

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

**May 6, 2025**

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
  - Approval of minutes of April 8, 2025
- FINANCIAL
  - Economic Development
  - Planning
  - Sustainability Management
- OLD BUSINESS
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  - Land Bank
  - Workforce Development
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- PROCLAMATIONS - N/A
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING April 8, 2025

### ATTENDEES:

**Legislators:** Ron Ciotoli, Keith Flesher, Dennis Mullen, Jake Brown, Marte Sauerbrey

**Staff:** Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Ellen Pratt, Cathy Haskell, Jackson Bailey

**Guests:** Wendy Walsh, District Manager, Soil and Water

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 March 4, 2025 – Committee Chair Ron Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2025, committee meeting. Legislator Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 4, 2025, meeting, seconded by Legislator Flesher. 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. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.
2. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monthly report previously emailed and is in the committee packet.

3. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – Monthly report was distributed at the meeting. Ms. Walsh was in attendance and reviewed her monthly report, highlighting the Agriculture Program, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater, Stream Program, and other miscellaneous items.

Ms. Walsh distributed information about the Tioga County Woods Walk event to tour a completed Soil and Water project. The event is hosted by Sweettrees Maple Products in Berkshire, NY, and is being held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a free event and lunch will be provided.

Also distributed was information on the Tioga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan that included the vision statement, goals/strategies, and the implementation progress: a 10-year review. Ms. Walsh reported the Tioga County Agricultural Resource Group (ARG) was tasked with the implementation of this 10-year plan beginning in 2015, adding that it is time to begin the process to update the plan. Discussions for State funding, Request for Proposals, cost share and cash match requirements will begin shortly. Ms. Jardine will bring details to this committee for review in the near future.

Ms. Walsh also announced that Sundaes at the Farm is going to be held on an Amish Farm in the Town of Owego and due to their religious beliefs, the event will be held on a Saturday this year.

4. Economic Development and Planning – In keeping with staff reporting Ms. Woodburn introduced Dr. Ellen Pratt, Sustainability Manager. Dr. Pratt reported on projects she has been working on.
  - Received approval letter from DEC for the 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan. Dr. Pratt wrote the plan in-house in 2023, a public hearing was held, and the plan was submitted to DEC. Comments were received from DEC in 2024 and requested changes were made. A resolution is listed below for approval of the plan. This plan allows application to be made to the State for payment of half of Dr. Pratt's salary, 40% of benefits and covers advertising, promotions and supplies. Dr. Pratt offered to send the plan to anyone interested.
  - Recently received reimbursement for 2023 HHW.
  - Working on 2025 Paint Collection Event to be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sustainability and the Town of Barton worked together to hold Electronic Waste Events once a month, April through August, for residents to drop off old electronics. The only cost would be if there were any items not covered by the State's electronic waste program. This cost would be minimal and will be paid by Sustainability.

#### B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn reported adding a column to keep track of whether a resolution for technical assistance had been completed or not. Ms. Woodburn also mentioned that in the



past the committee did not want technical assistance resolutions for the IDA or Land Bank grant-related work and asked for confirmation; pointing out they are listed on the spreadsheet. The committee was in agreement that as long as they were on the Grant Tracking Spreadsheet a technical assistance resolution was not necessary. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:

- a. CDBG Microenterprise – This is the grant for up to \$35,000.00 for small businesses. 17 applications were received totaling about \$480,000.00 in project costs resulting in about \$387,000.00 CDBG funds. We only have \$170,000.00 available. The consultant group, Thoma, is reviewing the applications making sure they are complete, and the projects are eligible. This will take 4 to 6 weeks due to the high volume of applications. The IDA Loan Committee will then be reviewing, scoring and making recommendations of projects to move forward with. As soon as we spend the funding down, we can reapply. Six applications were received from Northern Tioga County. A good representation of surrounding areas as well as a good variety of business types.
- b. NY SWIMS Village of Owego – The County applied for this grant on behalf of the Village of Owego for their public pool. \$17,725.00 has been awarded to supplement the lifeguards' salaries. Ms. Jardine is working on the sub-recipient agreement with the Village. A resolution is listed below to accept the funds.

C. Economic/Community Development- Ms. Woodburn had pictures of the following projects on the screen in the conference room:

1. Tractor Supply project - The engineering firm for Tractor Supply reached out to the IDA, Town of Owego and Veolia to meet and discuss the design of water extension from the Owego Square site to the new Tractor Supply site on 434. A map of this project was on display. Once we get through the easement and deed process with the IDA and the Town of Owego, this project will be moving forward.
2. Village of Owego DRI – 5 active projects ongoing.
  - a. 196-198 Front Street, Owego – The Cellar building; this is a \$500,000.00 project that included rehabilitation of three apartments and the rear deck system was redone. Before and after pictures were on the screen.
3. Restore NY Village of Newark Valley –
  - a. Engineering and design in process – The property owner is selecting an environmental testing firm next week. Bi-weekly calls with the property owner and architect are made to keep this project moving forward.
4. Coburn Free Library – HVAC project - Mr. Lanning is working with the Foundations Coalition to see who is interested in assisting with funding for this project. Coburn submitted a large grant application to the Finger Lakes Library System and matching funds are needed. A meeting is set up for April to discuss.
5. Raymond Hadley Water Expansion Study – The IDA contracted with Larson Design Group to do a study to bring in water from the Town of VanEtten to Raymond Hadley in Spencer, NY. There are challenges with water availability, the process of being on wells makes it difficult for their manufacturing process. Larson completed the study and found the most beneficial option to move forward with the expansion would likely have a cost of \$5M for the project. Ms. Woodburn reported

reaching out to the State and found they had a co-funding initiative that pulls together four state and federal agencies that fund municipal water and sewer extension projects. This project seems eligible for this program. With one of the agencies it's possible to get up to \$5M or 70% of the total project cost, then you can fill in with other sources. We will meet with the Chemung County IDA and the Town of VanEtten to discuss all funding sources. Larson will give us a quote for assisting with the grant application. This project will most likely go through the IDA. Ms. Woodburn will keep this committee informed.

D. Land Bank

1. 81 North Avenue, Owego – This project is moving fast; 3 draws have been made already. They are painting the commercial space today and windows are being installed next week.
2. 247 Main Street, Owego and 121 Providence Street, Waverly – The Land Bank is sending out RFP's for engineering services for these projects.
3. 62-64 North Avenue, Owego – NYMS grant through the Land Bank; the environmental review is underway and we are sending out RFP's for environmental testing of asbestos, radon, etc. Met with the Village of Owego Code Enforcement and property owners regarding their scope of work and finalizing the engineering plans for the project.
4. LBI Open Round – Application submitted; award notification anticipated for April.

E. Workforce Development

1. NYATEP Youth Conference – Mr. Lanning attended the New York Association for Training and Employment Professionals Conference, an annual event he has been attending. They talk about best practices, challenges and collaborations to enhance youth employment.
2. Twin Tiers Regional Job Fair – Mr. Lanning assisted in coordinating this job fair in Waverly; business outreach and pre-planning meetings attended. 57 employers, almost 250 students, 9 schools/BOCES were in attendance.
3. OACSD Internship Presentation – Mr. Lanning helped facilitate the Owego Apalachin School Internship Presentation event for junior and senior students. Two current interns were in attendance to speak about their experience. Businesses were there to speak about internship opportunities in their organizations.

F. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – There were three 239 Reviews
  - a. 2025-006: Town of Nichols, Telecommunications Facilities Special Use Permit, Tectonic Engineering/Motorola Solutions/Tioga County – Applicant wishes to erect, own and operate a 195-foot-tall telecommunications tower/facility for emergency services purposes on C Babcock Road. Staff advised recommending approval of the Telecommunications Facilities SUP with the conditions that a Decommissioning Agreement be developed and executed between the Town of Nichols and Tioga County and that the tower be lit from



dusk until dawn pursuant to the FAA Extension, Safety and Security Act of 2016 requirements.

- b. 2025-007: Village of Waverly, Site Plan Review, Paint Perfections, LLC – Applicant wishes to establish and operate a pick-up truck spray bedliner and undercoating/rust proofing business located at 103 State Route 17C. Staff advised recommending approval of the site plan review with the conditions that the applicant complies with NYS DOT Region 9 requirements and that the Village of Waverly ZBA grants an area variance for parking and the County Planning voted unanimously to approve the site plan review with the conditions noted.
  - c. 2025-008: Village of Owego, Rezoning, Elston Enterprises – Applicant petitioned to have his property located at 138 Main Street (adjacent to CVS) rezoned from Residential (3) to Business (B). Staff advised recommending approval of the rezoning and the County Planning voted unanimously to approve the rezoning.
2. Request for Quotations to develop a Tioga County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan – Ms. Jadine has put out the request for quotes to set the budget and match for upcoming grant application to NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets.

G. Sustainability Management – Dr. Pratt reported the following earlier in the meeting:

- 1. Local Solid Waste Management Plan - approval letter from NYS received
- 2. Completed 2023 HHW reimbursement payment.
- 3. 2024 YTD

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 – Lounsberry area – The Shovel Ready Program has three grant application tracks; A, B and C. The ED&P TEAM is going to assist the IDA with the Track B application for a couple of properties in the Lounsberry area. It will help fund pre-development costs to look at the sites for feasibility of future industrial development. We are not required to go through with acquisition even if we find out the properties are not feasible. The IDA could walk away from an option agreement. This program allows us to look back two years and match other funding sources, so we don't have to provide an additional match. We will just apply and ask for the pre-development studies.

Ms. Woodburn reported the Track C application is for funding capital improvements. We can get funding for utility extensions as well as acquisition funding up to 90% of the project cost and only requires a 10 % match. This could help us acquire properties and do utility extensions, getting sites shovel ready. This is a great opportunity for funding speculative development with no maximum award amount.

**IV. PERSONNEL** – Nothing to report.

**V. 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

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

Legislator Brown - yes

**VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning



# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 05

ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>A6422 Economic Development</b>							
A6422 411132 Tax On Hotel/Motel	-35,000	0	-35,000	-12,411.50	.00	-22,588.50	35.5%*
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	107,494.11	.00	258,384.89	29.4%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	2,420.00	.00	580.00	80.7%
A6422 540040 Books	500	160	660	250.00	.00	410.00	37.9%
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	10.80	.00	139.20	7.2%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,350	0	1,350	251.57	.00	1,098.43	18.6%
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	-463.77	.00	1,743.77	-36.2%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	213.72	.00	166.28	56.2%
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	935.96	.00	99,064.04	.9%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	19,190	0	19,190	750.00	.00	18,440.00	3.9%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	56.86	.00	943.14	5.7%
A6422 540733 Training/All other	4,820	-160	4,660	350.00	.00	4,310.00	7.5%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	32,928	0	32,928	7,887.78	.00	25,040.22	24.0%
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	19,190	0	19,190	8,824.81	.00	10,365.19	46.0%
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	0	0	0	2,216.07	.00	-2,216.07	100.0%*
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	0	0	0	109.89	.00	-109.89	100.0%*
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	47,077	0	47,077	31,290.65	.00	15,786.35	66.5%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	0	0	0	29.16	.00	-29.16	100.0%*
TOTAL Economic Development	522,144	0	522,144	139,941.10	.00	382,202.90	26.8%
TOTAL General Fund	522,144	0	522,144	139,941.10	.00	382,202.90	26.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-80,000	0	-80,000	-23,661.50	.00	-56,338.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES	602,144	0	602,144	163,602.60	.00	438,541.40	





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GRAND TOTAL	522,144	0	522,144	139,941.10	.00	382,202.90	26.8%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANSFERS/	REVISED	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
A General Fund	APPROP	ADJUSTMENTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
<b>A8020 Planning</b>							
A8020 439890 State Aid-Other Ho	0	-17,725	-17,725	.00	.00	-17,725.00	.0%*
A8020 510010 Full Time	188,916	0	188,916	35,860.02	.00	153,055.98	19.0%
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 Servic	22,000	17,725	39,725	210.00	.00	39,515.00	.5%
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	500	0	500	10.50	.00	489.50	2.1%
A8020 540480 Postage	900	0	900	103.50	.00	796.50	11.5%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	431.45	.00	568.55	43.1%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	.00	.00	4,875.00	.0%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	28.43	.00	571.57	4.7%
A8020 540733 Training/All Other	1,200	-50	1,150	.00	.00	1,150.00	.0%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	0	0	0	4,841.73	.00	-4,841.73	100.0%*
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	8,863	0	8,863	3,004.90	.00	5,858.10	33.9%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	0	0	0	604.44	.00	-604.44	100.0%*
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	0	0	0	29.97	.00	-29.97	100.0%*
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	40,000	0	40,000	12,402.73	.00	27,597.27	31.0%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	0	0	0	8.01	.00	-8.01	100.0%*
TOTAL Planning	272,644	0	272,644	58,561.54	.00	214,082.46	21.5%
TOTAL General Fund	272,644	0	272,644	58,561.54	.00	214,082.46	21.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-17,725	-17,725	.00	.00	-17,725.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	272,644	17,725	290,369	58,561.54	.00	231,807.46	





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GRAND TOTAL	272,644	0	272,644	58,561.54	.00	214,082.46	21.5%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMENTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>A8160 Refuse &amp; Garbage</b>							
A8160 421890 Other Home & Comm	-1,980	0	-1,980	-132.00	.00	-1,848.00	6.7%*
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	21,440.59	.00	50,302.41	29.9%
A8160 520280 Tools Large/ Power	0	4,845	4,845	4,845.18	.00	-.30	100.0%*
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	0	7,500	2,707.26	.00	4,792.74	36.1%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	0	175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%
A8160 540320 Leased/Service Equ	2,000	0	2,000	251.57	.00	1,748.43	12.6%
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	19,708.64	378.87	77,912.49	20.5%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	93.45	.00	74,906.55	.1%
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	3,265.11	.00	3,847.89	45.9%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	5,303	0	5,303	1,826.76	.00	3,476.24	34.4%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	1,195	0	1,195	402.93	.00	792.07	33.7%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	68	0	68	19.98	.00	48.02	29.4%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	11,895	0	11,895	4,323.60	.00	7,571.40	36.3%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	16	0	16	5.31	.00	10.69	33.2%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	266,495	4,845	271,340	58,458.38	378.87	212,502.38	21.7%
TOTAL General Fund	266,495	4,845	271,340	58,458.38	378.87	212,502.38	21.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	-32,380	0	-32,380	-432.00	.00	-31,948.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	298,875	4,845	303,720	58,890.38	378.87	244,450.38	





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GRAND TOTAL	266,495	4,845	271,340	58,458.38	378.87	212,502.38	21.7%

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## Tioga County Tourism April 2025

### DRI Wayfinding Sign Project

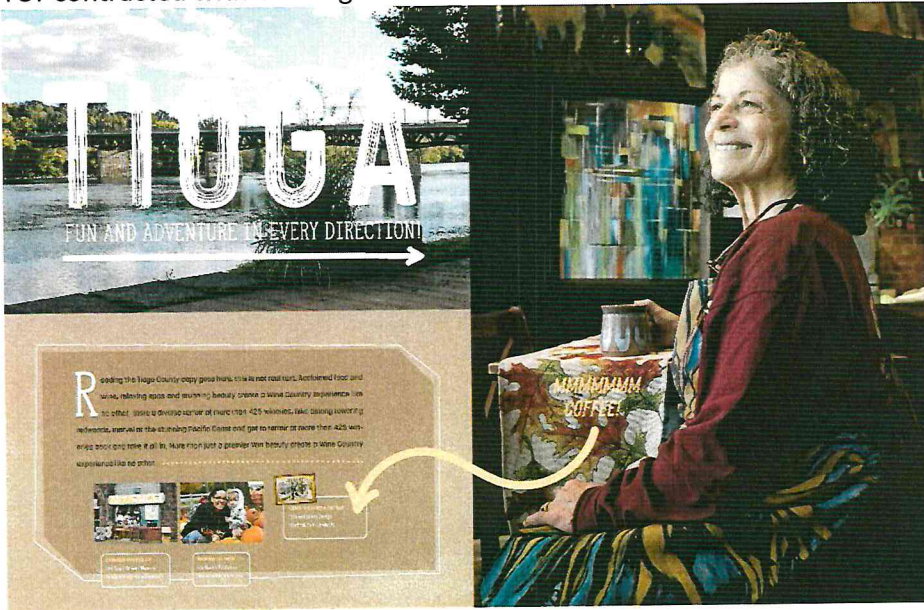
DOT is working with ID Sign Systems to finalize placement of signs. Anticipated installation is for June 2025.

### Content Project Progress

The following niche content projects have been submitted to ILNY for approval: Lodging, Communities, Dining, Agriculture, Events and Shopping.

### 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. <https://paddle607.com/plan-your-trip/river-communities>



# Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County

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Candor, NY 13743  
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e. [tioga@cornell.edu](mailto:tioga@cornell.edu)  
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## April 2025 – CCE Tioga Highlights

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

### Organizational Updates:

**Agricultural Resource Group (ARG)** – *CCE Tioga Executive Director, Ag Specialist & Youth Educator actively participate in the Tioga County ARG. Join us to connect with and support home-grown Ag!*

**CCE Tioga – “Extension of Extension” at the Neighborhood Depot Office Hours (1-4pm)**

Agriculture (T), Horticulture & Master Gardeners (W), 4-H Youth Development (M,R; Fri 9-noon),  
Smart Energy Choices (SEC) (M-F) \*Hours may change due to outreach/programming

### Campus Connection:

- **Livestock Program Work Team (PWT)** – Kelly attends monthly meetings, sharing resources locally
- **South Central Dairy and Field Crops Team Ag Advisory Meeting** – We connected with other Ag educators who are also members of our regional team and identified areas that increased educational materials are needed. (*Current Hot Topic*: how to connect landowners with custom hay operators) CCE Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland, Cayuga & Chemung working to develop materials & future workshops.
- **Cornell Garden Based Learning (CBGL)** - continued engagement in the horticulture and volunteer management webinars, sharing springtime gardening tasks & guidance on CCE Tioga social media
- **H5N1 Updates** - 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.  
*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

- **Local Ag Meetings:** Tioga County Farm Bureau (meeting & board participation)
- **Regional Ag Navigator Program** – CCE Tioga submitted a grant for 2026 program support
- **NYNGA (New York Nut Growers Association) Meeting** – continuing ongoing efforts to connect farmers with potential opportunities to diversify their current operations
- **Owego FFA Ag Career Fair** – presented both Entomology and Extension as possible Ag-support careers
- **Berry Calls Began!** As with last year, a weekly meeting (continues thru July – the duration of the berry growing season) with other educators across New York, New England & Canada to discuss current phenology of berry crops and any problems that other educators are seeing pop up.
- **Weekly Ag Newsletter** – “All Things Agriculture” sent out weekly to 200+ farmers and Ag service providers 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:** Supporting early season On-Farm activities for returning Incubator farmers and continuing to recruit new beginner farmers for the 2025 growing season

### Horticulture Outreach, Collaboration & Research

- **Composting Education at CCE Tioga Farm:** Coordinating with Candor Ag class, planning and building demonstration 3-bin compost system and a Huugel garden bed for pollinators - **project commenced!**
- Spencer Van Etten Ag Advisory Committee participation
- **“Grow Line” & Community Garden Guidance:** Jean Koski offers garden planning Q&A and In-Person Office Hours for Horticulture Guidance Wednesday afternoons (1-4pm) at Neighborhood Depot
- **Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners>

### Master Gardeners

- **Master Gardener Seed Share Events Held throughout Tioga County:** 5 Events were held at various locations in Spencer, Owego, Apalachin, Waverly, Berkshire, and Candor (at CCE Tioga) providing FREE SEEDS, informational handouts, educational workshop growing and propagation advice, seed saving education, in collaboration with libraries and partners across the county. **175+ attendees!**
- **MGV Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser:** Preparations for this annual community event have begun!
- **Vegetable Variety Trials for 2025** -participating in informational, educational & organizing webinars
- **Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news:** sharing updates and articles of interest
- **Demonstration Gardens:** Garden Work continues at 56 Main & other Owego locations

### 4-H Youth Development

- Tractor Safety & Machinery Operations Training & Certification Program – **5 completed!**
- **4-H South Central District Public Presentations:** **9 Tioga County 4-H youth competed** and **1** qualified to compete at the NYS Horse Public Presentations at Cornell on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **1** youth competed at the NYS Horse Bowl competition
- **4** members of the Tioga Bunny Buddies 4-H Club organized and participated in a joint public event with the Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library in Newark Valley.
- Tioga County 4-H has restarted the **Livestock Skill A Thon** Study group and will compete at the district competition in May.
- CCE Tioga / 4-H, in partnership with the Tioga County Agricultural Society and (5) FFA chapters in Tioga County have built the framework for the 2025 Youth Livestock Auction and Shows.
- **Giant Pumpkin Project Growing Strong:** 10+ members have begun growing their giant pumpkins

### Family Resource Center (FRC/Family Development Programs)

Child Abuse Prevention Month - We held many PINWHEEL Planting Sessions throughout the county  
**"Incredible Years"** In-person 8-week series of parenting classes focused on Toddlers series started with a former FRC participant joining our staff team as a temporary Program Assistant.

**Educators attended several training webinars** Monthly OCFS Meeting, "Not Just Rivalry: The Invisibility of Sibling Aggression and Abuse", "Parents as Strategic Partners in Prevention", "Where Creative Play and Social & Emotional Development Meet" (from Early Childhood Webinar Investigations)

**Professional development webinar:** Succeed at Work: Increasing Mental Toughness

FRC Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Duplicated
Spencer Library	4	17	25	43	68
Waverly Playgroup	5	2	1	3	3
<b>Incredible Years</b> Parenting Class	5	4	2	6	17
Nichols Library	4	4	5	9	13
Spencer Inspire	5	13	26	42	115
Berkshire	4	12	11	23	13
Candor	5	48	79	50	155
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>384</b>

**Agencies partnered with:** Church of the Nazarene, Tioga County libraries, Inspire, 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, CCE Chemung.

CCE Tioga Ag Educator Kelly J. brought an entomology display to program at Candor Library (Bugs!)



**FRC Success Stories:** Quote from a parenting class participant: *"We wanted to thank you and CCE for your time and efforts. We feel like anything designed to help educate parents and improve the quality of life for children is an outstanding and worthwhile endeavor! My wife and I will continue to look for opportunities to learn and grow as parents and if there is ever something new or significant that CCE rolls out, please keep us in mind to let us know about it. We absolutely used the materials you sent us through! The one I liked the most and we spent a good amount of time talking about was the color coded "Stages of Development" doc. I even gave my sister a copy to look at for her kids."*

**Nutrition:** SNAP-Ed programming continues to be delivered across Tioga County through our CCE Chemung partnership under the Finger Lakes SNAP-Ed Consortium.

### **Smart Energy Choices**

#### **Community Energy Advisors (CEA) Local Impact:**

- Reached 45 residents at Project Neighbor Food Pantry in Newark Valley
- Advised 40 residents including assisting with access to the Empower+ program, referring to Impact Project, Tioga Opportunities, USDA, and Office of the Aging.
- Established working relationship with Foam It, a Quality Home Empower+ contractor, and shadowed professional auditors from Foam It on 2 energy audits
- Tour of SUNY Morrisville Agricultural and Clean Energy Technology Center and participation in "Witness to Injustice" training at CCE Madison (Neighbors of Onondaga Nation)
- Attended Quarterly Hubbub – collaboration meeting for CEA's across the region
- CEA Staff Completed Roots of Success Environmental Literacy training
- *Smart Energy Choices Southern Tier Region Lead Activities:* supporting CEA's in all counties, participating in NYSEDA hub leadership meetings and developed working relationship with Thoma Development Consultants regarding their home repair programs alongside CCE Tioga & CCE Tompkins CEA's
- Monthly Regional Contractor Partnership Meeting included a presentation from NYS Department of Veterans' Services regarding their Emergency Housing Fund for veterans

**WIOA Youth Employment Program/Workforce:** The RFP for WIOA Youth Employment Program PY 2025 (starts July 1, 2025) is open, due May 7th. CCE Tioga will be submitting a proposal to Broome County for the maximum program award of \$150,000 for each 1 year period with (2) 1-year extensions available.

#### **Success Stories:**

3 Youth began **New Jobs** in April (Tioga Downs, Riverview and Bradford Area School District)  
 1 Youth in Work Experience at Fabulous Furnishings has started learning a new job refinishing furniture.  
 1 Youth completed the Work Experience and was **hired** by the employer, 2 Youth obtained drivers permits.  
 1 Youth began TC3 phlebotomy class, is doing great and loves it – expected completion in July 2025.

*Erin Evans has accepted a position at Tioga County, her last working day with CCE Tioga will be on May 9th. She brought great knowledge, support, care and expertise to the youth clients in our WIOA program and has been an invaluable partner in the work. Erin will be greatly missed.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
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### EDP Grant Tracking Spreadsheet - Tioga County

May-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	Construction 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	Construction in process	\$ 165,000.00	NA	NA	
8	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provide funding for small businesses with five or less employees.	Project selection in process	\$ 212,500.00	NA	NA	
9	Tioga County	NY SWIMS	Funding to support V. Owego public pool.	Awarded - in process	\$ 17,725.00	NA	NA	
10	Tioga County	NYSEDA 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

May-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	Village of Owego	OPRHP Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR) Grant Program	Marvin Park, Hyde Park, Woodlawn Park and Courthouse Square Park improvements	Application submitted	TBD		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	
9	Village of Newark Valley	ESD Planning and Feasibility Studies Program	Downtown strategic plan	Application submitted	\$ 22,500.00		X	Yes
10	TCPDC	NY Main Street	62-64 North Avenue, Owego rehabilitation	Awarded - in process	\$ 438,316.00		X	
11	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Phase 1, Year 3	Operational costs	Awarded - in process	\$ 200,000.00		X	
12	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Phase 2	Demolition and rehabilitation projects	Awarded - in process	\$ 900,000.00		X	
13	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Open Round	Demolition and rehabilitation projects	Awarded - in process	\$ 1,823,100.00		X	



REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -25

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: The Village of Waverly position on the Tioga County Planning Board has been vacant for almost two and a half years; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Waverly Board of Trustees has found Kasey Traub willing and able to serve in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Kasey Traub to the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Village of Waverly for a term of 5/13/25 – 12/31/27.