any things the board would like to see covered in the resource management plan, that are not currently being covered. Plus, any other thoughts the board has on the plan.

Action Needed: *Feedback from the board.*

Mileage – For mileage reimbursement, does this cover activities like going to meetings for communities that have interest in joining RACOG and/or communities that are taking part in a regional RACOG project like LED lighting? **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Fort Drum Internship – Is there interest from the board in bringing on a Fort Drum intern. The intern could continue to work on the Resource Management Plan, since it most likely will not be finished by the Monroe Community College interns. This person could also assist on other things like the RACOG map portal, helping communities with any mapping needs, and potentially assisting on other projects (i.e. LED lighting). **Action Needed:** *Approval to have agreement signed with Fort Drum to start search for an intern.*

Fort Drum Career Fair Event (*Depends on decision for Fort Drum Internship*) – Fort Drum has a career fair event taking place again on May 2, 2019. If RACOG is interested in having an intern, this might be worth attending.

Action Needed: *Approval of participation in the event.*