



River Area Council of Governments

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Municipal Management Consultant Monthly Announcements

November 2022

Next RACOG Meeting

January 25, 2023 at 6pm – Location to be determined.

RACOG UPDATES

- **Promotional Video** – The CGI videos have all been collected except for a few introductions that still need to be done.
- **Fort Drum Interns** – The commission will be having two Fort Drum interns starting on February 1, 2023.
- **New Member** – The town of Croghan was approved by the RACOG board to join RACOG.
- **LED Lighting** – All Jefferson County communities have signed off on their shared service funds, except for one. That one is expected to be submitted soon.
- **Digital Radar Signs** – We had a presentation done on the digital radar signs in October. Some updated pricing will be sent to the group soon and the commission is continuing to investigate funding opportunities.
- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit** – A small group will meet soon to start looking at the threats, weaknesses, and opportunities that were identified at the summit.
- **“Friends of the Black River” Working Group** – The next meeting will be on November 15, 2022 at 4pm. It will be held at the town of Lowville municipal building.

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

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

Free Virtual trainings In Clean Energy: November 2 – December 5, 2022, Webinar, A series of free clean energy trainings. <https://bit.ly/3rcqF6z>, *Multiple Organizations*

Local Government Training Workshops for Healthy Watersheds and Resilient Communities: November 9, 2022, *Tailwater Lodge, 52 Pulaski St, Altmar, NY*, The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York Sea Grant (NYSG) today announced three upcoming watershed training workshops to help inform municipal planning, zoning, and code enforcement boards about the impact of various land uses on local water quality and watershed health. Participants will learn about floodplains and watersheds, why these features are important, and how they can be better protected with land use tools and best management practices.. Register here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/126382.html>, *New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, NY Sea Grant*

Budget & Accounting for Town Officials: November 29 - 30, 2022, *Tailwater Lodge, 52 Pulaski St, Altmar, NY*, Comprehensive training on financial requirements and regulations for town

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governments. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/budgeting-and-accounting-training-for-small-towns-tickets-432721570867>, *New York State Tug Hill Commission, Association of Towns*

Live Webinar Training Opportunities from NYS Archives: November 10 - December 7, 2022, *Webinar*, Using Historic Records in the Classroom: Consider the Source New York, More than CDs and Thumb Drives: Real Life Stories in the Adventures of Preserving Digital Records, and Legal Discovery: the Role of Records Management. Register here: <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/workshops/register>, *New York State Archives*

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

GRANTS/ASSISTANCE

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DEC Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants Open: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is now accepting applications for nearly \$640,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grant funding to help rural fire departments protect public safety and natural resources. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2364.html>, *NYS Department of Environmental Conservation*, **Deadline:** November 15, 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

Parks & Trails New York Grants: The Park and Trail Partnership Grant program, administered jointly by Parks & Trails New York and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), is a \$2 million capacity-building matching grants program funded through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund, <https://www.ptny.org/our-work/support/park-trail-partnership-program>, *Parks & Trails New York, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)*, **Deadline:** Intent of Apply – November 30, 2022