



River Area Council of Governments

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Municipal Management Consultant Monthly Announcements

October 2022

Next RACOG Meeting

TBD – Possibly will be a presentation on digital radar signs.

Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner

The annual dinner will be on October 20th, 2022 at Zero Dock Street restaurant at 5PM. The community award recipient will be announced at the dinner.

RACOG UPDATES

- **Promotional Video** – CGI will be doing video shots on October 6th and 7th.
- **New Member** – The town of Croghan was approved by the RACOG board to join RACOG.
- **LED Lighting** – Jefferson County communities should be getting their county shared service funds soon. We have been working with NYS DOS to tie up some loose ends, since the person who was overseeing the project for them passed away.
- **Digital Radar Signs** – RACOG may have a company that deals with digital radar signs come and do a presentation and demonstration to the group. Currently there are six municipalities interested.
- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit** – The results were given to the RACOG board at the last meeting and have since been sent out to all participants of the summit.
- **“Friends of the Black River” Working Group** – The meeting on September 29th was cancelled, it will be rescheduled for some time in the near future.

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

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

Regulating Private Speech: Sign Regulations & the First Amendment: October 18, 2022, Webinar, According to the First Amendment, speech may be subject to different degrees of protection based upon its content, the speaker, and the context in which the speech is made. How does the First Amendment impact sign regulations in local communities? Mark will cover the nuances of the First Amendment, sign regulations, and relevant court cases.

tinyurl.com/tughillspeech, *NYS Tug Hill Commission, Cuthbertson Law*

Municipal Infrastructure Webinar: October 26, 2022, The Syracuse University Environmental Finance Center is hosting a free webinar, State and Federal Funding, Financing, and Resources for Municipal Infrastructure Roundtable Discussions, on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m. While the event is free, registration is required. Register here:

<https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvde6vrjsrE9KvqYhZoRHo43xnbZ4gld>
[Bu](#), *Syracuse Environmental Finance Center*

OSC Government Accounting Schools Classes: Fall 2022, <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/local-government/academy>, *Office of State Comptroller*

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GRANTS/ASSISTANCE

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2022-23 Justice Court Assistance Plan Grants: All town and village courts can apply for funding in many areas including office equipment and furniture, security equipment and court room and court facility improvements and renovations. www.nycourts.gov/courts/townandvillage/judges_only/icap.shtml, *Office of Justice Court*, **Deadline:** October 14, 2022

Preservation League Technical Assistance Grants: The Preservation League of New York State's Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) are available to eligible NYS nonprofits and municipalities for projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. www.preservenys.org/technicalassistance-grants, *The Preservation League of NYS*, **Deadline:** Pre-application October 17, 2022

Legends and Lore Marker Grant Program: Does your community have a great piece of folklore that should be shared? Legends & Lore is designed to promote cultural tourism and commemorate legends and folklore as part of our heritage. www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/, *William G. Pomeroy Foundation Legends & Lore*, **Deadline:** October 17, 2022

Lewis County Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program: The Façade & Streetscape Improvement Program aims to revitalize the historic character and attractiveness of villages and hamlets in Lewis County through public and private investment. To encourage and advance revitalization efforts, this program will provide 75/25 matching funds for eligible improvements to mixed-use and commercial buildings and streetscape enhancements throughout Lewis County. 315-376-5423, *Lewis County Planning Department*, **Deadline:** November 4, 2022

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program: With up to 30% set aside for eligible projects that primarily benefit rural communities or regional partnerships, the SMART program will fund purpose-driven innovation and focus on building data and technology capacity and expertise. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>, *U.S. Department of Transportation*, **Deadline:** November 18, 2022