



September 17, 2019 - RACOG Report

Carthage Area Hospital Blue Zone Presentation Invite: Dave Gunderson, Program Manager, Carthage Area Hospital

Jefferson Lewis BOCES Student Project Discussion: Tracy Gyoerkoe, Director of Career and Technical Education, BOCES, Joanna Witt, Principal of Bohlen Technical Center, BOCES, and Paul Mooney, Principal of Howard G. Sackett Technical Center, BOCES

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

Tug Hill Commission Draft Strategic Plan – Handouts of the draft strategic plan for the Tug Hill Commission.

Fort Drum Internship – Jeong Park is a Corporal with Fort Drum and has been working with RACOG since early August. The Tug Hill Commission may also be getting a Fort Drum intern soon.

LED Lighting – LED lighting smart control grant application was submitted at the end of July. Grant awards should be announced some time around December. There was a total of 16 communities that were a part of the grant. More complete update will be given later in meeting.

Walkable Communities – There is now a draft policy available for communities. The Jefferson Lewis BOCES students will potentially be involved with some community projects. More about this later in the meeting.

Black River Navigation Map Update – There will be a draft report and map handed out.

Black River Fishing With Beaver Camp Kids – I took part of a day off from work back in the summer to volunteer taking some kids from Beaver Camp out fishing on the Black River. We put in at the West Carthage boat launch and had a good day out on the river.

Black River Kayak Event – Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce was interested in an Oktoberfest kayak event this fall but didn't have the volunteers needed. Hopefully will be something that can be coordinated for next year.

RACOG Resource Management Plan Update – A draft report will be handed out. There are still a couple more sections to add, but this will allow for some feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

Future Presentations – Would board like the NYS DEC to come talk about the Climate Smart Community certification process? This would be leading up to potential Community Choice Aggregation projects in the future. Also, there is funding available for Climate Smart Communities. **Action Needed:** *Feedback from the board.*

Future Meeting Sites – Does the board want to move the board meetings around the region throughout the year or maybe a couple times a year? Or would having them in one primary location be more beneficial?

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