



October 22, 2019 - RACOG Report

LED Lighting Update: Jessica Waldorf, NYPA (~~Conference Call~~)-Update Sent By Email

RACOG Resource Management Plan Draft: Jeong Park, Fort Drum Intern, RACOG

Tug Hill Commission Annual Meeting – November 7th, 2019 @ Tug Hill Vineyards

Fort Drum Internships – Jeong Park will be done on October 25, 2019. There is a new intern working out of the Tug Hill Commission office, his name is Erik Labitoria. He will be with us until December 13, 2019. There is another Fort Drum soldier who is looking for an internship in December and would like to be involved with grant writing or something related to that.

RACOG Resource Management Plan Update – We continue to add and edit the current draft report. Jeong will be presenting his report to the board at the meeting. This is still a work in progress and we will have a draft executive summary for next meeting.

LED Lighting – Will get an update on the NYPA conference call for the meeting.

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 Deferiet and Carthage have adopted the policy. We will need to get any potential projects together soon in order to utilize the grant funding that is available.

Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey Results –The Tug Hill Commission has the survey results ready to be presented to the RACOG board.

Industry Summit (?) – Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Board did an industry summit last fall. It looked like it was a very productive event and they have had follow-up workshops. Here is a link to their website for the summit: <https://southerntiersummit.com/> Was wondering whether this might be something worth having on a smaller scale for the RACOG region?

Project Inventory (Vision Plan?) – Gathering of future community projects, their location, what the priority is for them, as well as, any additional comments communities might have. This would be a list that could be used to help match potential funding sources to potential projects. The information collected potentially could be the beginning of a “Vision Plan” for the RACOG region.

ACTION ITEMS

Project Inventory – Would the board like to have Erik pull together all the potential projects for each municipality that is a member of RACOG? **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Industry Summit – Is this something the board would like me to look into and connect with potential partners for something like this, like the Industrial Development Corporations, Chamber of Commerces, etc.? **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Update IMA – Need to have approval for updating the IMA to include Castorland and Copenhagen. **Action Needed:** *Resolution Passed.*

Future Presentations – Have Katie Malinowski present the resident and landowner survey results for RACOG. Also, we could have another presenter to talk about climate smart communities or community choice aggregation? The other option, could be to invite the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce and Lewis County Chamber of Commerce to come talk about the different things they have going on in the region and potential for other events in the region. **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*