

TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

September 3, 2024

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
 - Approval of minutes of July 2, 2024
 - Approval of minutes of August 6, 2024

- FINANCIAL
 - Economic Development
 - Planning
 - Sustainability Management

- OLD BUSINESS
 - Reports
 - Grants
 - Economic/Community Development
 - Land Bank
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 - Misc.

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- PERSONNEL

- RESOLUTIONS
 - I01-Designation of Tioga Co. LDC DBA Tioga Co. Tourism as Authorized Tourism Promotion Agency for 2025
 - I02-Legislative Approval to Exceed Tioga County Food and Beverage Policy

I09-Authorize TCEDP Cash Match for Village of Newark Valley ESD
Planning Feasibility Study Grant Application

- PROCLAMATIONS - N/A
- ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 2, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barb Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Ron Ciotoli, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Elaine Jardine, Alex Umiker, Cathy Haskell, Jackson Bailey

Guests: Wendy Walsh, Tioga County Soil and Water

Legislator Keith Flesher was not in attendance.

Committee Chair Barb Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from June 4, 2024 – Committee Chair Roberts asked for approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2024, committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 4, 2024, meeting, seconded by Legislator Ciotoli. All were in favor.

Ms. Woodburn reported the following:

II. FINANCIAL

- A. 2024 Budget – Ms. Woodburn reported the following:
 1. Economic Development
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
 2. Planning
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
 3. Sustainability Management
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

Ms. Woodburn reported that work has begun to put the 2025 budgets together.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reports
 1. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.

2. Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.
3. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District – Ms. Walsh, Tioga County Soil and Water; monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report, highlighting the Agriculture Program, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, the Stream Program, as well as Education and Outreach.
 - Ms. Walsh announced Sundaes at the Farm will be held on July 21st at Frisbie Bros. Farm in Halsey Valley in the town of Spencer, noon – 3:00PM, and extended the invitation to the committee.
 - Ms. Walsh distributed pledge cards from Urban Nutrient Management Practices to protect water quality and to encourage residents to use fertilizer sparingly. Tioga County is running a promotional campaign. If residents complete the pledge card or enter information online, at the end of the year there is an opportunity to receive a free rain barrel and possibly a compost bin.
4. Economic Development – In keeping with staff reporting, Mr. Umiker, the ED&P Intern, and Ms. Jardine, County Planning Director, are both in attendance. Ms. Woodburn introduced Mr. Umiker. Mr. Umiker reported:
 - Interned with the ED&P Department for his required internship through the Binghamton University (BU) Master of Public Administration Program. Mr. Umiker mentioned at BU he learned about governmental structures and how the policy process works on the local level and has been able to apply this knowledge during his internship.
 - Worked on a complete fleet inventory document encompassing the year of purchase, year, make, model, drivetrain, fuel type, miles per gallon and more. This was one more action needed to earn enough points through the Clean Energy Communities Program for the County to achieve a \$10,000.00 grant.
 - Reviewed local zoning codes, attended educational workshops and was able to work with community organizations gaining a better understanding of the daily work of a public administrator.

He thanked the committee for the opportunity.

Ms. Woodburn introduced Ms. Jardine, County Planning Director.

 - Ms. Jardine put together a written report titled, *Evolution of the Susquehanna Heritage Area*. Ms. Jardine distributed and read the report providing the history and its purpose.

Ms. Woodburn continued to report:

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – The EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet is in the committee packet.
 - Town of Nichols decided not to move forward with their Comprehensive Plan application and was removed from the spreadsheet.
 - The auditors, Insero, looked over the CDBG documentation for the Neighborhood Depot Project. There were no follow up questions.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego DRI - 10 active projects ongoing.
An extension has been received on this program. The new completion date is January 2025; however, expecting most projects to be completed this summer.

2. Village of Waverly, NY Forward - Projects have been announced for the 4.5M award.
 - a. Met with the Village of Waverly Mayor to discuss next steps in the process as well as the timeline for the projects.
 - b. The Department of State will be sending out letters this week to project sponsors. After that, a meeting will be set up with the Department and State to have a kick-off meeting with ED&P and the Village of Waverly. Projects will not start until contracts are issued. This will take some time before moving forward.

Also discussed at the meeting were ideas for Two Rivers State Park as well as Land Bank opportunities and the Pro Housing Communities Program.
 3. Broadband – STN (Southern Tier Network) MIP (Municipal Infrastructure Program) grant application
 - a. STN was funded for buildouts in Newark Valley, Smithboro and the remaining areas in Nichols. We assisted them in connecting with the Newark Valley Fire Department to store their network equipment for this project. There is an interest in making a connection with the Town of Berkshire.
- D. Land Bank
1. 10 Watson Avenue, Newark Valley– Rehabilitation complete. The house is up for sale as a single-family home and will go back on the tax rolls.
 2. 121 Providence Street and 32 Lyman Avenue in Waverly – Rehabilitation in process. The roof is being replaced on both properties.
 3. 81 North Avenue – A mixed use building. The 1st and 2nd floors are gutted, working on the 3rd floor. Architectural drawings are being finalized. Hoping to send out for bid this month and get the rehab started.
 4. 247 Main St., Owego – Rehabilitation should begin in the fall.
- E. Workforce Development – Mr. Lanning continues to work on the following:
1. Business Leads Fellowship Program, attended the following virtual training:
 - a. Postsecondary Education Session
 2. Talent Supply Table (TST)
 - a. TST Gathering – Planning the 2nd annual TST gathering on August 21st, bringing all workforce committees together. This year it will be held at the Owego-Apalachin School; pairing businesses with school districts and developing relationships.
 3. School/Career Center Pilot Program- Mr. Lanning assisted on facilitating this program:
 - a. Received end-of-program data from Steve Keator at the Career Center. Met with 30 students, held 13 interest assessments. Worked on resume development, interview prep and job search.
 - b. Met with Jackie Burdick and Steve Keator to discuss end-of-program data and next steps.
- F. Planning – Ms. Jardine has been working on the following:
1. Refining the Live Tioga recruitment website with Tourism – The site is coming along. Deluge Media is getting photos and video content.
 2. Hazard Mitigation Plan update- Spoke about earlier.
 - a. Fourteen of sixteen municipalities have passed adoption resolutions.

- G. Sustainability Management – Dr. Pratt continues to work on the following:
 1. NYSDEC & Paint Care Program – The event held June 29th was very successful. Ms. Pratt will collect data for next month.
 2. Casella – Continuing discussions on accepting electronic waste at the Owego transfer station.
 3. NYPA – Continuing discussions on Fast Charging Hub in Park Street lot. There are easement issues to be worked out, more information to follow.
- H. IDA
 1. Business Administrator position – The position has been posted and a few applications have been received; interviews are to begin in July.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Grants
 1. See the EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet in the committee packet.
- B. Economic/Community Development
 1. CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga Mobile Food Truck - Mr. Lanning will work on the application due at the end of July. This has been added to the EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet; resolution listed below.
 2. ESD Small Manufacturer Modernization Grant Program - Ms. Schnabl and Ms. Yelverton are acting as a resource to Tioga Hardwoods on this application. This has been added to the EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet; no resolution necessary.
 3. Pro-Housing Community Program
 - a. Village of Owego application in process.
 - b. Village of Waverly is interested in learning more about the program.
- C. Land Bank
 1. NYMS application for 62-64 North Avenue, Owego-Application is in process, due at the end of July. This is for capital improvements: exterior façade renovations and rehabilitation of 7 residential units in the building.
- E. Workforce Development
 1. Broome-Tioga BOCES partnership with OACSD for a Regional Education and Training Center; building out classrooms and training space for their Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. They submitted a Congressional Direct Funding request and have moved on to the next round for 1.5M. Exploring the potential for ARC investment for this project.
- F. Planning
 1. Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan update – Talked about earlier; resolution listed below.
 2. 239 Reviews – There were no 239 Reviews for the month of June.
- G. Sustainability Management
 1. Town of Barton Electronic Cleanup event – August 10th
 2. 2024 YTD
 - a. Paid to Broome County

	2024	2023
i. HHW=	\$3,391.25	\$12,925.50
ii. E-Waste=	\$984.90	\$6,000.05

b. Towns/County(EWaste)= \$1,571.35 \$679.68

V. PERSONNEL

A. Economic Development Specialist unfunded position- Ms. Woodburn distributed a Department Organizational Chart and budget spreadsheet showing existing and proposed budgets. Ms. Woodburn reported if this position was filled by September, no extra funds would be needed for the 2024 budget. After a short discussion, the committee was okay with this request. The resolution is listed below.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

G14-Authorization to Apply for 2024 CDBG Public Facilities Grant
G24-Authorize to Fund Economic Development Specialist Position

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Woodburn asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward. The vote to support the above resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes

Legislator Mullen – yes

Legislator Ciotoli - yes

Regarding the following resolution:

G09-Authorize TCEDP Cash Match for Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan Amendment

Ms. Haskell and Mr. Bailey requested this resolution be revised because the 2025 budget was mentioned and it has not been approved yet. With suggestions made, the resolution will be revised and reviewed in time to go to worksession.

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning

**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Tioga County
Jul-24**

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1	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Racker Neighborhood Depot	New construction of Neighborhood Depot Non Profit Hub	Awarded - in process	\$ 3,000,000.00	NA	NA
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3	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VII – Tioga Trails	Rehabilitation of 48-50 Lake Street, Owego	Awarded - in process	\$ 1,000,000.00	NA	NA
4	Tioga County	NYS Snowmobile	Snowmobile grant program for 5 clubs in Tioga County	Awarded - in process	TBD	NA	NA
5	Tioga County	NYPA – EV charging stations	To establish 2 - Fast Charging EV Hubs in Tioga County	Awarded - in process	\$2,000,000	NA	NA
6	Tioga County	Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Programs	Allows for Tioga County to maintain a Sustainability Manager to expand and implement waste reduction strategies within the County. Allows the County to have a safe and economic method for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.	Awarded - in process	\$56,774.88	NA	NA
7	Tioga County	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan update	FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan update	Awarded - in process		NA	NA
8	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VIII, Tioga County	Rehabilitation of 81 North Ave and reconstruction of five single family homes on Liberty and Temple Streets, Village of Owego	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 1,065,000.00	NA	NA
9	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provide funding for small businesses with five or less employees.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 212,500.00	NA	NA
10	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck to establish life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs.	Application in process	TBD	NA	NA

**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Outside Agencies
Jul-24**

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Requested	Resource	Technical Assistance
1	Village of Newark Valley	ESD Restore NY Round VIII	Rehabilitation of 10 and 14-16 Whig Street, NV	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 732,420.00		X
2	OACSD	Congressionally Directed Spending	Build out of former maintenance building for BT BOCES / Owego Apalachin CTE programs	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 1,000,000.00	X	
3	Town of Berkshire	Hooker Foundation/MFT Foundation/Community Foundation	Master park plan for George W. Smith park	Potential application	TBD	X	
4	Tioga Hardwoods	ESD Small Manufacturers Modernization Grant	Equipment purchases/upgrades	Application in process	TBD	X	

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 6, 2024

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barb Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Casey Yelverton, Cathy Haskell, Jackson Bailey, Laura Schurter, Katie Chandler

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism

Legislator Keith Flesher and Legislator Ron Ciotoli were not in attendance; therefore, approval of the minutes will be carried over to the September meeting.

Committee Chair Barb Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from July 2, 2024 – Moved to September 3rd committee meeting due to no quorum .

Ms. Woodburn reported the following:

II. FINANCIAL

- A. 2024 Budget – Ms. Woodburn reported the following:
1. Economic Development
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
 2. Planning
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
 3. Sustainability Management
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- B. 2025 Budgets – Budget reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Woodburn reviewed the following:
1. Economic Development
 - No grant funded positions.
 - The Education Workforce Coordinator position was completed last year; Mr. Lanning moved into the Community Development Specialist position.
 - Increased a couple of line items and decreased one line item to offset.

- No increase to the budget for 2025.
2. Planning
 - No grant funded positions.
 - No increase to the 2025 budget.
 3. Southern Tier 8
 - Annual dues increase \$240.00 for 2025; 1.5% increase for maintenance costs.

The following information was in the March 2024 ED&P Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes:
ST8 proposed increases to annual dues- Ms. Tinney reported Southern Tier 8 has passed a resolution to increase membership dues for partners in 2025 and 2026. Paid dues for 2024 was \$16,000.00, the increase for 2025 and 2026 follows:

 - a. 2025- \$16,240
 - b. 2026- \$16,484
 4. Snowmobile
 - No increase to the 2025 budget.
 5. Refuse & Garbage
 - Increased one line item and decreased another to offset.
 - No increase to 2025 budget.
 6. NY Main Street – No grant applications planned for 2025

III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism – Becca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director, brought her monthly report to the meeting to distribute and reviewed the following: DRI Wayfinding Sign Project, Tioga Antique Trail Campaign, Community Content Project, Outdoor Content Project, Travel Guide, and the Tioga Scenic Drive. Not in the agenda, Ms. Maffei reported:
 - The usual outside agency budget request was made with no increase from last year.
 - Working with Senator O'Mara's office to set up a visit to Tioga County next month to talk about projects completed and focus on the Tioga Antiques Trail, hoping to create interest in getting the highway sign. Ms. Maffei invited the committee and will keep everyone informed.
 - The Sundaes at the Farm event was a success; 1000+ in attendance.
 - Working on events campaign for the fall; promoting live music, etc.
2. Cornell Cooperative Extension- Monthly Report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.
3. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District- No report this month.
4. Economic Development – In keeping with staff reporting, Ms. Woodburn introduced Casey Yelverton, our new Economic Development Specialist. Ms. Yelverton reported while training with Ms. Schnabl, ED&P Deputy Director, she worked on the following:
 - Attended several meetings.
 - Worked on CFA, as well as NY Main Street grant for 62-64 North Ave.; applications submitted.

- Assisted on the Small Manufacturers Modernization Grant for Tioga Hardwoods.
- Created a business plan for the Main Street application.
- Learning procedures of DRI reimbursement corrections, monthly labor inspections, reviewed Neighborhood Depot payroll.
- Learning GIS mapping and working on state leads as they come in.
- Working on the Newmark Study; provided tours of available properties in Tioga County; Matco, Sanmina, the Victory Building.
 - Ms. Woodburn explained this is the clean energy study the IDA is participating in; an eight-county study looking at available industrial buildings and vacant land trying to gage the Southern Tier's readiness for development.
- Creating a small business resource guide for local businesses or potential business owners showing grant funding opportunities, loan opportunities, small business community resources, tax credits and available sites in Tioga County
- Provided assistance to the Land Bank, took pictures of potential properties, meeting minutes.
- Met with Livingston County ED&P Director; discussed how they have used the Community Development Block Grant Funding and how we could use it in Tioga County; good information was exchanged.

B. Grants

- Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted:
 - a. NY SWIMS/Village of Owego public pool – Expect to hear about award in September.
 - b. Snowmobile Grant – Phase I is complete. Phase II for 2024-2025 season is in process.
 - c. Town of Berkshire – Looking to apply to the USDA Community Facilities Program. Because Tioga County is a REAP Zone we get special set-aside funds through this program. This is a grant/loan combination for equipment, such as a mower, tractor, and excavator. We acted as a resource; helped them make the right connections to submit the application.
 - d. FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan update – The plan is complete and in the process of being closed out. This will be removed from the spreadsheet next month.
- Not on the agenda, Ms. Woodburn reported just hearing about the Restore NY Round VIII awards. The Village of Newark Valley received their full grant award, over \$730,000.00, to rehab 10 Whig Street and 14-16 Whig Street. This is for the build-out of 3 residential apartments and 2 commercial spaces. We provided technical assistance to the Village; however, the funding will not run through the County. Also, Ms. Woodburn reported the County received \$165,000.00 for the rehabilitation of 81 North Ave. This is one of the Land Banks projects. A resolution will be presented next month to accept the funds.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego DRI – 10 active projects are ongoing. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:
 - a. Temple Estates, a Bruce Nelson project, located on 130 Temple Street held a ribbon cutting on July 26th. This included 7 new 55+ residential apartments. Working on final reimbursement and close out for this project.
 - b. Elks Lodge Roof replacement project - The roof tear off and asbestos abatement will begin this month.
2. Village of Waverly NY Forward
 - a. Nine projects have been assigned to state agencies and contracts will be issued to project sponsors. There are 5 individual businesses and property owners that are going to contract directly with the State, taking us out of that step.
 - b. Setting up meetings with individual project sponsors- Empire State Development reached out and asked if we would help guide the others through the process.
3. Broadband – STN MIP grant application
 - a. STN was funded for buildouts in Newark Valley, Smithboro and the remaining parts of Nichols. Contract with ESD in process.
 - b. Setting up meetings with STN and Town of Berkshire, Town of Owego and Town of Barton to discuss future opportunities.
4. Pro-Housing Communities
 - a. Town of Berkshire, Town of Newark Valley and Village of Owego- Certification applications are in process.
 - b. Sent information to Village of Waverly.
Ms. Woodburn reported that the Village of Nichols is also looking to submit a letter of intent for this program.
5. Foundation Coalition
 - a. Setting up meetings with the local foundations- Mr. Lanning will meet with each foundation to discuss funding priorities and timelines for next year. A meeting will be coordinated with all the foundations in December.
6. Small Business Resource Guide- Ms. Yelverton spoke about working on this earlier.

D. Land Bank

1. 10 Watson Ave, Newark Valley – Rehabilitation is complete; in the process of closing out the project and getting a certificate of occupancy.
2. 121 Providence St, Waverly- Roof replacement in process; demolishing the shed and garage.
3. 32 Lyman Ave, Waverly – Roof replacement complete and floors are being repaired.
4. 81 North Avenue/247 Main St, Owego – Rehabilitation in process. The architectural drawings are complete for 81 North Ave. and is out for bid.

Ms. Woodburn reported working on the Land Bank budget for next year. There are a couple of Land Bank initiative grant funding sources we will look into for new projects.

E. Workforce Development

1. Business Leads Fellowship Program- Mr. Lanning continues to participate in this program.
 - a. Talent Pipeline Management- Session taken and completed.

This program is close to being over. Mr. Lanning has made professional connections and found the program useful.

2. Talent Supply Table (TST)
 - a. TST Gathering to be held August 21st, planning has begun.
3. Congressionally Directed Funding request from OACSD – This is for the build-out of the Regional Education and Training Center in the former Owego-Apalachin maintenance building.
 - a. Moved to the next stage of the draft Senate Appropriations Bill for their million-dollar request. They are also working with Mr. Lanning to submit a grant opportunity through Southern Tier 8 for another \$500,000.00 for this project.

F. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – None in July, however Ms. Jardine is expecting several for August.
2. Updated housing needs assessment- This is part of ED&P's goals for the Strategic Plan from the housing study we did in 2019. Ms. Jardine in gathering data from the Census, Department of Labor, and the Local Realtors Association for this assessment.
3. Hazard Mitigation Plan update- This project is closed out; however Ms. Woodburn reported the following:
 - a. FEMA approved the plan.
 - b. All sixteen municipalities have passed adoption resolutions.
5. FEMA DR-4755 (NY Severe Storm and Flooding) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
 - a. Tioga County Soil and Water and Ms. Jardine are meeting with the Town of Berkshire and Village of Waverly to discuss possible applications and potential projects.

G. Sustainability Management

1. NYSDEC & Paint Care Program – Data collected from the event held June 29th :
 - a. Collected 31,555 lbs. of latex/acrylic and 4,720 lbs. of oil-based paint
 - b. 90% of the latex/acrylic paint will be recycled
 - c. GreenSheen was happy with this event and is interested in holding another event in 2025
2. NYSERDA/Tioga County Fleet Inventory
 - a. Information gathered from our intern, Mr. Umiker, was submitted July 11th.
 - b. May receive up to \$10,000 to purchase electric landscaping equipment and LED light fixtures. If approved a resolution will be brought forward to accept the funds.
3. 2024 YTD
 - a. Paid to Broome County

	2024	2023
i. HHW=	\$4,977.90	\$12,925.50
ii. E-Waste=	\$1,255.80	\$6,000.05
b. Towns/County(EWaste)=	\$1,831.75	\$679.68

H. IDA

1. Business Administrator position is still open – An offer was made, but it didn't work out. Another round of interviews will begin. Ms. Schnabl continues to provide temporary administrative support.

2. Newmark Southern Tier Clean Energy study- Spoke about earlier.

IV. PERSONNEL

A. County Planning Director Trainee- Our current Planning Director, Ms. Jardine, is planning on retiring in the first quarter of 2026. Ms. Woodburn believes it is necessary to bring on a trainee 6 months prior to cross-train with Ms. Jardine. This would be in the September/October timeframe requiring an adjustment to the 2025 budget. Ms. Woodburn would like to bring a resolution forward next month to temporarily create and fund the trainee position for 4 months in 2025.

After some discussion, it was decided to put it in the 2025 budget now and do a staff change resolution later stating that it has gone through the budgetary process and will be unfunded once the trainee takes over the position. The committee was okay with this plan.

V. RESOLUTIONS- No Resolutions this month.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning

EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Tioga County

Aug-24

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8	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VIII, Tioga County	Rehabilitation of 81 North Ave and reconstruction of five single family homes on Liberty and Temple Streets, Village of Owego	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 1,065,000.00	NA	NA
9	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provide funding for small businesses with five or less employees.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 212,500.00	NA	NA
10	Tioga County	NY SWIMS	Funding to support V. Owego public pool.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 24,938.00	NA	NA
11	Tioga County	NYSERDA Fleet Inventory	Electric landscaping equipment and LED light fixtures.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 10,000.00	NA	NA
12	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck to establish life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 243,533.00	NA	NA

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3	Town of Berkshire	ARC READY Local Government Program	Master park plan for George W. Smith park	Potential application	TBD	X	
4	Town of Berkshire	USDA Community Facilities	Equipment Purchases (mower, tractor, excavator)	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 311,210.00	X	
5	Tioga Hardwoods	ESD Small Manufacturers Modernization Grant	Equipment purchases/upgrades	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 112,240.00	X	



TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 09

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
A6422 Economic Development							
A6422 411132 Tax On Hotel/Motel	-35,000	0	-35,000	-33,246.01	.00	-1,753.99	95.0%*
A6422 412890 Other Gen Gov. Inc	-100,000	0	-100,000	-24,372.94	.00	-75,627.06	24.4%*
A6422 412891 Other General Gov.	0	0	0	-24,372.94	.00	24,372.94	100.0%
A6422 419890 Contribution To Ec	-20,000	0	-20,000	-10,000.00	.00	-10,000.00	50.0%*
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-25,000	0	-25,000	-12,500.00	.00	-12,500.00	50.0%*
A6422 510010 Full Time	314,875	0	314,875	165,590.30	.00	149,284.70	52.6%
A6422 510020 Part Time/Temporar	12,553	0	12,553	5,376.43	.00	7,176.57	42.8%
A6422 520090 Computer	0	930	930	799.98	.00	130.02	86.0%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	1,487.50	.00	1,512.50	49.6%
A6422 540040 Books	500	100	600	547.90	.00	52.10	91.3%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	948.58	.00	1,051.42	47.4%
A6422 540140 Contracting Servic	0	2,000	2,000	1,718.18	.00	281.82	85.9%
A6422 540180 Dues	450	520	970	968.00	.00	2.00	99.8%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	30.80	.00	119.20	20.5%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,350	0	1,350	506.23	.00	843.77	37.5%
A6422 540360 Meals/Food	750	0	750	54.83	.00	695.17	7.3%
A6422 540390 Mileage Expense	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6422 540420 Office Supplies	1,280	-20	1,260	362.71	.00	897.29	28.8%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	88.96	.00	291.04	23.4%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	581.15	.00	918.85	38.7%
A6422 540487 Program Expense-WD	100,000	0	100,000	3,609.22	.00	96,390.78	3.6%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	20,000	-2,000	18,000	.00	.00	18,000.00	.0%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	740	0	740	432.21	.00	307.79	58.4%
A6422 540733 Training/All Other	4,820	-1,530	3,290	21.33	.00	3,268.67	.6%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	6,927	18,139	25,066	20,985.17	.00	4,080.53	83.7%
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	4,097	15,815	19,912	13,510.79	.00	6,401.45	67.9%
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	0	6,570	6,570	3,699.78	.00	2,870.35	56.3%
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	0	289	289	178.65	.00	110.42	61.8%
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	13,076	44,180	57,256	26,683.77	.00	30,572.58	46.6%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	0	86	86	48.97	.00	37.21	56.8%
TOTAL Economic Development	308,598	85,080	393,678	143,739.55	.00	249,938.12	36.5%
TOTAL General Fund	308,598	85,080	393,678	143,739.55	.00	249,938.12	36.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	-180,000	0	-180,000	-104,491.89	.00	-75,508.11	
TOTAL EXPENSES	488,598	85,080	573,678	248,231.44	.00	325,446.23	



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GRAND TOTAL	308,598	85,080	393,678	143,739.55	.00	249,938.12	36.5%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
A8020 Planning							
A8020 449020 ARC23 Federal Aid-P	0	-5,430	-5,430	-4,892.60	.00	-537.00	90.1%*
A8020 510010 Full Time	167,422	0	167,422	92,796.88	.00	74,625.12	55.4%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	65.00	.00	535.00	10.8%
A8020 540140 Contracting Servic	22,000	0	22,000	3,586.55	.00	18,413.45	16.3%
A8020 540140 ARC23 Contracting S	0	10,859	10,859	9,785.20	.00	1,074.00	90.1%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	0	800	798.00	.00	2.00	99.8%
A8020 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	60.66	.00	139.34	30.3%
A8020 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A8020 540360 Meals/Food	190	0	190	.00	.00	190.00	.0%
A8020 540390 Mileage Expense	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540420 Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A8020 540480 Postage	900	0	900	24.32	.00	875.68	2.7%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	.00	.00	4,875.00	.0%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	187.38	.00	412.62	31.2%
A8020 540733 Training/All other	1,200	0	1,200	7.00	.00	1,193.00	.6%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	0	10,835	10,835	8,377.00	.00	2,457.76	77.3%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	0	9,986	9,986	7,248.23	.00	2,738.09	72.6%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	0	2,241	2,241	1,401.78	.00	839.44	62.5%
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	0	119	119	79.74	.00	39.28	67.0%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	0	40,256	40,256	26,764.03	.00	13,491.64	66.5%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	0	30	30	18.74	.00	10.97	63.1%
TOTAL Planning	202,287	68,896	271,183	146,307.91	.00	124,875.39	54.0%
TOTAL General Fund	202,287	68,896	271,183	146,307.91	.00	124,875.39	54.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-5,430	-5,430	-4,892.60	.00	-537.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	202,287	74,326	276,613	151,200.51	.00	125,412.39	



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GRAND TOTAL	202,287	68,896	271,183	146,307.91	.00	124,875.39	54.0%

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A General Fund							
A8160 Refuse & Garbage							
A8160 421890 Other Home & Comm	0	0	0	-2,376.00	.00	2,376.00	100.0%
A8160 425900 Waste Hauler Permi	0	0	0	-400.00	.00	400.00	100.0%
A8160 439892 Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	.0%*
A8160 510010 Fulltime	69,317	0	69,317	42,331.17	.00	26,985.83	61.1%
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	0	7,500	4,936.78	287.29	2,275.93	69.7%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	-50	125	.00	.00	125.00	.0%
A8160 540270 Insurance-Liabilit	1,422	0	1,422	.00	.00	1,422.00	.0%
A8160 540320 Leased/Service Equ	0	2,000	2,000	506.23	.00	1,493.77	25.3%
A8160 540390 Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420 Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	296.41	.00	1,703.59	14.8%
A8160 540444 Permits, Fees, Ins	100	-100	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
A8160 540480 Postage	200	150	350	311.89	.00	38.11	89.1%
A8160 542140 Contracting Servic	100,000	-2,000	98,000	14,867.91	.00	83,132.09	15.2%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	12,644.57	.00	62,355.43	16.9%
A8160 542485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	200.00	.00	1,300.00	13.3%
A8160 542640 Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	0	11,000	1,090.44	.00	9,909.56	9.9%
A8160 542680 Tires	3,900	0	3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%
A8160 581088 State Retirement F	0	5,999	5,999	4,650.86	.00	1,347.74	77.5%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	0	4,159	4,159	3,325.50	.00	833.47	80.0%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	0	1,120	1,120	781.32	.00	339.16	69.7%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	0	59	59	44.37	.00	15.03	74.7%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	9,585	380	9,965	7,777.50	.00	2,187.96	78.0%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	115	-100	15	10.37	.00	4.37	70.4%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	251,981	11,618	263,598	90,999.32	287.29	172,311.79	34.6%
TOTAL General Fund	251,981	11,618	263,598	90,999.32	287.29	172,311.79	34.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	-30,000	0	-30,000	-2,776.00	.00	-27,224.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	281,981	11,618	293,598	93,775.32	287.29	199,535.79	



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GRAND TOTAL	251,981	11,618	263,598	90,999.32	287.29	172,311.79	34.6%

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**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Tioga County
Sep-24**

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Requested	Resource	Technical Assistance
1	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Racker Neighborhood Depot	New construction of Neighborhood Depot Non Profit Hub	Awarded - in process	\$ 3,000,000.00	NA	NA
2	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VI – River House Confectionery and Mercantile	Rehabilitation of 178-180 Front Street, Owego	Awarded - in process	\$ 1,800,000.00	NA	NA
3	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VII – Tioga Trails	Rehabilitation of 48-50 Lake Street, Owego	Awarded - in process	\$ 1,000,000.00	NA	NA
4	Tioga County	NYS Snowmobile	Snowmobile grant program for 5 clubs in Tioga County	Awarded - in process	TBD	NA	NA
5	Tioga County	NYPA – EV charging stations	To establish 2 - Fast Charging EV Hubs in Tioga County	Awarded - in process	\$ 2,000,000.00	NA	NA
6	Tioga County	Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste Programs	Allows for Tioga County to maintain a Sustainability Manager to expand and implement waste reduction strategies within the County. Allows the County to have a safe and economic method for the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.	Awarded - in process	\$ 56,774.88	NA	NA
7	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VIII, Tioga County	Rehabilitation of 81 North Ave in the Village of Owego	Awarded - in process	\$ 165,000.00	NA	NA
8	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provide funding for small businesses with five or less employees.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 212,500.00	NA	NA
9	Tioga County	NY SWIMS	Funding to support V. Owego public pool.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 24,938.00	NA	NA
10	Tioga County	NYSERDA Fleet Inventory	Electric landscaping equipment and LED light fixtures.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 10,000.00	NA	NA
11	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck to establish life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs.	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 243,533.00	NA	NA

**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Outside Agencies
Sep-24**

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Requested	Resource	Technical Assistance
1	Village of Newark Valley	ESD Restore NY Round VIII	Rehabilitation of 10 and 14-16 Whig Street, NV	Awarded - in process	\$ 732,420.00		X
2	OACSD	Congressionally Directed Spending	Build out of former maintenance building for BT BOCES / Owego Apalachin CTE programs	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 1,000,000.00	X	
3	OACSD	ARC Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)	Build out of former maintenance building for BT BOCES / Owego Apalachin CTE programs	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 1,000,000.00	X	
4	Town of Berkshire	ARC READY Local Government Program	Master park plan for George W. Smith park	Potential application	TBD	X	
5	Town of Berkshire	USDA Community Facilities	Equipment Purchases (mower, tractor, excavator)	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 311,210.00	X	
6	Tioga Hardwoods	ESD Small Manufacturers Modernization Grant	Equipment purchases/upgrades	Application submitted/ award notice pending	\$ 112,240.00	X	
7	Tioga County IDA	USDA RBDG	Lounsberry Engineering Plan	Awarded - in process	\$ 90,000.00		X
8	Tioga County IDA	USDA RBDG	Equipment Lease Program	Awarded - in process	\$ 99,000.00		X

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August 2024 – CCE Tioga Highlights Prepared for the Tioga County Legislature Update

Organizational Updates: Administrative Assistant position has been offered to a candidate.

Campus Connection:

- Ag Educator Kelly Jackson participated in Cornell Field Crop Research Aurora Farm Field Day, Cornell Vegetable Variety & Pathology Twilight Meeting, CCE Livestock PWT educators meeting
- Incubator Farm Manager Jared Gulliford attended Cornell Small Farms & NY Soil Health Latino Workers Farm Meeting at West Haven Farm – connected with a consultant for the Incubator Farm providing key advice for fall/winter farm improvements and planning for the years ahead
- Collaborative Rice growing project with Cornell entering harvest season – preparing processing equipment for Rice trials at CCE Tioga and CU Rice Day, Oct. 18th (Freeville & Candor sites)

South Central Dairy & Field Crops Ag Team cost shares for 2025 will be based on NYS Dairy Market Order rather than USDA Census data, at **\$24,561** (increase over 2024: \$1,540 vs. \$3,215 for USDA census)

Agriculture Outreach Programs

- **Attending Local Ag Meetings:** Tioga County Farm Bureau, Agricultural Resource Group
- **Pasture Walks:** Coordinating with TC SWCD and SCNY DAFC, hosted 2nd Summer Series Pasture Walk at a local beef farm, planning for 3rd event in September
- **Weekly Ag Newsletter** – sent out weekly to 200+ farmers in Tioga County by Ag Educator Kelly Jackson
- Weekly interactions with farmers via email, phone or Farm visits as requested, outreach at TC Fair.

Horticulture Outreach, Collaboration & Research

- **Master Preservers:** Jean & Donna judged canned and baked goods at Tioga County Fair
- MG Jean Koski Grow Line *hot topics:* Japanese knotweed control, plant propagation, tree fruits (disease control, pruning advice), bee removal, composting questions, soils and “forever” chemicals, (glyphosate persistence and organic certification)
- **Ag + Families:** Kelly & Jean providing entomology and horticulture activity programming with FRC
- Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners>

Master Gardeners

Weekly maintenance work continues on the various Demonstration Gardens, engaging with the public. Master Gardeners created flower arrangements free of charge at Tioga County Fair. A memorial gathering will be held at 56 Main in honor of those we’ve lost, emphasizing the importance of the friendships and connections we have through our shared love of plants & gardens.

Incubator Beginner Farmer Program at Hilltop Community Farm:

- Toward Sustainability Foundation project ongoing with Farmall Super A in service cultivating our fall crops of beans, storage turnips, carrots, and beets.
- Demonstration plots of Winter seeding of 1 acre of Pea / oats and 2 acres of Rye and Vetch
- Tilmor non-profit grant obtained for a walk-behind cultivator, offering better weed control at HCF
- Incubator Farmers continue to sell crops and cut flowers at regional farmers markets: Ithaca, Freeville, Candor and Wednesday Market/Food Pantry and CSA shares.
- One farmer has diversified cut flower business into garden consultancy, focusing on native plants

4-H Youth Development

- THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Tioga County Fair! Our 4-H’ers Projects were on display at the Youth Building and animals in the Barns, with 9 wonderful shows and a successful Youth Livestock Auction with several buybacks (4-H Livestock Auction total: \$39,158).
- 4-H Clover Café offered breakfast, lunch, dinner and milkshakes, gross receipts \$18,466.85
- With new 4-H staff, we Learned as we were Doing, looking positively towards an even better 2025!
- CCE Tioga 4-H Staff are at NYS Fair, supporting 12 building project entries, one 4-H’er showing swine, and 2 participants showing horses
- 4-H Enrollment (rolling) for the 2024-2025 year starts October 1 - Join a 4-H Club, Join as an Independent member or Start a new club!

Family Resource Center (Family Development Programs)

FRC Staff continue to provide Summer Programming and attending key trainings and meetings. (OCFS, Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences and Promoting Positive Childhood Experiences)

Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Duplicated
Waverly Muldoon	3	6	7	7	10
Nichols	3	3	5	10	9
Spencer Inspire	2	10	16	29	43
Berkshire**	3	8	15	23	8
Candor**	3	36	67	90	54
Owego**	3	3	1	2	1
CCE Tioga HCF	2	-	-	-	-
Candor Farmer’s Market	1	7	11	3	4
Bugs at the Glen (Waverly)	2	6	11	19	26
Horse Farm Field Trip	1	6	9	17	17
Totals	23	85	142	200	172

August Note: Staff Vacations and Tioga County Fair impacted number of playgroups offered.

*** Joint Programming with CCE Tioga Ag Educators for hands-on activities*

Agencies partnered with: Candor Farmer’s Market, Berkshire Library, OFA Cafeteria, Candor Library, Church of the Nazarene, Spencer, Waverly libraries, Inspire, Boys & Girls Club, Independent Speech therapist in Waverly, PACT, Town of Nichols (*special thanks for the \$500 donation to directly support program supplies and materials for Nichols Playgroups!*)

FRC Success Story: Thanks to a grant from Tioga County Youth Bureau, 5 adult and 5 youth tickets were provided to families to attend the Tioga County Fair, giving FRC families an opportunity to spend quality time together outdoors and learn more about the CCE Tioga 4-H program. A single mom with 3 (adopted) children, along with 2 friends had an enjoyable day at the fair. They visited the Clover Café for lunch and the children shared with FRC Staff all about the (4-H) animals they saw. They were very appreciative of the passes and the experience.

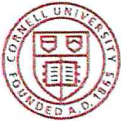
Smart Energy Choices: Outreach at Tioga County Fair, partnering with Village of Owego Climate Smart Communities Task Force for home energy efficiency education and outreach to residents, initiated partnership with USDA for regional mutual referrals and completed interviews for regional assessment and barriers analysis documentary.

WIOA Youth Employment Program/Workforce: Joint Program spotlight with Dept of Labor for VR experience at Tioga County Fair. Connecting Tioga employers with Career Center and sharing Job openings.

Work Experience (5 youth in program) Outcomes: 2 completed program and entered college, 1 completed and was hired by the company and 2 continue their programs at Open Door Mission and Tioga County Career Center.

Success Stories: 2 individuals earned GEDs in August, 1 youth enlisted in the Marines and has entered Basic Training; 4 youth assisted with driving/5 hour course; 7 individuals were assisted with college applications and are now attending TC3, SUNY Broome, Belvadere, SUNY Morrisville and Corning Community College.

Respectfully Submitted,
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SWCD REPORT
August 2024

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM:

- The District has several Ag Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grant contracts that are active and we are finishing this construction season. We have 5 farms completing riparian area plantings to complete their stream corridor projects, 2 farms involved in a cover cropping grant that will close out after fall implementation. We also secured Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) grants and currently have two contracts on 2 separate farms that are also underway. One of the farms with CRF funding completed their project this spring and we are working on the closeout.
- Grant Applications – SWCD submitted an application to the CRF RD 8, we are awaiting announcements on the grants. Ag Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grant application will likely be out in the fall/winter timeframe and we are planning to submit 2 applications towards that RFP.
- We are currently planning several farms to have them ready for future rounds of competitive grant funding.
- We secured funding and are working with Tioga CCE, Cass Hill Road property, where we will construct two stormwater ponds at their facility this summer that will hold back a 100 year storm event providing flood mitigation to the downstream watershed, in addition we will be creating a wetland complex and planting 12 acres of riparian forest buffer. Construction was planned for this year but due to wet year we have had likely push construction to 2025.
- We are currently working on our Agricultural Environmental Management Program, this program provides funding to provide technical assistance to farms for planning and design conservation practices. We also secured \$200,000 in implementation funding with this program that we plan to work on 4 Best Management implementation projects and support 7 farms with buffer establishment over the next 2 years.
- Our no-till drills and post pounder have been out and are being moved around to interested farms. These are available to rent thru the District by contacting Alex Marks.
- Our Buffer Steward Monitoring and Maintenance program evaluated 137 acres of buffer, checked 16,776 stems. Approximately 10 sites out of the 47 monitored were under 60% survival. We will be working on a plan for those sites over the coming months. Overall, we had 72% survival for trees and 73% shrub survival, goal for buffer establishment is 70%.

DEAN CREEK DAM REHABILITATION PROCESS:

- Town of Spencer as one of the project sponsors has not signed the completed watershed rehabilitation plan. Funding for the design of the dam rehabilitation is contingent on all 3 sponsors signing the plan. The District and Tioga County Legislature have all passed resolutions and signed the plan.
- District staff are working on updating the dams Emergency Action Plan (EAP). It has been reviewed and approved by NRCS, next steps are to submit to NYSDEC for review.

HAZARD MITIGATION:

- All municipalities adopted the plan, next steps are to complete grant close out.
- Assisting Town of Richford with culvert installation on Tubbs Hill Rd, SWCD staff completed design and conducting construction oversight.
- Assisting Town of Newark Valley with property purchase and demolition.
- HMGP funding is available now, notified municipalities and offered assistance to help with application. Town of Berkshire has requested our assistance with a bridge that has been flagged by NYSDOT. We will submit an application for the Town to have an engineering design completed. Elaine Jardine is also assisting with the application.

STORMWATER:

- We continue to review Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans for the Town of Owego, many of these are for solar projects but also commercial development in the town. We just completed review for the Farmer Brown Solar Project and currently reviewing Tractor Supply.

STREAM PROGRAM:

- We continue to provide permit and design assistance to Landowner's and municipalities when it comes to stream work. We currently have 2 active stream project that we are doing construction oversight on in the Owego Creek Watershed. Currently assisting 4 municipalities with stream issues, assessments and permitting for projects.
- We have an active grant with FEMA on Owego Creek where we are purchasing a home, plan to demolish and then stabilize a steep eroding bank.
- We also secured grant funding for the County IDA to complete a project on Owego Creek where streambank erosion is jeopardizing the railroad and utility line. We just received information from the state to submit work plan and budget to move the contract forward, so our plan is to complete the project next summer (2025).
- We submitted a WQIP application for a stream restoration project on W. Branch Owego Creek.

Education and Outreach:

- We held our second pasture walk in August focused on beef cows. We are collaborating with the USC, SCDFC and CCE. There will be one more pasture walk held in September.
- Sundaes at the Farm was a success at Frisbie Bros Dairy, we estimate 940 attendees.
- SWCD staff participated in the Tioga County Fair, giving away cheese and yogurt and engaging with individuals regarding our programming and assistance that is available.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24

DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A.
TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED
TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2025

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation, d.b.a. the Tioga County Tourism Office, is the not-for-profit corporation that develops and implements a tourism promotion and marketing program for the county; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Tourism Office coordinates with the state in its tourism grants program; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Tourism Grants Program is designed to encourage tourism promotion throughout the regions of New York State; and

WHEREAS: The guidelines for this local assistance program require counties to appoint an official Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA), therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Tourism Office be and hereby is designated by the Tioga County Legislature as their Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2025 budget year and authorized to make application for and receive grants on behalf of the county pursuant to the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24

SEEKING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO BE ALLOWED
TO EXCEED THE TIOGA COUNTY FOOD &
BEVERAGE PURCHASE GUIDELINES

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) Community Development Specialist is planning the Annual Talent Supply Table (TST) gathering event for the purpose of networking and sharing information on work-based learning best practices to Tioga County schools, businesses, and workforce partners; and

WHEREAS: The TST gathering will provide food, beverages, and supplies; and

WHEREAS: The TST gathering was held August 21, 2024 at Owego Free Academy; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Policy Section III, Financial Rules, Subsection H, Purchase of Food and Beverage Policy limits the expense to \$150.00; and

WHEREAS: The food and beverage expense for the TST gathering will not exceed \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS: Expenses for the TST gathering will be reimbursed by grant funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby allows the TCEDP Community Development Specialist to exceed the County policy for the Annual Talent Supply Table networking gathering and provide food and beverages not to exceed \$1,000.00.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -24

AUTHORIZE COMMITMENT OF CASH MATCH
FOR VILLAGE OF NEWARK VALLEY EMPIRE
STATE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING &
FEASIBILITY STUDIES GRANT APPLICATION
FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS: The Village of Newark Valley is applying to Empire State Development's (ESD) Planning & Feasibility Studies grant program to fund a consulting firm to develop a new Downtown Economic Development Strategic Plan as encouraged by ESD staff; and

WHEREAS: This downtown plan project budget is \$45,000 as determined by conducting a Request for Proposals to various consultants; and

WHEREAS: If awarded and upon completion, the intention of the Village of Newark Valley Downtown Economic Strategic Plan is to proceed to an ESD New York Forward grant application in the future; and

WHEREAS: ESD requires a 50% cash match for Planning & Feasibility Studies grant program and Tioga County Economic Development would like to contribute a small amount of cash to the proposed project budget in partnership with the Village of Newark Valley, who will commit the remaining of the 50% match in cash; and

WHEREAS: In 2025, Economic Development anticipates having \$5,000 available in the budget line item of A6422.540590 Services Rendered to commit as Tioga County's cash match to said grant application; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes earmarking a total cash match commitment of \$5,000 from the 2024 Economic Development budget as specified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That if the Village of Newark Valley is awarded the grant request from NYS Empire State Development in late fall of 2024 these funds be carried forward to the specified account in 2025.