



## September 28, 2022 - RACOG Report

**Presenters:** April Roggio, PhD, Albany University, Center for Policy Research – Local Foods Initiative

**Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner** – The Tug Hill Commission will have their annual dinner on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Zero Dock Street restaurant in Carthage, NY. The dinner will start at 5pm.

**Membership Request** – The town of Croghan has sent a letter asking to join RACOG.

**RACOG Regional Promotional Video** – CGI will be coming out October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to do the videos for the promotional video.

**Walkable Communities (Complete Streets)** – This project between the villages of Carthage, Copenhagen, Deferiet, and Jefferson Lewis BOCES will be receiving the community award at the Tug Hill Commission annual dinner.

**RACOG Economic Visioning Summit** – You should already have gotten the survey results from the summit. Need to look at next steps from the survey, if any.

**Friends of the Black River** – The historical preservation grant was not funded. The group will be talking about next steps, the Black River website, and mapping work at their next meeting on September 28, 2022 at 2pm.

**LED Lighting** – Jefferson County communities are in the final stages of getting their county shared service funds from NYS DOS. Lewis County communities already got their funding. The project is getting very close to completion.

**Wilna/Carthage Joint Comprehensive Plan** – The town of Wilna and village of Carthage have expressed interest in doing a comprehensive plan update.

**Digital Radar Signs** – We have had interest from the town of Champion, and villages of Carthage, Castorland, Copenhagen, Deferiet, Lowville, and West Carthage in getting digital radar signs. The commission has been looking into potential funding and one company has offered to do a demonstration of the signs they have to the group.

**3D Printed Zoning Map** – The Tug Hill Commission is in talks with Jefferson Lewis BOCES about doing a pilot project in creating a 3D printed zoning map for one of the villages within the Tug Hill region.

**Climate Smart Communities** – Matt Price is no longer with ANCA. If you have any questions about their programs, you can contact Nancy Bernstein at [nbernstein@adirondack.org](mailto:nbernstein@adirondack.org).

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**RACOG Banner Design & Printing** – Need to approve the expenditure for the banner. It was printed and displayed at the Jefferson and Lewis County fairs.

*Action Needed: Board Vote*

**Town of Croghan Request** – The town of Croghan has sent a letter asking to join RACOG. Their monthly meetings would be the third Monday of the month at 6pm.

*Action Needed: Discussion and Board Vote*

**Economic Visioning Summit** – Does the board want to have the summit again next year? If so, does the board want to have it around the same time? Also, does the board want to try and have it at a different location? Does the board also want to look at having small groups to focus on specific issues? (This could be made up of community members or participants of the summit.)

*Action Needed: Discussion*

**Future Meetings** – Does the group want to move the meetings around in RACOG, like we started doing just before COVID? Does the board want to have the digital radar sign company come out and do a presentation to the whole group about their signs? Or do you want this to only be with the communities interested?

*Action Needed: Discussion*

**Future Officers** – Wayne will be retiring the end of this year. The River Area Council of Governments will be looking for a new Chair. Please start thinking about if you might be interested in running. We will be voting on officers come January. Do we need to meet in December instead, to ensure there is no lapse in leadership?

*Action Needed: Start Thinking About*