

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

September 8, 2026

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
 - Approval of minutes of August 4, 2026
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 - 105-Filing of an Application for NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) Program
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- ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 4, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Ron Ciotoli, David Cantella, Keith Flesher, Jake Brown, Tracy Monell

Staff: Brittany Woodburn, Linda Sampson, Jackson Bailey, Cathy Haskell, Laura Schurter, Paul Stagg

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Legislator 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 July 7, 2026 - Legislator Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the July 7, 2026, meeting. Legislator Brown made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 7, 2026, meeting, seconded by Legislator Cantella. All were in favor.

Ms. Woodburn reported the following:

II. FINANCIAL

- A. 2026 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.
 4. 2027 Budgets - Ms. Woodburn reported the proposed budgets are in the meeting packets and reported the following:
 - Economic Development: No grant funded positions, increased Book Line Item \$150.00 and decreased Services Rendered Line Item the same to offset.
 - Planning: No grant funded positions, and no changes.
 - Regional Planning/Southern Tier 8 Dues: Increasing by \$1,922.00 from 2026. The resolution regarding the increase was attached. This is due to one of the

counties leaving the membership. Legislator Ciotoli added that ST8 is going to use some of their reserve to offset the additional cost and split it up; stating that we receive quite a bit of assistance from this group making it worth continuing to pay the dues.

- Refuse & Garbage – No changes to this budget. Dr. Pratt receives grant funds to offset her position.

Ms. Woodburn reported we no longer budget for the Snowmobile Grant Program. Payment to the clubs will be made by resolution going forward.

III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Maffei, Tourism Director, reviewed her monthly report, highlighting the America 250 events, updating the events calendar software, USDA Rural Business Development Grant Application submitted, and the Big Boy Train event.
2. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District – No report provided this month.
3. Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monthly report is in the packet.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:
 - a. ESD Regional Council Capital Funds Request – 48-50 Lake Street, Owego – This is the redevelopment project where ED&P is in partnership with the Land Bank and the IDA. The grant application has been submitted. The request was for a little over 1.2 M. It was decided a technical assistance resolution was not necessary. The award announcement may not be until December.
 - b. NYS Snowmobile – Phase II is about receiving the required application materials; budget forms, trail updates, changes, and maintenance. This documentation is due September 1st. Ms. Woodburn distributed the Environmental Assessment Form and proposed trail changes for 2026-2027. These changes will also be reviewed by the County Attorney. Any trail changes require a SEQRA Determination resolution declaring the Legislature as Lead Agency, stating there is no significant adverse environmental impacts and authorizing the Legislative Chair to sign the form. Ms. Woodburn also reported that the County has received the 30% grant award for distribution to the snowmobile clubs. A resolution is required to accept the funds and modify the budget for disbursement. Both resolutions are listed below.
 - c. NY Main Street – 54 North Avenue, Owego – This grant application for \$193,500.00 to renovate 54 North Avenue has been submitted. The award announcement may not be until December.
 - d. FASY NY – Track C – Ms. Schnabl and Ms. Yelverton are finalizing the grant application on behalf of the IDA to acquire industrial property in Lounsberry.
 - e. OPRHP EPF – Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Project – The grant agreement documentation has been sent to the State and ED&P is anticipating the draft

agreement to be issued next month for signature by the IDA. The IDA also applied for ARC Funds and are confident we will get another \$150,000.00 making the preliminary engineering study fully funded.

- f. Vacant Rental Program – The guidelines and application is up on the Land Bank website and applications are being accepted. This is the program that the Land Bank was awarded \$750,000.00 for landlords with a small portfolio of apartments to upgrade or build new apartment units. Ms. Patton has received interest and is working through some applications.

Not on the agenda, Ms. Woodburn reported a letter was recently received regarding the additional \$218,750.00 of Microenterprise Program funds has been awarded. A resolution is listed below to accept the funds, modify the budget and authorize the Legislative Chair to sign the grant paperwork which is due in 20 days.

C. Economic/Community/Workforce Development

1. Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) Master Plan – A resolution is listed below for consideration to provide an additional \$5,000.00 match from the Economic Development Budget to the SHA Master Plan update. ED&P already paid a \$5,000.00 match in December 2025, the other \$5,000.00 was supposed to come from the Tioga County Tourism Budget making a total of a \$10,000.00 cash match. Due to budget constraints, Tourism cannot make this match payment. Upon reviewing the ED&P budgets, Ms. Woodburn reported having the ability to cover this additional match. This committee agreed to support this resolution to move forward.
2. Tioga County Foundation Coalition – Ms. Norton has been working with the Tioga County Chamber to hold a funding panel on August 6th, 1:00PM – 3:00PM at the Owego Apalachin School District board room for non-profit organizations interested in upcoming foundation application rounds. There are seven foundations as panelists and about 20 non-profit participants signed up to learn about the upcoming foundation cycle.
3. ARC Ready Local Governments – This is the program Town of Berkshire completed to update their Master Park Plan for George Smith Park. This program has just been released again, and the Village of Candor will be applying. They will have to go through a series of training opportunities to complete. Once completed they will be able to apply for a \$50,000.00 grant.
4. CDBG Public Facilities – Stone House floor plan layout – The existing and proposed floor plan has been completed and are now working with the engineer to get the cost estimate for the build out.
5. Apalachin Hotel site visit – This is the hotel behind the Comfort Inn in Apalachin. There has been a new owner for a few years and they have been self-funding the improvements so far. The owner is looking to work with the County or Non-Profit Agencies to provide different housing opportunities for Tioga County residents. Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Myers toured the property as well as several non-profits, Tioga Opportunities, and the New Hope Center. Mr. Mullen, Director of Veterans Services, could not attend but was on the call after the tour because there is

interest in potential Veterans Housing. Ms. Woodburn will keep this committee updated on the progress of this project, adding that there are about 51 rooms, some could be transitional housing, some for low-mod housing. The property owners are open to options and are looking for any available funding opportunities.

6. Leadership Tioga Presentation – Ms. Yelverton attended and presented for ED&P at Leadership Tioga in July.
7. 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project – ED&P is focused on getting the grant request in and working on getting some existing grants for the project transferred into the Land Bank's name. The scope of work and bid specs for the first phase of roof replacement and brick repointing is being finalized. Possible bid to go out in the fall with work beginning in the spring.
8. NY Forward – Village of Waverly – Going out to bid in the fall for phase I of their public projects which is for the pickleball court, basketball court and splash pad. This project is moving along.

D. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – None
2. ST8 Planning Director – ARC Review Committee – All the Planning Directors for the counties that are part of Southern Tier 8 sit on the ARC Review Committee. They help select pre-applications and recommend projects to move forward to the full application. The Village of Waverly has a pre-application in and will likely move forward for engineering and design work to hire a hydrologist to help make future improvement to their water system. They currently have limited capacity and anticipate drawing on more of that capacity in the next few years.

E. Sustainability Management

1. Tioga County Debris Management Plan – Dr. Pratt continues to work on this plan. There will be more updates after the next committee meeting.
2. 3rd Annual Pumpkin Smash Event – This event is scheduled for November 7th and the plan is to hold it at the Tioga County Fairgrounds. A resolution is listed below for consideration to have an MOU put in place between the Fair Board and Tioga County.
3. Town Cleanup Events – Dr. Pratt is collaborating with local municipalities to incorporate e-waste collection in their annual clean up event. The Town of Nichols will likely hold their cleanup event in October.
4. 2026 YTD –

a. Paid to Broome County	2026	2025
i. HHW	\$ 3,916.75	\$11,239.55
ii. E-Waste	\$ 462.00	\$ 1,006.25
b. Towns/County(E-waste)	\$ 457.52	\$ 1,167.25

F. IDA

1. HUD “Small Cities” Loan Funds – As discussed before, Ms. Woodburn mentioned that Tioga County has just under \$800,000.00 in a HUD CDBG Small Cities Program

Fund which is designated as revolving loan funds. In recent years, the IDA has administered this program on behalf of the County. Since being used for loans during COVID Loans, which have all been repaid, there has been limited use for these funds. There has been discussion with the IDA Board about revising the loan program guidelines to be a community revitalization loan program. This is similar to STREDC's most popular loan program that gets a lot of use to provide gap-financing for redevelopment for downtowns. This program pairs well with Restore NY, NY Main Street, DRI and NY Forward Projects. Ms. Woodburn distributed the new drafted guidelines. The guidelines have been shared with our HUD representative, and they seem to be in line with CDBG and HUD requirements but will leave it up to local discretion. The IDA has approved the revised guidelines, and we are now looking for approval from the County. A resolution is listed below. The committee asked for one revision; that projects outside "downtown" be considered. Ms. Woodburn agreed to add some flexibility in the language and resend. The IDA will meet tomorrow afternoon.

2. Town/County PILOT Projections – Ms. Schnabl is working on PILOT projections for the Town and County. She is waiting on the school tax rates to complete them.

G. Land Bank

1. 121 Providence Street, Waverly – This property will be listed very soon, the Land Bank settled on a listing price of \$195,000.00.
2. 247 Main Street, Owego – There has been progress on the project. Demolition of the non-historic additions has been completed and there has been some additional foundation work. The Land Bank just awarded the full renovation contract to Clearview Door and Window. They did the work on 81 North Ave.
3. Community Foundation of South-Central NY Women's Fund – The next construction class for women is tentatively scheduled for September 2026.

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

V. **RESOLUTIONS**

H04-Authorize Legislative Chair Signature on MOU with Tioga Co Fair Board
H30-Modify Snowmobile Grant Program Budget for 30% Award Disbursement to Snowmobile Clubs
H35-SEQRA Consideration for NYS Office of Parks Recreation Historic Preservation 2026-2027 Snowmobile Trails in Aide Program Phase II Application
H40-Authorize Additional TCEDP Cash Match for Susquehanna Heritage Area Management Plan
H41-Authorize Revised HUD CDBG Small Cities Loan Program Guidelines
H43-Accept Additional CDBG Microenterprise Funds and Modify Budget

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

Legislator Ciotoli – yes
Legislator Flesher – yes
Legislator Brown – yes
Legislator Cantella – yes

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. 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



Tioga County, New York

Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 09

ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
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	-50,000	0	-50,000	-25,242.91	.00	-24,757.09	50.5%*
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-50,000	0	-50,000	-25,000.00	.00	-25,000.00	50.0%*
A6422 449100 Federal Aid-Commun	0	0	0	-1,977.72	.00	1,977.72	100.0%
A6422 510010 Full Time	426,153	0	426,153	251,692.60	.00	174,460.40	59.1%
A6422 520150 File Cabinets	0	97	97	96.99	.00	.01	100.0%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	2,217.00	.00	783.00	73.9%
A6422 540040 Books	500	150	650	640.90	.00	9.10	98.6%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	315.85	.00	1,684.15	15.8%
A6422 540140 Contracting Servic	0	9,000	9,000	5,155.03	.00	3,844.97	57.3%
A6422 540180 Dues	1,000	0	1,000	100.00	.00	900.00	10.0%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	37.62	.00	112.38	25.1%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,000	0	1,000	218.07	.00	781.93	21.8%
A6422 540360 Meals/Food	750	0	750	110.00	.00	640.00	14.7%
A6422 540390 Mileage Expense	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6422 540420 Office Supplies	1,280	-1,341	-61	-680.98	.00	619.62	1109.8%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	117.56	.00	262.44	30.9%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,850	0	1,850	597.68	.00	1,252.32	32.3%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	19,190	-9,000	10,190	750.00	.00	9,440.00	7.4%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	3,729	3,829	.00	.00	3,829.36	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	282.68	.00	717.32	28.3%
A6422 540733 Training/All Other	4,820	-2,635	2,185	600.00	.00	1,585.00	27.5%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	60,970	0	60,970	22,244.90	.00	38,725.10	36.5%
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	32,738	0	32,738	19,009.48	.00	13,728.52	58.1%
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	7,721	0	7,721	4,952.17	.00	2,768.83	64.1%
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	369	0	369	231.99	.00	137.01	62.9%
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	122,080	0	122,080	46,218.85	.00	75,861.15	37.9%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	99	0	99	61.57	.00	37.43	62.2%
TOTAL Economic Development	552,200	0	552,200	302,749.33	.00	249,450.67	54.8%
TOTAL General Fund	552,200	0	552,200	302,749.33	.00	249,450.67	54.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-135,000	0	-135,000	-52,220.63	.00	-82,779.37	
TOTAL EXPENSES	687,200	0	687,200	354,969.96	.00	332,230.04	



Tioga County
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GRAND TOTAL	552,200	0	552,200	302,749.33	.00	249,450.67	54.8%

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A8020 Planning							
A8020 510010 Full Time	192,155	0	192,155	92,012.87	.00	100,142.13	47.9%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540140 Contracting Servic	32,000	0	32,000	8,062.05	.00	23,937.95	25.2%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	0	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
A8020 540220 Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	24.40	.00	175.60	12.2%
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	29.86	.00	870.14	3.3%
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	349.68	.00	250.32	58.3%
A8020 540733 Training/All Other	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	27,492	0	27,492	8,935.85	.00	18,556.15	32.5%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	14,762	0	14,762	6,820.93	.00	7,941.07	46.2%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	3,481	0	3,481	1,445.48	.00	2,035.52	41.5%
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	167	0	167	67.71	.00	99.29	40.5%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	55,047	0	55,047	29,065.73	.00	25,981.27	52.8%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	45	0	45	18.08	.00	26.92	40.2%
TOTAL Planning	338,014	0	338,014	146,832.64	.00	191,181.36	43.4%
TOTAL General Fund	338,014	0	338,014	146,832.64	.00	191,181.36	43.4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	338,014	0	338,014	146,832.64	.00	191,181.36	



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GRAND TOTAL	338,014	0	338,014	146,832.64	.00	191,181.36	43.4%

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A8160 Refuse & Garbage							
A8160 421890 Other Home & Comm	-1,980	0	-1,980	-660.00	.00	-1,320.00	33.3%*
A8160 425900 Waste Hauler Permi	-400	0	-400	-400.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A8160 439892 Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	-7,745.96	.00	-22,254.04	25.8%*
A8160 510010 Fulltime	74,754	0	74,754	47,721.79	.00	27,032.21	63.8%
A8160 520070 Chairs	0	0	0	-302.11	.00	302.11	100.0%
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	7,000	14,500	7,445.91	7,027.15	26.94	99.8%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	0	175	95.00	.00	80.00	54.3%
A8160 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,500	0	1,500	218.07	.00	1,281.93	14.5%
A8160 540390 Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420 Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	715.67	.00	1,284.33	35.8%
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	-7,000	91,000	21,215.91	.00	69,784.09	23.3%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	10,324.70	40,914.10	23,761.20	68.3%
A8160 542485 Printing/Paper	2,000	0	2,000	443.85	.00	1,556.15	22.2%
A8160 542640 Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	0	11,000	82.48	.00	10,917.52	.7%
A8160 542680 Tires	3,900	0	3,900	1,762.00	.00	2,138.00	45.2%
A8160 581088 State Retirement F	10,695	0	10,695	7,348.59	.00	3,346.41	68.7%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	5,743	0	5,743	3,602.48	.00	2,140.52	62.7%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	1,354	0	1,354	805.63	.00	548.37	59.5%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	65	0	65	37.74	.00	27.26	58.1%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	21,415	0	21,415	8,476.37	.00	12,938.63	39.6%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	17	0	17	10.03	.00	6.97	59.0%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	283,205	0	283,205	101,198.15	47,941.25	134,065.35	52.7%
TOTAL General Fund	283,205	0	283,205	101,198.15	47,941.25	134,065.35	52.7%
TOTAL REVENUES	-32,380	0	-32,380	-8,805.96	.00	-23,574.04	
TOTAL EXPENSES	315,585	0	315,585	110,004.11	47,941.25	157,639.39	



TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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GRAND TOTAL	283,205	0	283,205	101,198.15	47,941.25	134,065.35	52.7%
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August 2026 – CCE Tioga Highlights

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

Organizational Updates: Our 4-H Educator Robyn Estrella has departed CCE Tioga, returning to the Vestal School District as a special education teacher. We will greatly miss her contributions and appreciate her work for Tioga County 4-H. CCE Tioga has an open search through Sept. 21st to fill the vacancy:

<https://tioga.cce.cornell.edu/about-us/cce-tioga-job-openings>

- *Organizational Sustainability Letter* provided to Tioga County Legislative Representatives and key stakeholders. Press release to public in progress for release by September 15.
- Caitlin Tucker, our Smart Energy Adviser, has embarked on graduate studies at Binghamton Univ. in the Sustainable Communities program. CCE Tioga is supporting her efforts with flexible work arrangements.
- CCE Tioga was awarded a **Regional Navigator Grant** (\$15,000) from American Farmland Trust to continue and expand our farmland transition assistance programs (kick-off call was August 12th)
- Several CCE Educators attended a virtual informational session on the **free “Eat Easy SNAP-Ed Resource”** with a tour of the online tool and learned how the classes work. We will continue to share this resource – **Open to All** - with our communities in person and over social media

Campus Connection to Cornell:

- **Livestock PWT (Program work Team)** – Kelly Jackson, Ag Educator, participating & sharing information
- **Vegetable Variety Trials (V.V.T.)** - Jean Koski, Horticulturist and local MGVT participating, collecting data and sharing late season photos, harvest data, notes on performance with Cornell and rating the vegetables (maturity and harvest).

Community Connections:

Tioga County Fair + Agricultural Resource Group CCE Tioga tabled alongside Tioga CO. SWCD and Farm Bureau throughout Fair week (Aug 11-15) near the agricultural buildings with engaging activities and promoting public programs. Free Ag Day brought many visitors and kicked off a great week of outreach!

Community Education: Jean Koski continues participation and correspondence with SVE Ag Advisory group and community partnership team. Exploring potential horticulture research grant engaging student and school high tunnels with local Agriculture teachers (SVE)

CCE Tioga in the Owego Pennysaver –monthly ad to help residents connect with our program offerings!

Tioga County Food Alliance: Kristi Snyder represents CCE Tioga and ARG partners as a participating member

Pumpkin Smash 2026 –CCE Tioga (Kristi & Kelly) joins Team Tioga, Sustainability and Tourism on the planning committee for the 3rd Annual Tioga County Pumpkin Smash. New this year is a Pumpkin Pie Baking contest. The date has been set for Saturday, Nov. 7th 2026!

CCE Tioga Community Outreach: Pilot Program of Pop-up Office Hours around the County to meet people where they are and connect them with our programming or other resources, Joan Shultz (FRC) leading effort.

August Outreach Locations: Candor Library, Waverly Library (summer reading program - 3 people), Spencer Library (Summer Reading Program – 80 people), Nichols Library (summer reading program – 40 pp)

Agriculture Outreach Programs - Kelly Jackson (Agriculture Development Specialist)

- **Local Ag Meetings:** Tioga Co. Farm Bureau (board service and meeting attendance), ARG
- **Weekly Ag Newsletter** – “All Things Agriculture” sent out weekly to 300+ farmers and Ag Service providers in and around Tioga County- Communicating Grant opportunities, Events and webinars.

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- **Weekly Ag Technical Support** - Daily/Weekly interactions with farmers via email, phone or Farm visits as requested. Open office hours (Tues 1-4p) In person in Owego & Virtual Zoom Room for Technical Assistance and Farm Succession Resources
- **Tioga County Summer Pasture Walk held with TC. SWCD**— at an Amish dairy in Nichols. We had 42 participants, largely consisted of the Amish community, and a mix of beef/dairy/small ruminant farmers attended. Educational activities included soil infiltration tests and brix readings on grasses. The event was well received, and we will continue holding at least one annually at farms around the county.
- **Sweet Corn Pest Monitoring & Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) Trapping** – continuing these farm pest projects from last year. This is coordinated by and traps are provided by Cornell IPM. These traps are checked weekly by Kelly, our local Ag Educator and a blog is updated for farmers to check the presence of specific sweet corn pests to know if they need to adjust their spray schedule accordingly.
 - SWD trapping concluded at the end of August. One farmer said that they **really appreciate this service and actually use it as a selling point at the farmers market** that they attend to help customers understand IPM and how spraying is done strategically vs routinely
- Presence on the newly created **Southern Tier Land Conservancy Working Lands Committee**
- **Updating Tioga County's Farm Store and Farm Store Map** – A guide to local farms was created in 2021 and needs updating. A survey for producers has been spread widely around the county to create a digital map for this year, working towards a printed version for 2027. If you know of farmers who have farm stands or an agriculture operation in the county, please help spread the word! More agribusinesses are being added and we have a sufficient number of farms on the map to begin publicizing soon. **QR links for the survey and to view the current map.** →

**TIOGA COUNTY
FARM STAND MAP**



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CCE Tioga is sharing the virtual Farm Stand Map on our website and social media! The map is now at over 1,500 views and climbing! We have increased to 35+ farms and farm stands listed. Interviewed with the Morning Times about this initiative -(Aug 28th article "Local farms offer more than food in Tioga County")

South Central NY Dairy & Field Crops (SCNY DFC) Regional Ag Team (CCE Tioga Membership)
<https://scnydfc.cce.cornell.edu/events.php>

On-Farm Research Projects CCE Tioga Ag Specialist Kelly Jackson is working with Janice Degni, SCNY DFC Field Crops on several projects this season.

- **Seedcorn Maggot (SCM) Risk Assessment Field Trials** – Planting/seed digging/biomass collection continues for the SCM 2026 field project. Kelly is collaborating with SCNY DFC Team to assist with Cornell Entomology and Cornell IPM on-farm trials. This is an experiment monitoring insect pest damage and yield changes in response to the use of neonicotinoid-treated seeds vs untreated (fungicide only) seeds in field and vegetable crops in New York. Neonics are banned as seed treatments for corn, soybean, and wheat beginning in 2029 so this will assist farmers with future decision making. **Early Summer trial work has been completed, work will restart in the fall for harvest efforts.**

Horticulture Outreach, Collaboration & Research – Jean Koski (Horticulturist)

- **Community Garden Guidance/ Grow Line Hot Topics:** answering questions (phone, email or social media) from the public centered around disease and bug control for the home garden, fruit season losses, veggie garden troubleshooting, landscape perennials and design, how to get started with permaculturing, canning and home food preservation. Other questions about how to rehab an

abandoned orchard, help in identifying tree disease and finding informational resources, advice for severely damaged peach trees and tree mammal and insect pest control.

- **CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm** – Incubator Cut Flower Farmer successfully growing with guidance from Ag / Hort educators. **Greenhouse Tomato/BioChar Trials** continues with data collection and summary. **Hügelkultur Continues:** the next layer was added to the hügel succession planting bed, in preparation for a next phase.
- **Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners>
>>Join the group to see seasonal horticulture interest topics

Master Gardeners - Jean Koski (Master Gardener Volunteer Program Coordinator)

- **MGV Community Engagement:** Owego Demonstration Gardens (56 Main, Riverwalk & Court House Square) began the Summer Garden Walk-about Series – August featured “Culinary Herbs” and how to utilize the bounty.
 - **MGV community activity:** Ongoing public garden maintenance and sharing happenings in Newark Valley (VVT Trials), Apalachin, and Spencer (plots at Inspire showcasing “interesting Garden techniques”). Owego area public spaces ongoing garden maintenance and public interaction
 - **Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news & Program Development:** sharing updates & articles of interest
- Success story:** The Owego area garden work groups have always had plenty of people compliment the effort into maintaining the beautiful spaces we care for around the Owego area. This season we have made a point to directly invite the public to interact with MGV’s through a series of themed garden walkabouts conducted at the demonstration gardens at 56 Main Street. While the numbers of people participating in the walkabouts is low, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of people approaching with questions. It is a wonderful feeling for everyone who puts in so much effort into the gardens. The community does notice and is comfortable with MGV’s and excited to learn from us!



4-H Youth Development - Robyn Estrella (4-H Youth Development Resource Educator) & Donna Vergason-Gibson (Program Coordinator , PT, and Kylie & Cristina (Summer Interns)

Tioga County Fair – What A Success! Youth Animal shows, Youth Livestock Auction (local food raised with care, pride and tears), Raiser of the Year and Herdsmanship Awards promoting quality care of animals, positive attitude and community engagement with multiple community organizations (TCAS/Fair Board & Tioga Co. Farm Bureau). Animal Pen Decorating and Costume Parade contests, Showmanship Custom Cowboy hat prizes adored by all! Youth connecting and making memories – priceless.

- **(9) 4-H clubs** assembled displays and coordinated activities at the Tioga County Fair
- **66 youth** exhibited in the Tioga County 4-H events at Tioga County Fair (Animal Science, Project Books, Arts & Crafts, Mental Health Social Engagement)
- **Youth, 4-H Club Leaders, Parents, CCE Tioga Board members and community Volunteers** provided 250+ volunteer hours at the Clover Café – our premier fundraising event to support 4-H activities and our Youth Building facility. The Clover Café brought in over \$27,000 in gross receipts! (Actual fundraising costs/receipts under review.) **2,599 transactions during Fair, serving 1,457 milkshakes!**
- **\$73 donated to the Farm Bureau Charley Truman Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund from Charley’s milkshakes served at Fair.**
- **(8) Youth are competing in NYS Fair 4-H Events:** Rabbit / Swine Shows, Horse Events & Lego Contest
- **Next Up: Giant Pumpkin Auction Sunday, Sept. 27th 4pm at Iron Kettle Farm, Candor**
- **Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year : October 1 – Dec 23, 2026**

Family Resource Connections - Joan Shultz & Donna Vergason-Gibson,
FRC Program Coordinators/Family Development Educators

Professional development: Storytelling’s Magic Wand: Developmental Fairy dust for Literacy, Make Believe and Representational Thinking webinar. Infants, Toddlers and Two, Oh My Webinar.

FRC Partnered with Local Agencies: Tioga County Libraries (Waverly, Candor, Spencer, Nichols, Berkshire), Inspire Community Center in Spencer, TC Health Dept, PACT, WIC, DSS, Owego Gymnastics

Total number of Grandparents/Senior Citizens served for the month:

FRC Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Attending
Spencer (Inspire)	3	15	24	42	81
Spencer (Library)	3	10	22	37	74
Nichols (Library)	2	8	16	26	32
Waverly (Library)	3	5	11	19	28
Owego Gymnastics	1	9	12	22	22
Berkshire (Library)	3	29	47	71	71
Candor (Library)	3	24	36	56	73
TOTAL:	19	100	168	273	381

FRC Success Stories.

- Partnered with Owego Gymnastics for a free 1-hour session for families with young children. Families enjoyed the experience, and many expressed interest in returning independently for future sessions.
- A grandparent donated ice cream for Spencer Library Story time, to accompany the stories and craft theme.
- Berkshire Library has successfully hosted a Children's Farmers Market every Wednesday throughout the summer. Children and families have access to a variety of fresh produce, along with crafts and free lunches. The FRC has continued its partnership with the library by participating in the Summer Reading Program and supporting special events, including visits from Tanglewood and the orchestra.
- The Family Resource Center (FRC) partnered with the Tioga County Youth Bureau to provide families with the opportunity to attend the Tioga County Fair at no cost. Through this grant partnership, the Youth Bureau donated 18 admission tickets for distribution to eligible families. Each admission ticket included a \$5 Clover Café food voucher, allowing families to enjoy a meal while attending the fair. This initiative provided families with an opportunity to spend time outdoors, visit the animal exhibits, and participate in the educational and recreational activities offered at the fair. The program supported family engagement by creating an accessible, low-cost community experience that encouraged quality time together and connection with local resources with affordable healthy food options.

Smart Energy Choices: Caitlin Tucker (Tioga Co. CEA) & Eileen Hanrahan (Regional SEC Team Mgr)

- Reached **57** residents at Free Ag Day of the Tioga County Fair w/ the Powerhouse **8/11**, and assisted CCE Chemung CEA's with Powerhouse outreach at neighboring Chemung County Fair
- Learned that **2** of our advisees completed Empower+ projects, securing **\$15,652.85** in NYSERDA funding for Tioga County residents
 - Total NYSERDA funding secured for Tioga County Residents in 2026: **\$58,949.23**
- Advised **15** residents assisting with access to the Empower+ Program, WAP, USDA Rural Development, Tioga County Rural Ministry, Adult Protective Services, Appliance Upgrade Program
 - **4** of these advisees are **no-heat** situations
- Coordinating with 3 Artists & Clean Energy participants to help them incorporate clean energy into each of their projects (Brick Pond Painting event/tabling rescheduled in Sept. due to weather)
- Professional Development: Attended Hub Annual Meeting in White Plains, NY **August 12-14**
- Attended and led discussion group during the *Southern Tier Hub Stakeholder Forum* (8/21)
 - NYSERDA mandated event occurring after the first 4 years of the Hub to reflect on past performance and set goals for the next 4 years with contractors and community partners/members. Caitlin is assisting with creating the forum report to be submitted to NYSERDA

- Serving as representative for Southern Tier Hub at Building Performance Contractors Association (BPCA) weekly meetings

WIOA Youth Employment Program/Workforce – Lisa Weston-Bialy (Resource Educator), Mary Hill (Administrative Assistant)

- **PY26 Enrollments 11 of 30**; Active Rollover youth: **19**
- **Education and Career Enrollments: (6)** - Univ. at Buffalo (BioChem), SUNY Canton (Early Childhood Ed), Finger Lakes CC (Music Ed), GST BOCES (Cosmetology), Niagara CC (Animal Management), SUNY Broome (EMT/Paramedic).
- **Starting Training in Sept: (3)** BT BOCES (Barbering), Corning CC (Welding), BT BOCES (Cosmetology)
- **Work Experience:** Spencer Surefine (Deli Clerk-\$16/hr)
- **Currently enrolled in Training or continuing College: (7)** GST BOCES (Welding), Oneonta Job Corp (Automotive and Medical Asst), TC3 (Criminal Justice), Connecticut State (Registered Nursing), SUNY Broome: Health studies, MCC: Early Childhood Ed
- Currently Enrolled in **GED class: (9)**
- **Obtained Employment** in August: **(9)** Ulta Beauty (Brow Specialist \$21.25/hr + Tips); Raymond Hadley (Kitting \$18/hr); Owego Kitchen (Food Service\$16); Dandy Mart (Cashier \$16); Ameri-Corp NCCC- Colorado – unsure; Tioga Downs (Busser \$16 + tips); CMP (Production/Assembly \$20); McDonalds (Food Service \$16.50) , RiverView Manor (CNA \$25.25/hr),

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Please leave a message as we may be helping others. We look forward to helping you!

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Respectfully Submitted,
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Tioga County Tourism

Finger Lakes Wine Country (FLWC)

FLWC recently partnered with Trove, a marketing firm, to manage all promotional activities. Tioga has been featured in several social media campaigns and is preparing to host journalists from influential travel publications in October.

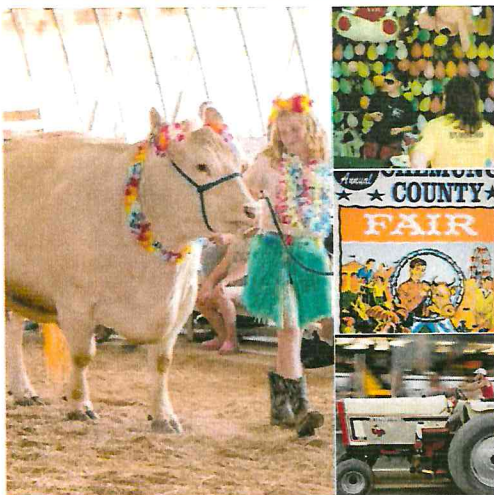
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- Chemung County Fair August 4-8
- Tioga County Fair August 11-15
- Steuben County Fair August 17-23

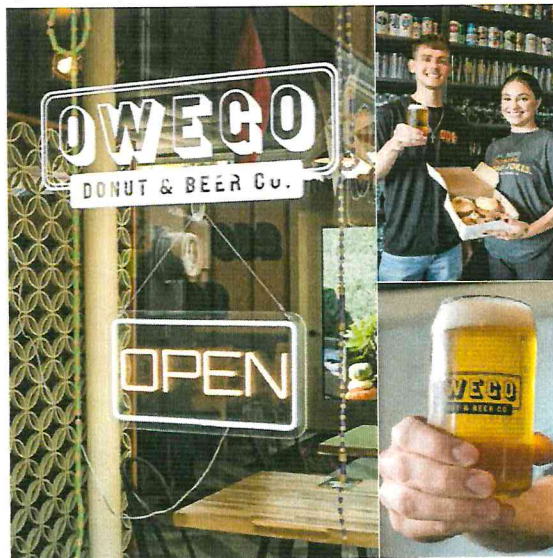
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Susquehanna Heritage Area Master Plan

Tioga County and Broome County continue to work on an Arts and Culture Plan that includes over 150 locations, businesses and organizations in Tioga County. This plan will be a guiding document for future Heritage Tourism initiatives, as well as a helpful resource for arts and culture nonprofits.

Paddle the 607

The Susquehanna River Basin Paddle Trail (<https://paddle607.com>) is nearing the end of the first paddle season that it has been up and running and promoting the region as a paddle destination. Tioga County, along with 8 other counties, is included in the steering committee and promotions. This trail is up for award by the New York State Tourism Industry Association.

Grant Tracking Spreadsheet
EDP Legislative Committee Meeting
September 8, 2026

Tioga County

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Amount	Resolution
1	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VIII – 81 North Ave	Rehabilitation of 81 North Ave, Owego	Closeout	\$ 165,000.00	Closeout
2	Tioga County	NYS Snowmobile	Snowmobile grant program for 5 clubs in Tioga County	Phase II due Sept. 1st	TBD	Annual
3	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck, community kitchen, food rescue program	Project in process	\$ 243,533.00	#63-25
4	Tioga County	ESD Restore NY Round VII – Tioga Trails	Rehabilitation of 48-50 Lake Street, Owego	Project bidding - Phase 1	\$ 1,000,000.00	#324-23
5	Tioga County	2026 Household Hazardous Waste Program (FY 2025)	Funds for proper disposal of household hazardous waste	Program in process	\$ 5,992.22	#88-26
6	Tioga County	2026 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling	Funds to expand and implement waste reduction strategies	Program in process	\$ 60,400.00	#312-25
7	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provides funding for small businesses with < 5 employees	Program in process	\$ 212,500.00	#351-24
8	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program – Renewal	Provides funding for small businesses with < 5 employees	Application awarded	\$ 218,750.00	#63-26
9	Tioga County	NY Main Street	Rehabilitation funding for 54 North Avenue, Owego	Application submitted	\$ 193,500.00	#295-26
10	Tioga County	ESD County Infrastructure Grant Program	Funds for extending municipal sewer to Strong Road for single-family home development.	Application awarded	\$ 500,000.00	#158-26

Outside Agencies

	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Status	Amount	Resolution/Resource
1	V. Newark Valley	ESD Restore NY Round VIII	Rehabilitation of 10 and 14-16 Whig Street, NV	Design/Project bidding	\$ 732,420.00	#213-24
2	OACSD/BT BOCES	Congressionally Directed Spending	Build out of Regional Career and Technical Education Center	Design	\$ 811,000.00	Resource
3	OACSD/BT BOCES	ARC Infrastructure Area Development	Build out of Regional Career and Technical Education Center	Design	\$ 1,000,000.00	#382-24
4	T. Berkshire	ARC READY Local Government Program	Master park plan for George W. Smith park	Closeout	\$ 50,000.00	Closeout
5	Tioga Hardwoods	ESD Small Manufacturers Grant	Equipment purchases/upgrades	Incentive proposal issued	\$ 112,240.00	Resource
6	V. Owego	OPRHP (EPF) grant - Owego Police Station	Exterior façade improvements - 90 Temple Street, Owego	Construction	\$ 468,416.00	#244-25
7	V. Owego	NY SWIMS II - V. Owego public pool	Funding to support capital improvements to public pool	Project bidding	\$ 271,771.00	#326-25
8	V. Owego	NY PLAYS	Funding for purchase and installation of playground equipment at Hyde Park.	Application submitted	\$ 264,012.00	#296-26
9	TCLDC	USDA RBDG	Tourism Marketing Business Technical Assistance	Application awarded	\$ 95,000.00	#296-26
10	TCIDA	USDA RBDG	Equipment Lease Program	Program in process	\$ 99,000.00	NA
11	TCIDA	OPRHP EPF	Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project	Grant Agreement	\$ 450,000.00	NA
12	TCIDA	ARC IJIA	Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project	Application submitted	\$ 150,000.00	NA
13	TCIDA	FAST NY Track C - Lounsberry area sites	Pre-engineering and aquisiton funds for potential industrial sites	Application submitted	\$ 2,629,929.00	NA
14	TCPDC	NY Main Street	62-64 North Avenue, Owego rehabilitation	Project bidding in process	\$ 438,316.00	NA
15	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Operations	Operational costs	Program in process	\$ 200,000.00	NA
16	TCPDC	Land Bank Initiative (LBI) Open Round	Demolition and rehabilitation projects	Program in process	\$ 1,823,100.00	NA
17	TCPDC	ESD Regional Council Capital Funds	Rehabilitation of 48-50 Lake Street, Owego	Application submitted	\$ 1,226,360.00	NA
18	TCPDC	Vacant Rental Program	Repairs and rehabilitation of vacant rental units	Grant Agreement	\$ 750,000.00	NA

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR NYSDEC
MUNICIPAL WASTE REDUCTION AND
RECYCLING (MWRR) PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The State of New York announced a grant from the NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Program to support counties and local governments with their recycling and waste reduction program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Through this grant Solid Waste would be partially reimbursed for their eligible costs of the Sustainability Manager position and recycling and waste reduction educational and outreach program; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes the Sustainability Manager to apply and administer said grant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to sign the application for said grant.