

TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 8, 2025

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
 - Approval of minutes of March 4, 2025
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- PERSONNEL
- RESOLUTIONS
 - D08-Adopting the 2025-2034 Tioga County Local Solid Waste Management Plan
 - D26-Accept NY SWIMS Grant Award and Modify 2025 Budget
 - D34-Appoint Member (BWoods) to the Tioga Co LDC Board
- PROCLAMATIONS - N/A
- ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING March 4, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Ron Ciotoli, Keith Flesher, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Sean Lanning, Cathy Haskell, Jackson Bailey

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Legislator Jake Brown was not in attendance.

Committee Chair Ron Ciotoli, 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 February 4, 2025 –Committee Chair Ron Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2025, committee meeting. Legislator Flesher made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 4, 2025, meeting, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

Ms. Woodburn reported the following:

II. FINANCIAL

- A. 2025 Budget
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.

III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
1. Economic Development and Planning – In keeping with staff reporting Ms. Woodburn introduced Sean Lanning, Community Development Specialist. Mr. Lanning reported on the projects he is working on.

Workforce Development/Talent Supply Table

- Continue to work on 3 Talent Supply Table committees.
- District 214 from Chicago, a leader in career learning in high school education, presented at the February Superintendents group meeting.
- Tours of iM3NY, Elderwood
- Completed 2024-2025 Education Workforce Reports.
- Worked with Mr. Goodrich on a GIS map showing businesses and what they offer; easily navigated by schools. The feedback has been good.
- Collaborated with SUNY Broome on Manufacturing Day; 30 students in attendance, as well as four school districts, three Tioga County businesses.
- Assisted Lockheed Martin with Engineering Events.
- Participated in a Career Panel with Northern Tioga Chamber of Commerce; 44 students attended.
- Connected Newark Valley Special Education Department with Open Door Mission; special needs students in OPWDD.
- Assisting with the Twin Tiers Regional Job Fair coming up on March 25th in Waverly.
- OA CTE/BT BOCES Satellite Campus - waiting for funding.
- Completed the Business Leads Fellowship Program and the Talent Pipeline Management Program.
- Completed I4A Training.

Community Development

- Snowmobile grant audit in January was completed.
 - Met with Mr. Becker, USDA, to discuss REAP Board appointments. Current president is stepping down; working on making sure REAP funds are available.
 - Working on CDBG Public Facilities Grant with Catholic Charities for mobile food truck; awarded \$240,000.00+.
 - Created a document listing all Tioga County Foundations and their grant requirements.
 - Participated in a panel discussion with 7 of the 9 Foundations; 36 people were in attendance.
 - Working with Open Door Mission and Floyd Hooker Foundation to get a program started where Floyd Hooker Foundation would provide funds for necessary items for students in need.
 - Met with Coburn Free Library to discuss HVAC Project. They submitted a grant application to the State for a construction project. A meeting was set up to discuss who might be interested in assisting with funding for the project.
2. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet. Becca Maffei, Tourism Director, was in attendance and reviewed her report highlighting the financial challenges with I Love NY indicating the program is changing and there is the possibility that it may go away in 2026. Ms. Maffei reported applying for a USDA Grant, if approved the funds will be available in July and will help fill in the gaps for 2025. Ms. Maffei pointed out that the board is in support of finding ways to be sustainable financially in the future without relying on I

Love NY funds, adding that It's something we must be aware of. Two projects that need work this year are the Travel Guide and updating the website.

Ms. Maffei distributed the new Tioga County Agricultural Resource Group (ARG) brochure, noting that work is being done to increase the visibility of ARG. What can be done for farmers and what resources are available. A lot of organizations work on this committee.

Ms. Maffei put the drafted travel guide on the screen in the conference room as well as many pictures and videos that she has on file for use on social media, websites and/or projects. Ms. Maffei hopes to have the travel guide complete and printed, ready to distribute for the spring tourism season.

3. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.
4. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – No report this month.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:

- a. CDBG Public Facilities Catholic Charities – Environmental Review. Mr. Lanning spoke about this earlier, however there is a resolution listed below that states that we have to designate the project as a Type II SEQR action so no further environmental review is needed. The resolution also designates Legislative Chair Sauerbrey as the Certifying Officer.

Ms. Woodburn mentioned that Catholic Charities has asked for a progress payment when the truck is ordered, and then a final reimbursement payment once the truck is delivered. Ms. Woodburn is working with the County Attorney, Mr. DeWind, on this because the risk is the possibility the truck is never delivered. Ms. Woodburn explained further that depending on who Catholic Charities orders the truck from, they most likely have to put 50% down themselves. This payment would get submitted to the State for reimbursement. When the truck is delivered, they pay the balance up front and submit for reimbursement. Ms. Woodburn added that CDBG is a pass-through program so Catholic Charities can't apply themselves, a municipality has to apply. Catholic Charities will enter into a contract with the person they are purchasing the equipment from. The County will not have any legal obligation. In conversation with Mr. DeWind, one idea was that Catholic Charities can get an insurance policy.

Ms. Woodburn will keep the committee informed.

- b. CDBG Microenterprise – Application launched to help small businesses and is due March 27th. Thoma is helping get the word out, we are putting it out on

social media, and ads are being placed. A zoom information session will be held for businesses. The application is on the ED&P website.

- c. Town of Berkshire – ARC READY Local Government Program – Ms. Jardine helped them write this grant which they were awarded \$50,000.00. These funds are for a Master Park Plan for George W. Smith Park and for the purchase of equipment for the Town. Ms. Woodburn asked if the committee wanted a resolution for providing technical assistance. The committee agreed they wanted a resolution for this. An RFP is already in place, the state has to review the RFP and the Town will send it out. Proposals from engineering firms to complete the plan will be received.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego DRI – 5 active projects ongoing. Ms. Woodburn had before and after photos for these projects and displayed them on the screen in the conference room.
 - a. 130 Temple Street, Owego – This project is complete. A \$800,000.00 project, \$150,000.00 in DRI funds were administered to convert commercial space into 6 new market-rate apartments for adults 55 years of age and older.
2. Restore NY Village of Newark Valley
 - a. Architect selected – Moving forward with this project.
 - b. Environmental RFP in process – Reviewing proposals received.
4. Best Bev facility tour – ED&P staff went on the tour. Closing out a sales tax exemption program with them.
5. USDA / REAP meeting- Mr. Lanning spoke about this earlier, but Ms. Woodburn added that Tioga County is one of four REAP Zones in the United States, so we get special set-aside funding through the Rural Business Development Grant Program. As long as the federal funds are there, we are somewhat guaranteed to get the funds that Ms. Maffei applied for. There is a Community Facilities Program that Towns can use these funds to purchase equipment and building improvements. There is a water/wastewater program we might use for a possible project for the Town of Spencer.
6. Coburn Free Library – HVAC project – Mr. Lanning spoke about this earlier.

- D. Land Bank - Ms. Woodburn reported that when the program started in 2017, we initially did a lot of demolition, now we are working more with the rehabilitation side of the program. There are nine Board of Directors appointed by the Legislature. They meet on a bi-monthly basis. Ms. Zubalsky-Peer took over this work a few months ago. On an annual basis the Land Bank pays \$25,000.00 to the County. An Administrative Agreement is in place for admin support.

Below are projects the Land Bank is working on:

1. 81 North Avenue, Owego – A mixed use building purchased has sat vacant for 17 or 18 years. There was a pigeon infestation that has been cleaned up. Ms. Woodburn showed photos on the screen of this project in progress. Contractors are working on electric, plumbing, and sheetrock is going up next week. The front

façade will begin when the weather breaks. There will be two apartments, and a commercial space.

2. 32 Lyman Ave, Waverly – This project is complete; before and after photos were displayed. This project was a partnership with Southern Tier Enterprise Group, a subsidiary of Tioga Opportunities. This property has been listed for sale for \$189,000.00.
3. Two more rehabs the Land Bank is working on: 247 Main Street, Owego and 121 Providence Street, Waverly. Site visits are scheduled with L2 Engineering to determine how to move forward.
4. LBI Open Round – Land Bank just submitted an application for \$1.8 million for rehabilitation and demolition projects. We have just found out we can use these funds for new construction and are going to try to pair these funds with a home buyer program for Temple and Liberty Streets for single family homes.

E. Workforce Development

1. Talent Supply Table Program Coordinator Meeting – Elderwood Tour. Mr. Lanning reported on earlier.
2. Local Career Panel event at Newark Valley High School - Mr. Lanning reported on earlier.
3. Broome-Tioga Workforce Investment Board – Ms. Woodburn noted that Ms. Abbott is not going to renew her term on this board and recommended Amy Foster, the Human Resource Director at TOI; resolution listed below.

F. Planning

1. 239 Reviews –
 - a. 2025-005: Village of Owego, Site Plan Review, Area Variance and Floodplain Elevation, Allen Investments – Applicant wishes to construct a 475 square foot addition to the rear of their existing 1,600 square foot business structure at 460 East Front Street to add two new offices. This location is within FEMA's regulated floodplain; therefore, the addition must be elevated to two feet above Base Flood Elevation. Staff advised the County Planning Board to recommend approval of the site plan review, area variance and floodplain elevation and the County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval.
2. TCIDA Strong Road – RFQ sent out to local engineering firms for cost estimate for infrastructure extension of water and sewer to the site for a future housing development. Two quotes in, expecting a few more.
3. Annual Agricultural District Inclusion and 2025 North Tioga Agricultural District 8-Year Review Modifications; resolutions listed below. Additionally, there is a resolution to urge NYS to fund State-Mandated Agricultural District 8-Year reviews.

G. Sustainability Management

1. NYPA EV Charging Stations – Construction is progressing.
2. Received 3 out of the 4 Private Haulers permit applications and fees.
3. GreenSheen Paint Collection Event is planned for Saturday, May 10th.
4. 2024 YTD – Numbers for 2025 won't be available until May or June.

a. Paid to Broome County	2024	2023
i. HHW=	\$9,266.55	\$12,925.50
ii. E-Waste=	\$1,994.65	\$6,000.05
b. Towns/County(EWaste)=	\$2,261.20	\$679.68

H. IDA

1. FAST NY Shovel Ready Program – The State is pushing this funding. Looking at new sites in the Lounsberry area to consider studying. Empire State Development is going to come out to look at the sites with us.

IV. PERSONNEL – Ms. Woodburn distributed the requested 2025 Remote Work Schedule for ED&P staff and reported all staff members have filled out the necessary forms. Five staff members will only work from home as needed, which is not very often, two staff members have two set days and one staff member has one set day.

V. RESOLUTIONS

C06-Urge NYS to Fund State-Mandated Agricultural District 8-Year Reviews Under AGM Article 25AA

C07-Authorize 2025 Request for Inclusion of Land in Agricultural Districts

C08-Authorize 2025 North Tioga Agricultural District 8-Year Review Modifications

C10-Appoint Member (AFoster) to the Broome-Tioga Workforce Development Board

C11-Authorize Legislative Chair Signature on RESTORE NY Co-Development Agreement Between TCPDC and County

C19-NYS CDBG Public Facilities SEQRA Type II

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 Ciotoli – yes
- Legislator Mullen – yes
- Legislator Flesher – yes

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning



TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 04

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/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	.00	.00	-35,000.00	.0%*
A6422 419890 Contribution To Ec	-20,000	0	-20,000	-5,000.00	.00	-15,000.00	25.0%*
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-25,000	0	-25,000	-6,250.00	.00	-18,750.00	25.0%*
A6422 510010 Full Time	365,879	0	365,879	79,656.71	.00	286,222.29	21.8%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	2,110.00	.00	890.00	70.3%
A6422 540040 Books	500	0	500	250.00	.00	250.00	50.0%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	199.99	.00	1,800.01	10.0%
A6422 540180 Dues	1,000	0	1,000	775.00	.00	225.00	77.5%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	7.49	.00	142.51	5.0%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,350	0	1,350	227.34	.00	1,122.66	16.8%
A6422 540360 Meals/Food	750	0	750	.00	.00	750.00	.0%
A6422 540390 Mileage Expense	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6422 540420 Office Supplies	1,280	0	1,280	-541.32	.00	1,821.32	-42.3%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	.00	.00	380.00	.0%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A6422 540487 Program Expense-WD	100,000	0	100,000	913.00	.00	99,087.00	.9%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	19,190	0	19,190	250.00	.00	18,940.00	1.3%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A6422 540733 Training/All Other	4,820	0	4,820	350.00	.00	4,470.00	7.3%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	32,928	0	32,928	6,134.94	.00	26,793.06	18.6%
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	19,190	0	19,190	6,783.44	.00	12,406.56	35.3%
A6422 584088 Workers' Compensati	0	0	0	1,723.61	.00	-1,723.61	100.0%*
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	0	0	0	85.47	.00	-85.47	100.0%*
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	47,077	0	47,077	24,337.17	.00	22,739.83	51.7%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	0	0	0	22.68	.00	-22.68	100.0%*
TOTAL Economic Development	522,144	0	522,144	112,035.52	.00	410,108.48	21.5%
TOTAL General Fund	522,144	0	522,144	112,035.52	.00	410,108.48	21.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	-80,000	0	-80,000	-11,250.00	.00	-68,750.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	602,144	0	602,144	123,285.52	.00	478,858.48	



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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMENTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	522,144	0	522,144	112,035.52	.00	410,108.48	21.5%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
General Fund							
A8020 Planning							
A8020 510010 Full Time	188,916	0	188,916	26,648.11	.00	162,267.89	14.1%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	91.86	.00	108.14	45.9%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	121.00	.00	479.00	20.2%
A8020 540140 Contracting Serv	22,000	0	22,000	210.00	.00	21,790.00	1.0%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	50	850	813.00	.00	37.00	95.6%
A8020 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
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	900	0	900	10.50	.00	489.50	2.1%
A8020 540480 Postage	1,000	0	1,000	431.45	.00	568.55	43.1%
A8020 540590 Printing/Paper	4,875	0	4,875	.00	.00	4,875.00	.0%
A8020 540660 Services Rendered	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540733 Telephone	1,200	-50	1,150	.00	.00	1,150.00	.0%
A8020 540733 Training/All Other	0	0	0	3,765.79	.00	-3,765.79	100.0%*
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	8,863	0	8,863	2,332.27	.00	6,530.73	26.3%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	0	0	0	470.12	.00	-470.12	100.0%*
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	0	0	0	23.31	.00	-23.31	100.0%*
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	40,000	0	40,000	9,646.57	.00	30,353.43	24.1%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	0	0	0	6.23	.00	-6.23	100.0%*
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	0	0	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
TOTAL Planning	272,644	0	272,644	44,570.21	.00	228,073.79	16.3%
TOTAL General Fund	272,644	0	272,644	44,570.21	.00	228,073.79	16.3%
TOTAL EXPENSES	272,644	0	272,644	44,570.21	.00	228,073.79	



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GRAND TOTAL	272,644	0	272,644	44,570.21	.00	228,073.79	16.3%

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A General Fund							
A8160 Refuse & Garbage							
A8160 421890 Other Home & Comm.	-1,980	0	-1,980	-88.00	.00	-1,892.00	4.4%*
A8160 425900 Waste Hauler Permi	-400	0	-400	-300.00	.00	-100.00	75.0%*
A8160 439892 Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	.0%*
A8160 510010 Fulltime	71,743	0	71,743	15,943.01	.00	55,799.99	22.2%
A8160 520280 Tools Large/ Power	0	4,845	4,845	4,845.18	.00	0.00	100.0%
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	0	7,500	2,107.13	748.50	4,644.37	38.1%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	0	175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%
A8160 540320 Leased/service Equ	2,000	0	2,000	227.34	.00	1,772.66	11.4%
A8160 540390 Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420 Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
A8160 540444 Permits, Fees, Ins	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A8160 540480 Postage	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8160 542140 Contracting Servic	98,000	0	98,000	11,208.64	378.87	86,412.49	11.8%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	.00	.00	75,000.00	.0%
A8160 542485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A8160 542640 Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	0	11,000	.00	.00	11,000.00	.0%
A8160 542680 Tires	3,900	0	3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%
A8160 581088 State Retirement F	7,113	0	7,113	2,539.53	.00	4,573.47	35.7%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	5,303	0	5,303	1,418.91	.00	3,884.09	26.8%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	1,195	0	1,195	313.39	.00	881.61	26.2%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	68	0	68	15.54	.00	52.46	22.9%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	11,895	0	11,895	3,362.80	.00	8,532.20	28.3%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	16	0	16	4.13	.00	11.87	25.8%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	266,495	4,845	271,340	41,597.60	1,127.37	228,614.96	15.7%
TOTAL General Fund	266,495	4,845	271,340	41,597.60	1,127.37	228,614.96	15.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	-32,380	0	-32,380	-388.00	.00	-31,992.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	298,875	4,845	303,720	41,985.60	1,127.37	260,606.96	



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GRAND TOTAL	266,495	4,845	271,340	41,597.60	1,127.37	228,614.96	15.7%

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Tioga County Tourism March 2025

DRI Wayfinding Sign Project

A final plan is being formatted by IDS Sign Systems and local partners with guidance from NYS DOT. Once approved, fabrication and installation are next steps.

Tioga Antique Trail Campaign

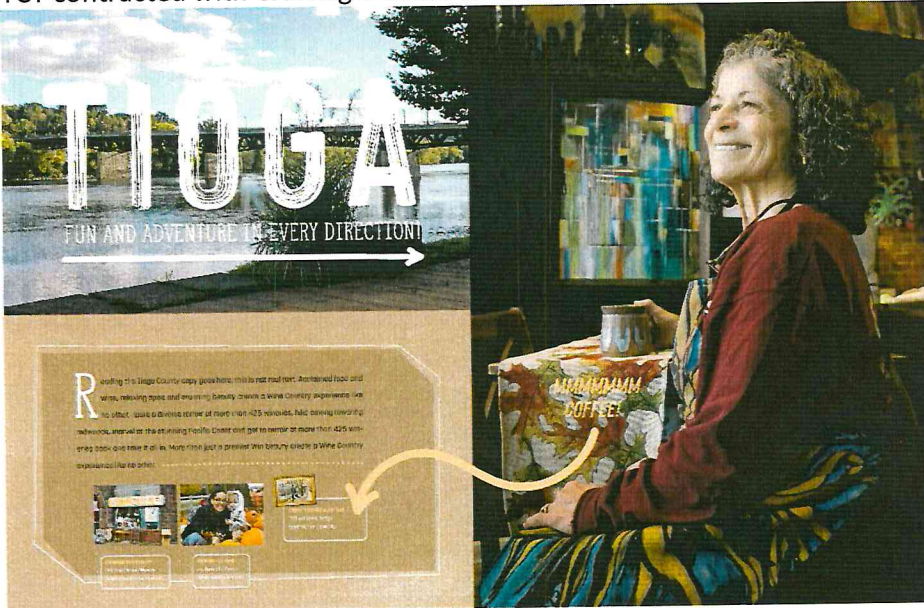
TCT created on-site promotions for distribution to antique shops around the county. Lori has delivered these. A digital campaign is being created to further promote this trail. A highway sign application has been created and will be submitted to DOT to promote this program to travelers.

Content Project Progress

Video have been completed outdoor content. River and mountain biking content shoots are complete. Communities content project has begun.

Travel Guide

TCT contracted with Crafting a Brand to create the Travel Guide. The initial proof is complete.



Paddle the 607

The website for this paddle trail is complete. Additional Tioga County partners will be added. Paddling and camping content were the focus. TCT is assisting with a grant for a signage program to further promote the trail on launch sites.

Challenges and Opportunities: ILNY / USDA Grant

Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County

CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm
343 Cass Hill Road
Candor, NY 13743
t. 607-659-5694
e. tioga@cornell.edu
tioga.cce.cornell.edu

March 2024 – CCE Tioga Highlights

Prepared for the Tioga County Legislature Update (EDP, Agriculture & Tourism)

Organizational Updates:

CCE Tioga Welcomes Robyn Estrella, 4-H Youth Development Resource Educator! Robyn brings twenty years of teaching experience and a lifelong passion for 4-H to grow our positive youth development programs, creating engaging activities and new opportunities. She will also be supporting our Family Resource Centers/Family Development program, cultivating relationships with families and community.

CCE Tioga – “Extension of Extension” at the Neighborhood Depot Office Hours

Smart Energy Choices (SEC), Agriculture, Horticulture & Master Gardeners, 4-H Youth Development

**Hours may be subject to change based on Programs, Outreach or Staff Meetings*

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
1-4p	4-H (Robyn)	1-4p	Ag (Kelly)	1-4p	Hort/MG (Jean)	1-4p	4-H (Robyn)
1-4p	SEC (Caitlin)	1-4p	SEC (Caitlin)	1-4p	SEC (Caitlin)	1-4p	SEC (Caitlin)

- **Ag Literacy Week** - Jean Koski organized the distribution of books to Tioga County 2nd grade classes, and joined the ranks of volunteer readers leading an activity at Tioga Hills Elementary.

CCE Tioga celebrated Ag Literacy Week hosting a Special Event: “From Pollinators to Pumpkins”.

This open to the community free event held at the Neighborhood Depot included a reading by the author, Sue Heavenrich of “*The Pie that Sue Grew*”, children’s activities focused on seeds, pollinators and insects led by CCE Tioga Agriculture and Horticulture educators and outreach for 4-H activities highlighting the 4-H Giant Pumpkin project with 4-H Educators and Club Leaders.

Campus Connection:

- **Livestock Program Work Team (PWT)** – Kelly participated and developed 2 webinars with the group
- **Cornell University Pesticide Update** – continuing campus and BTI connections, and provided CCE Tioga educators (Kelly & Jean) with updated regulatory information on the use of imidacloprid products, working with CU/CCE and DEC on the process to bring pesticide credit trainings to Tioga
- **Vegetable PWT Spring Meeting** – Kelly attended, reinforcing other county connections and greatly helped with campus connections (and our strategic plans for the future of the CCE Tioga Farm)
- **Cornell Rice Project Group Educational Webinar**– Jean presented on the genetics of rice and the Tioga Hilltop Farm experience of growing irrigated rice
- **Cornell Garden Based Learning (CBGL)** - Jean attended webinars centered around horticulture and volunteer management – posting early springtime gardening guidance on CCE Tioga social media
- **H5N1 Updates** – Two Livestock PWT Poultry subgroup meetings educational webinars were created and shared with the public during the month – now available on YouTube
 - Participation in monthly updates with the national extension organization, staying up to date on current status in the state and country, passing info to farmers as needed/requested, conducting media interviews. Current updates: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/poultry>
 - CCE educators website with FAQs: <https://cals.cornell.edu/news/2025/02/frequently-asked-questions-about-bird-flu-new-york-state>

Agriculture Outreach Programs

- **Farm support and visits during Tioga County Maple Weekend!** Our farmers reported that the weekends and open houses were very successful, most with over 100 visitors to each farm each day.

- **Agricultural Resource Group & Local Ag Meetings:** Tioga County Farm Bureau (meeting & board), ARG Newsletter and participation in ARG
- **Regional Ag Navigator Program** – CCE Tioga investigating grants for 2026 program support
- **Weekly Ag Newsletter** – “All Things Agriculture” sent out weekly to 200+ farmers in Tioga County by Ag Educator Kelly Jackson –
 - Daily/Weekly interactions with farmers via email, phone or Farm visits as requested.
 - Collaboration with FRC Program on sourdough educational activity at a playgroup
- **Beginning Incubator Farmer Program:** Continuing to recruit beginner Incubator farmers for the 2025 growing season at CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm.

Horticulture Outreach, Collaboration & Research

- **Supporting Master Gardener Seed Share:** Greenhouse growing for vegetable seedling giveaways and collecting seeds from various sources, including heirloom and unusual seeds from a private donor
- **Composting Education at CCE Tioga Farm:** Coordinating with Candor Ag class to plan and build demonstration 3-bin compost system and a Huugel garden bed for pollinators
- **Community Garden Guidance:** Connecting Candor Food Pantry with Candor Ag class, aiding in utilization of garden space and resultant produce (Share Table)
- **Grow Line Hot Topics:** Jean Koski offering garden planning Q&A + in-person Owego Office Hours
- **Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners>

Master Gardeners

- **Vegetable Variety Trials for 2025** -participating in informational, educational & organizing webinars
- **County-wide Seed Share Events:** preparations, distribution of materials/seeds and social media posts for each location. Held Saturdays, 10am – 2pm Visit our website for details & Locations **Berkshire** (March 29th); **Owego** (April 5), **Apalachin, Spencer, Waverly** (April 12); **Candor** (April 26)
- **Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser:** Planning event and trialing propagation techniques air layering and rooting cuttings
- **Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news:** sharing updates and articles of interest
- **Demonstration Gardens:** Spring has Arrived! Pruning begun at 56 Main & other Owego locations

4-H Youth Development

- Tractor Safety & Machinery Operations Training & Certification Program continues!
- **4-H Public Presentations:** 15 youth participated (*ranging from 5 to 17 yrs*), with 9 continuing onto the District Public Speaking event!
- 3 youth participated in Horse Bowl and Hippology which are centered on equine knowledge
- Working in collaboration with the Tioga County Agriculture society and FFA chapters, to produce the Tioga County Youth Show and Auction at the 2025 Tioga County Fair.

Family Resource Center (FRC/Family Development Programs)

“PS, it Works!” In-person parenting classes were held at the Neighborhood Depot, Owego with 6 participants completing this series. Incredible Years Toddler series (8-weeks) begins in April.

Educators attended several training sessions including OCFS Standards of Quality recertification training, Regional FRC meeting, CCE Tompkins Coalition Workshop, held the quarterly Parent Advisory Committee meeting and Community Agency Partner Meeting keeping stakeholders engaged in programming.

Agencies partnered with: Church of the Nazarene, Tioga County libraries, Inspire, TC Boys & Girls Club, First Baptist Church in Waverly, Spencer-Van Etten, Waverly and Owego-Apalachin School Districts, WAVR, Owego Pennysaver, Morning Times, PACT, Tioga County Health Dept., Early Intervention, DSS.

FRC Success Stories: Parents who attended the Nutrition class series made discoveries about how much sugar was in their drinks. Parents were able to take home fresh vegetables, after trying them at a recent Spencer Library activity, supported by the OCFS FRC Basic Needs grant program.

FRC Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Duplicated
Spencer Library	3	11	12	22	38
Waverly Playgroup	2	1	2	3	3
Waverly Nutrition Class	1	1	2	3	3
Nichols Library	3	2	2	4	8
Spencer Inspire	4	13	23	39	88
Berkshire	3	11	11	8	22
Candor	4	50 (4 new!)	72	40	122
TOTAL	20	89	124	119	284

Nutrition: Sophie Torres has been working around the county providing SNAP-Ed programming. In collaboration with our FRC team, 2 adults and 5 children completed the Nutrition class series in Waverly.

Smart Energy Choices: Eileen Hanrahan (CEA/Lead) has been training Caitlin Tucker (our new Community Energy Adviser - CEA), doing outreach development, introducing her to community partners.

Local Impact: -

- Reached 59 Tioga County residents, including outreach at Richford mobile food pantry
- Advised 18 residents including assisting with access to the Empower+ program, referring to home repair agencies (USDA), connecting to the Public Utility Law Project and NYSEG customer advocate
- Connected with 12 non-profit partners within the Tioga County Community Network
- Established partnerships with Empower+ contractors, Tioga Opportunities, and Apalachin Public Library
- Eileen continues to work with and support CEA’s across the Southern Tier Region, participating in NYSEDA hub leadership meetings and conducting monthly regional Contractor Partnership Meeting

WIOA Youth Employment Program/Workforce: WIOA Youth Employment Program Staff attended the NYATEP Youth Practitioner's Training in Saratoga Springs NY. Lisa & Erin also participated in a Workforce Development Brunch and Bond at Oneonta Job Corp to improve collaborative efforts for progress reporting when clients are referred to Job Corp Centers and program referral to Youth Programs when students return home from Job Corp Centers.






Success Stories: 1 Youth participant completed Work Experience and was ***hired*** by the employer for full time employment! Plus 5 youth participants found full time employment this month!

Respectfully Submitted,
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**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Tioga County
Apr-25**

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Requested	Resource	Technical Assistance	Resolution
1	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Racker Neighborhood Depot	New construction of Neighborhood Depot Non Profit Hub	Closeout 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.	Awarded - in process	\$ 212,500.00	NA	NA	
9	Tioga County	NY SWIMS	Funding to support V. Owego public pool.	Awarded - in process	\$ 24,938.00	NA	NA	
10	Tioga County	NYSERDA Fleet Inventory	Electric landscaping equipment and LED light fixtures.	Closeout in process	\$ 15,000.00	NA	NA	
11	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck to establish life skills café, community kitchen, and food rescue programs.	Awarded - in process	\$ 243,533.00	NA	NA	
11	Tioga County	EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant	Assessment grant to provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments and community outreach	Application submitted	\$ 500,000.00	NA	NA	

**EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Outside Agencies
Apr-25**

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Requested	Resource	Technical Assistance	Resolution
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	Yes
2	OACSD	Congressionally Directed Spending	Build out of former maintenance building for BT BOCES / Owego Apalachin CTE programs	Application submitted	\$ 1,000,000.00	X		No
3	OACSD	ARC Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)/Area Development	Build out of former maintenance building for BT BOCES / Owego Apalachin CTE programs	Application submitted	\$ 1,000,000.00		X	Yes
4	Town of Berkshire	ARC READY Local Government Program	Master park plan for George W. Smith park	Awarded - in process	\$ 50,000.00		X	Yes
5	Tioga Hardwoods	ESD Small Manufacturers Modernization Grant	Equipment purchases/upgrades	Application submitted	\$ 112,240.00	X		No
6	Tioga County/IDA	USDA RBDG	Lounsberry Engineering Plan	Awarded - in process	\$ 90,000.00		X	
7	Tioga County IDA	USDA RBDG	Equipment Lease Program	Awarded - in process	\$ 99,000.00		X	
8	Village of Newark Valley	ESD Planning and Feasibility Studies Program	Downtown strategic plan	Application submitted	\$ 22,500.00		X	Yes
9	TCPDC	NY Main Street	62-64 North Avenue, Owego rehabilitation	Awarded - in process	\$ 438,316.00		X	
10	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Phase 1, Year 3	Operational costs	Awarded - in process	\$ 200,000.00		X	
11	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Phase 2	Demolition and rehabilitation projects	Awarded - in process	\$ 900,000.00		X	
12	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Open Round	Demolition and rehabilitation projects	Application submitted	\$ 1,823,100.00		X	

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

ADOPTING THE 2025 – 2034
TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Solid Waste has developed a new local solid waste management plan in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 366; and

WHEREAS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has provided an “approvable” letter to the Tioga County Department of Solid Waste indicating that the plan meets the requirements; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Solid Waste solicited public input on the plan during a public comment period and public information session; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature supports the adoption of the 2025-2034 Tioga County Solid Waste Management Plan; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby formally adopts the 2025-2034 Tioga County Local Solid Waste Management Plan. Tioga County will implement and maintain the solid waste management system as described in the Plan and will submit biennial updates to NYSDEC as required by 6 NYCRR Part 366. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

ACCEPT NY SWIMS GRANT AWARD AND
MODIFY 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 236-24, the Tioga County Legislature authorized a grant application to the NY SWIMS Grant Program in partnership with the Village of Owego to supplement Marvin Park Pool lifeguards' salaries for 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS: NYS has awarded this contract in the amount of \$17,725, plus a \$3,545 cash match from the Village of Owego, totaling \$21,270; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Owego has committed in writing to upfront the entire \$21,270 and will be reimbursed by Tioga County via a subrecipient agreement in the amount of \$17,725 from said state grant award; and

WHEREAS: Authorization to accept funding, to modify the 2025 budget, and to appropriate said funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes acceptance of said grant award to Economic Development & Planning; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to sign any and all grant-related contracts and other paperwork, contingent upon review and approval by the County Attorney; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2025 Budget be modified and funds be appropriated to the following accounts:

FROM:	A8020 439890	State Aid-Community Service	\$17,725
TO:	A8020 540140	Contracting Services	\$17,725

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. - 25

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE
TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS: Dave Astorina resigned from the Local Development Corporation Board at the end of his term effective 3/31/24; and

WHEREAS: Brielle Woods has expressed her desire to serve on the Local Development Corporation Board to fill Dave Astorina's term that expired 3/31/24; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Local Development Corporation Board of Directors has found Brielle Woods willing and able to fill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoint Brielle Woods to fill Dave Astorina's expired term 4/15/25 – 3/31/28.