



River Area Council of Governments

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Municipal Management Consultant Monthly Announcements

May 2022

Next RACOG Meeting

May 17, 2022 – Location TBD

Tug Hill Community Recognition Awards Nominations Open – Awardees will be recognized at the commission's 2022 annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at Zero Dock Street in Carthage. A full program description and detailed list of criteria are available at www.tughill.org/about/tug-hill-community-recognition-award/, but overall the award is looking for local governments or groups that have gone above and beyond to implement a project that has made a real impact in their area.

Historic Preservation, Municipal Gifting, and Forming a Not-for-Profit Papers Updated -

Commission staff have been working hard to keep issue and technical papers reviewed on a five-year basis. This week, updates to Forming a Not-for-Profit Corporation in New York State, Historic Preservation for Rural Local Governments, and Municipal Gifting and Fundraising are now available at tughill.org/publications/technical-issue-papers/.

Local Government Records Retention and Disposition Schedule Updated - The new 2022 version (411 pages) and the updated pages (60 pages) are also available on State Archives' web site at www.archives.nysed.gov/records/local-government-record-schedule/lgs-1-title-page

Open Meetings Law Changes – The Association of Towns has a very informative guide with a sample local law available on their website at

www.nytowns.org/images/Documents/Announcement/Sample%20Local%20Law%20%20Videoconferencing%20Amendments%20Guide.pdf

Drinking Water Technical Assistance for Communities - The NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Health (DOH) have a new initiative to assist municipalities with assessing and supporting drinking water source protection programs. The Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) is a state-run program created to assist municipalities with proactively protecting their drinking water sources.

RACOG UPDATES

- **Promotional Video** – Subcommittee will be working on the video and banner recommendations to the RACOG group.
- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit** – The summit sounded like it was a success from what I have heard back so far. There were 38 people signed up for the event, including presenters. A couple people have said they would like to see it again next year.
- **RACOG Event Display** – Working on getting pictures to the BOCES class. Tim Widrick from the village of Lowville is working with me on getting a draft display banner put together for the RACOG board.

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- **LED Lighting** – The contractor for NYPA is currently working on finishing up the lighting installation and getting the smart city technology installed. Both Jefferson and Lewis County communities got approval for the county shared service funds.
- **Complete Street Projects** – Projects are almost completed for Carthage, Copenhagen, and Deferiet. If other communities are interested in the future of doing some similar projects, BOCES is willing to discuss those projects.
- **“Friends of the Black River” Working Group** – There will be a meeting coming up in June. The group will be submitting for a historical preservation grant, with the town of Lowville being the lead agency to identify historical sites along the Black River.
- **Fort Drum Intern** – Josh will be done on May 5th.

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

To see more information on these trainings, go to <https://www.racog.org/grants-trainings/>

Civilian Conservation Corps Program: May 21, 2022 Join the Tug Hill Commission and the Oneida County Historical Center as we explore the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) throughout the Tug Hill Region, List of Programs: www.oneidacountyhistory.org/programs.html, *Oneida County Historical Center, NYS Tug Hill Commission*

Climate Action Council Public Hearings: The Climate Action Council will hold 10 public hearings across the State to receive public input on the Draft Scoping Plan and advance work on a Final Scoping Plan to guide the implementation of the State’s nation-leading climate goals under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act)., <https://climate.ny.gov/CAC-Meetings-and-Materials>, *Climate Action Council*

Stormwater Online Training Available: Online, <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8699.html>, *NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Soils and Water Conservation Districts*

Cornell Local Roads Training Webinars: <https://cals.cornell.edu/nyslta-local-roads/training-events/workshops> , *Webinar, Cornell Local Roads*

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Folklore Roadside Markers: Marker Grant Program, which helps communities commemorate their local folklore and legends, and promote cultural tourism with roadside markers., www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lorel/, *The William G. Pomeroy Foundation*, **Deadline:** May 2, 2022