



May 21, 2019 - RACOG Report

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Black River Watershed Conference – June 4th, 2019 @ Camp Aldersgate

LED Design Kickoff Meeting – Will be in mid to late June.

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

Walkable Communities – There were several walk audits done last week, plus a Carthage Area Hospital sponsored meeting. Some examples of things that can be done to improve pedestrian safety and promote healthy lifestyles, were things like adding bike racks at different locations and/or having parklets during the summer. The Jefferson-Lewis BOCES is willing to work with communities on building some of these things and are looking forward to the opportunity this could provide to their students.

RACOG Resource Management Plan Update (After Presentation) – Interns presented their results to their class on May 14, 2019. The data will be loaded into the online map portal.

Fort Drum News – Presented at Fort Drum on the internship position with RACOG. Had one person contact me who is interested when their deployment is done.

Online GIS Portal – RACOG's new map portal link is <https://racog.giscloud.com>. Hoping to have all the data into this site by the next board meeting.

Diamond Maps – Sat in on the village of Carthage Diamond Maps training. Also had Tim Turck (West Carthage) and Pat Mahar (Denmark) sit in on it, so they could check it out.

Black River Kayak Event – Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce expressed that they think having an event in October, like a Oktoberfest festival, would be great.

Black River Navigation Map Update – Looking at mapping out the Black River again for changes navigation hazards and updating the map. Anyone interested in joining in on this, let me know.

ACTION ITEMS

LED Lighting Grant – Would the board like to proceed with the Local Government Efficiency grant? **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

CGI Communications – Is there interest from the board in pursuing a RACOG video with CGI Communications? From what I have been told, is that they do these promotional videos for a municipality or regional organization at no cost. They look for local business sponsors, but even if they don't get any they still will do the video. **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Future Presenters – Good Energy – Community Energy Aggregation; Jeanette Turner, Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce – Black River Oktoberfest Event and Updates **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Walkable Communities Policy – Would RACOG like to explore a walkable community action policy to take to their respective boards. Jefferson County Department of Health and the Tug Hill Commission has offered to help communities put together a policy. **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Black River Mapping/Kayak Trip – Would RACOG like to invite anyone to tag along on kayaking the river? Would it be worth inviting legislators from within the region to take part? **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*