

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

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
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  - Approval of minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  
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- PROCLAMATIONS- N/A
  
- ADJOURNMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING July 5, 2023

### **ATTENDEES:**

**Legislators:** Barb Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Keith Flesher, Dale Weston, Marte Sauerbrey

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson

**Guests:** Wendy Walsh, District Manager, Tioga County Soil & Water, Christine Curtis, Executive Director, Industrial Development Agency

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

Committee Chair, Ms. Roberts asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Legislator Flesher made a motion to accept going into Executive Session and Legislator Mullen seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Present for the Executive Session was Committee Chair Barb Roberts, Legislative Chair Marte Sauerbrey, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, Legislator Dale Weston, Legislator Dennis Mullen, Legislator Keith Flesher and County Attorney Pete DeWind.

At 1:20 the ED&P Legislative Committee Meeting resumed. Legislator Mullen was the spokesperson to report what was discussed in the Executive Session regarding the grant policy and how to move forward.

Legislator Mullen reported the following:

- When ED&P is a resource, providing assistance specific to a grant, this information can be in a spreadsheet brought to every committee meeting.
- The spreadsheet will be reviewed at the meeting and a decision will be made which resource/item on the spreadsheet should go in a resolution.
- A template resolution should be created and all those items from the spreadsheet that should go in a resolution will be listed in this one resolution. This resolution should be sent to Ms. Haskell as soon as possible to be reviewed at Worksession on Thursday.
- If, at Worksession, a Legislator disagrees with something and there are enough votes, the resolution can be amended on the floor.

The spreadsheet should be part of the committee packet that gets sent to all Legislators and will also get posted to the website.

Ms. Tinney stated that she is aware this committee wants to hear more of what ED&P is doing and pointed out that her agenda is filled with many details. She requested that as she reviews it, this committee advise on what is necessary and what can be removed going forward.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P):** Ms. Tinney reported the following; agenda and attachments previously emailed.

### **I. MINUTES**

#### **A. Approval of minutes of June 6, 2023**

Legislator Roberts asked for approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2023 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the June 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Legislator Flesher. All were in favor.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

The 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

#### **A. Economic Development**

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

#### **B. Planning**

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

#### **C. Sustainability Management**

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Reports**

1. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District: Wendy Walsh, District Manager – No report in the committee packet. Ms. Walsh will email her report after the meeting, however reported the following:
  - They are busy with designing and planning work, as well as many projects are under construction this summer.
  - Two grants were applied for in June, two other grants will be applied for in August. WQIP is coming up in July and will partner up with the IDA for a project on Blodgett Road.
  - The Hazard Mitigation Project is moving along; working with the consultant and setting up municipal meetings.
  - Monthly meetings with the Ag Resource Group regarding the analysis of the Ag & Farmland Protection Plan implementation and thoughts on updates when the time comes.
  - Sundae on the Farm will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, Engelbert's Farm, 12PM-3PM.
2. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly Report previously emailed.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension – No report this month.

4. Industrial Development Agency – Christine Curtis, Executive Director - In keeping with staff reporting, Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Curtis. Ms. Curtis reported on current projects she is working on:
  - Anticipating a refund of \$350,000.00 from the ESD Water Tank Grant by August 19<sup>th</sup>. The contractor came in to do the final punch list and when reviewed the final balance will be paid. Veolia will be executing the property transfer documents to officially own the tank.
  - Awarded \$45,000.00 FEMA grant funds for engineering plans (Larson Design Group) for the Richford Railroad Crossing that floods; will be looking further for funding to get the work done.
  - Awarded an ESD Grant of \$23,650.00 to assist Raymond Hadley to investigate increasing their water capacity by way of connecting to VanEttens water dept. or other options possible; working with Larson Design Group. IDA will be matching 50%; \$23,650.00.
  - ARC Grant approved for supporting engineering designs for two 40,000 square ft. buildings to be constructed on IDA owned property.
  - Assisting Ian Mumbulo from Reed Brook Farms and Justin Jordan from Jordan Farms with a USDA meat capacity grant for equipment. Both applications are due July 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Will be scheduling a tour at Crown, Cork and Seal for IDA Board Members and ED&P staff.
  - Annual loan site visits coming up.
  - Loan closing with the IRP loan program that supported HeaHea Healing and Health Retreats.
  - Previously approved the SunEast Valley Solar PILOT Agreement for the construction of a 20MW facility. They will be coming back to the IDA for a mortgage tax exemption.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – Tioga County as the applicant:

- a. CDBG- Racker Neighborhood Depot
  - Total Project Amount- \$7,933,000
  - Grant Amount- \$3,000,000
  - Tioga County Match- \$0
  - Match (other)- Racker
  - Admin Fee Collected-N/A
- b. Restore NY- Fuddy Duddy's
  - Total Project Amount- \$2,400,000
  - Grant Amount- \$1,800,000
  - Tioga County Match- \$0
  - Match (other)- Property Owner
  - Admin Fee Collected- N/A
- c. NYS Snowmobile- Countywide Phase 1 & Phase III
  - Total Project Amount- \$62,160
  - Grant Amount- \$62,160
  - Tioga County Match- \$0

- Match (other)- \$0
- Admin Fee (6%) Collected- \$3,269.52
- d. ARC- update Countywide Strategic Plan
  - Total Project Amount- \$50,000
  - Grant Amount- \$25,000
  - Tioga County Match- \$25,000/County Contingency
  - Match (other)- N/A
  - Admin Fee Collected- N/A
- e. NYPA- EV charging stations
  - Total Project Amount- \$1,000,000
  - Grant Amount- \$1,000,000
  - Tioga County Match- \$0
  - Match (other)- \$0
  - Admin Fee Collected- N/A
- f. DEC- HHW Program
  - Total Project Amount- \$22,962.38
  - Grant Amount- \$11,481.19
  - Tioga County Match- \$11,481.19/Sustainability budget
  - Match (other)- \$0
  - Admin Fee Collected- N/A
- g. Restore NY- Tioga Trails
  - Total Project Amount- TBD
  - Grant Amount- \$1,000,000
  - Match (other)- property owner
  - Admin Fee Collected- N/A

The committee was in agreement to continue to report/update on the above; until the project is complete.

2. Active Grants- Tioga County is not applicant – The following did not make it through the internal approval process for resolutions but are listed below. It is understood that next month they will be on the spreadsheet for discussion. With an abbreviated description, not benefit the county or improve quality of life, but what is the grant for; grant source, purpose, amount, benefit/reason for grant.
  - a. Candor Schools
    - Grant Amount- \$ TBD
    - Use- Purchase of sports defibrillators
    - Benefit to County- improve quality of life
    - Detailed Purpose- Funds from this request will be used by the Candor Central School District (CCSD) to replace obsolete Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and purchase additional AEDs, to be used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AEDs are electronic devices used to restart a person's heart that has stopped beating. They are safe, easy to use, and can be operated effectively by the public.
  - b. Tioga County Anglers
    - Grant Amount- \$5,000
    - Use- initiate education program

Detailed Purpose- Funds from this request will be used by the Tioga County Anglers (TCA) to initiate a trout stocking education program in partnership with the Newark Valley Central School District's National FFA Organization (formerly 'Future Farmers of America') and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Geared towards students who aspire to careers as teachers, scientists, biologists, conservationists, engineers, etc., this program will offer students an opportunity to enhance and improve their knowledge of local conservation efforts and New York State DEC regulations while helping to restore the native brook trout population. Restoration of this species not only helps sustainably maintain the brook trout population, but also bolsters the local fishing economy.

c. Newark Valley United Church of Christ

Grant Amount- \$ TBD

Use- replace handicap access ramp

Detailed Purpose-NVUCC has identified stakeholders likely to rent the community space: organizational meetings, food processors, farmers market vendors, caterers/restaurants, one-time use parties/events, etc. Additionally, the recent large-scale resettlement of Amish farmers to the area will support the sustainability of the project. It is expected that this project will serve 50 farmers/entrepreneurs annually. For the first year, rental income is projected to be \$11,000.00. Plans are also underway to create a replicable plan for use by similar at-risk organizations. Replacement of the handicap access ramp will ensure the safety and accessibility of this historic building and is the final step in preparing the site for shared use.

d. Kali's Klubhouse

Grant Amount- \$5,000

Detailed Purpose- Funds from this request will be used by Kali's Klubhouse, Inc. (KKH) to facilitate their 7 Keys for Success Program. This equine assisted program addresses the need for safe emotional environments for youth, while also addressing the need for literacy and education to provide better outcomes. Youth partner with horses using experiential education to study the 7 Keys to Success. As part of this program, youth design a civic engagement project to share with members of their community, while they receive counseling/support from uniquely qualified equine facilitators that can assist in the development of soft skills and/or work readiness skills such as communication, time management, personal presentation, teamwork, positive attitude, self-confidence, and leadership.

Use- facilitate programming.

e. Neighborhood Depot

Grant Amount- \$50,000

Use- construction of Neighborhood Depot Center

Detailed Purpose- Neighborhood Depot, Inc. is requesting support in order to build a nonprofit hub for organizations to share services in rural Tioga County,

New York. The facility will be built above the 500-year flood zone and act as an emergency response center in times of crisis.

f. Neighborhood Depot

Grant Amount- \$116,000

Use- construction of Neighborhood Depot Center

Detailed Purpose- Neighborhood Depot, Inc. is requesting support in order to build a nonprofit hub for organizations to share services in rural Tioga County, New York. The facility will be built above the 500-year flood zone and act as an emergency response center in times of crisis.

g. Catholic Charities

Grant Amount- \$250

Use- purchase of food containers

Detailed Purpose- Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga has initiated a food rescue program in Tioga County. Help is needed to cover the cost of food rescue containers.

h. Catholic Charities

Grant Amount- \$500

Use- purchase of supplies

Detailed Purpose- Funds will be used to buy supplies to support the Food Rescue Program. This program captures perishable food donations from area businesses and repackages these items for distribution to those in need. Not only does this program feed a vulnerable population, it also reduces local food waste, keeping tons of food out of landfills.

It was mentioned there should be a resource column on the spreadsheet.

3. 2023 EDP Contracts – ED&P was informed that contracts and agreements were not in MUNIS. The following is an update of those in process:

a. Evolve (EV charging stations)- confirmed contract and supporting documentation entered into MUNIS.

b. NY Main Street (North Ave)- Complete

\*Ms. Jerzak is making proper adjustments and closing the project.

c. Electronic Waste MOUs (Towns & Villages)

i. Town of Nichols, Town of Tioga, Village of Waverly- Confirmed agreements and supporting documentation entered into MUNIS

ii. Town of Newark Valley, Town of Owego – Agreements still need to be entered into MUNIS

d. Farmer Brown Solar PILOT- No fully executed PILOT agreement in place at this time, however Agreement signed by Legislative Chair will be entered into MUNIS.

e. FEMA (Hazard Mitigation update)- Funds managed through Public Safety not EDP, we will not be entering this into MUNIS.

f. Community Development Block Grant (Racker)- Gathering all agreements and supporting documentation to be entered into MUNIS.

\*Accts for budget modification requested.

g. ARC (Countywide Strategic Plan)- Confirmed all agreements and supporting documentation entered into MUNIS.

- h. Sandra and Robert Layman- N/A; possible connection to the DRI which is through the Village of Owego. Nothing to enter in MUNIS.
- i. Snowmobile Grants- Requested clarification from legal on status of existing contract already in MUNIS. Mr. DeWind reported the anti-discrimination language needs to be added to the old agreement. Ms. Tinney reported the new agreement will have to go to the State for approval. When this is completed and signed by all parties it should be added to the contract already in MUNIS. Ms. Haskell stated that the old agreement is not to be deleted, that the new agreement is to be added to what is already there.
- j. Restore (Fuddy Duddy's)- Gathering all current agreements and supporting documentation to be entered into MUNIS.  
\*Accts for budget modification requested. Resolution will be brought forward next month for accepting funds and modification of budget.
- k. Restore (Tioga Trails)- Gathering all current agreements and supporting documentation to be entered into MUNIS.  
\*Accts for budget modification requested. Resolution will be brought forward next month for accepting funds and modification of budget.
- l. Numerous other grants we assist on- confirmed no entries into MUNIS required if the County is not the applicant.

Next month Ms. Tinney will give an update on the above-mentioned contracts.

#### C. Economic/Community Development

1. June Meetings- It was decided that all meetings attended by staff did not have to be listed. Only important and interesting meetings should be reported on.
2. Village of Owego

##### a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration

- i. \$40,805.16 admin fee received 6/12/23  
Ms. Tinney reported this was for work done on the Shear Paradise Project. Ms. Haskell asked where the money went and if there was a resolution. Ms. Tinney reported the money went to the general fund and there was a resolution that the County was going to provide the administrative support. Ms. Sampson reported making the deposit through Miscellaneous Receipts in MUNIS and it was accepted by the Treasurer's Office. Ms. Tinney reported the agreement is with the IDA and the County. The IDA was the recipient of the funds. The IDA had an agreement with the County to do the administration on that part of the DRI. Ms. Tinney will research and report next month.
- ii. 37-41 Lake Street- Coordinated with architect, contractor, and property owner to begin construction.
- iii. 127 McMaster Street- Prepared and submitted disbursement request, coordinated with NYS HCR for additional funding.
- iv. 145 Front Street- Provided and requested grant documentation from property owner.
- v. 53-55 North Ave.- Worked on Requests for Proposals for contractors.
- vi. 187 Main Street- Worked with environmental contractor to complete environmental testing, complete environmental checklist and submit to NYS



- HCR, coordinated with property owner to send RFP's, sent RFP's to contractors, communicated with contractors, did MWBE outreach.
- vii. 68 North Ave.- Worked with environmental contractor to complete environmental testing, completed environmental checklist and submitted to NYS HCR, coordinated with property owners to send RFP's, solicited RFP's to contractors, communicated with contractors, did MWBE outreach.
  - b. Restore- Fuddy Duddys- Communicated with property owner to schedule progress meetings, prepared and submitted required NYS ESD reporting documents.
  - c. Restore- Tioga Trails- Award letter issued by NYS ESD
1. Village of Waverly
    - a. NY Forward- Local Planning Committee meeting was on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Public Engagement meeting was on June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Ms. Tinney reported the meetings were well attended and some good projects will come out of this.
  2. Town of Nichols
    - a. Broadband- Fiber build out complete. Continue to do free installations until August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Land Bank
1. Met with surveyors to confirm survey pin locations for fence placement.
  2. Candor NY Main Street-Communicated with NYS HCR about project completion, prepared disbursement request.
- E. Workforce Development
1. Talent Supple Table meeting planning (August meeting)
  2. BT Workforce school district partnership discussion.
  3. Press release Work Based Learning opportunities.
  4. Waverly/Owego school meeting next year events planning.
  5. Coordinated with school districts end of year data for ARC reporting
  6. EMS -Firefighter CTE Program.
  7. Planning for Manufacturing Day (10/6)
  8. TC3/GST BOCES/GB/ Clean Energy Summit and Lockheed Martin holding events re: local mfg (Sept-Nov)
- F. Planning
1. Countywide Strategic Plan
    - a. Develop Mission Statement with Legislators
    - b. Department Head meeting- 8/3 at Tioga Golf Club
  2. Hazard Mitigation Plan- Ongoing
- G. Sustainability Management
1. June E-Bulletin to Tioga County Employees.
  2. Continuing work with municipalities on EWaste & Clean-Up events.
  3. Reducing waste educational videos.
  4. Borrow a Bin- Coordinated 2 events.
  5. Improving website to coordinate with NYSDEC changes.
- H. IDA
- I. Misc.

1. GIS mapping activities- Ongoing, as needed.
2. State Lead responses- Ongoing, as needed.
3. GIS/IDA/EDP Available Sites Mapping and Website- Ongoing, update as needed.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
- B. Grants
- C. Economic/Community Development
- D. Presentations (1)
  1. Leadership Tioga- Presentation on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Land Bank
  1. Special Board meeting called.
  2. Monthly NYLBA Rural Land Bank Committee meeting.
  3. Monthly NYLBA Board meeting.
  4. NYLBA Special meeting (Supreme Court decision)
  5. OA School- Liberty Street Property.
  6. Site visits upcoming foreclosure properties.
  7. Site visits
  8. Village of Owego housing project discussion.
- F. Workforce Development
- G. Planning
  1. 239 Reviews (2)
    - a. County Case 2023-015: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review (Style Edit), recommended approval with conditions.
    - b. County Case 2023-016: Village of Newark Valley, Site Plan Review (Peyper Fields), recommended approval with conditions.
  2. Town of Richford- Assisting Town Planning Board with solar law.
  3. Village of Waverly- Assisting with local approvals for housing project.
  4. Assisting with environmental compliance for Land Bank projects.
  5. Assisting Village of Waverly with close out paperwork for Economic Impact Study grant.
- H. Sustainability Management
  1. 2023 YTD
    - a. Paid to Broome County
      - i. HHW= \$5,664
      - ii. E-Waste= \$4,598
    - b. Towns (EWaste)= \$15,988
  2. Update to Solid Waste Management Plan
    - a. Recommendation for implementation of licensing requirements for haulers- Ms. Tinney reported this will allow greater control over their reporting. Ms. Pratt needs data from them and this will give leverage for requesting the data. Ms. Haskell reported we currently have a local law that talks about waste generators, haulers and what the requirements are. If requesting more out of the waste haulers we would have to repeal and replace our local law. It is not just a resolution. Ms. Tinney will come back with a draft next month. Ms. Pratt will research permit fees.

3. Sustainability Plan RFP- Sent to legal for review. Mr. DeWind will follow up.

I. IDA

J. Misc.

1. Tourism office- Hotel/Motel Tax Local Law. Schedule follows:

a. August meetings

i. 8/8- EDP presents resolution and Local Law to Committee

ii. 8/15- Legislative Meeting- ED&P Chair Roberts introduces Local Law, Legislature adopts resolution setting Public Hearing

iii. 8/24- Legislature conducts Public Hearing

b. September meeting

i. 9/12- Legislature adopts resolution for the Local Law

Ms. Tinney confirmed that there is no increase recommended.

2. Staff technical assistance clarification- Talked about earlier.

## V. PERSONNEL

A. Anniversaries (July)

1. LeeAnn Tinney- 10 years

2. Megan out for knee surgery- Back in the office Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## VI. RESOLUTIONS

G06-SEQRA Consideration for NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation 2023-2024 Snowmobile Trails Grant-in-Aid Program Phase II Application

G08-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Laptop and Docking Station for EDP Dept

G18-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Ti-Ahwaga Community Players

G20-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Tioga County Industrial Development Agency and Tioga County Chamber of Commerce

G22-Authorize Local Sponsorship for Snowmobile Clubs

G23-Approve and Endorse Recreational Trails Grant Application Whitney Point Snowmobile Club for Equipment

After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked for support to move the resolutions forward; vote on the resolutions follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes

Legislator Mullen - yes

Legislator Flesher - yes

Legislator Weston - yes

The following resolutions were pulled because they were not grant related. The vote was unanimous not to move these resolutions forward:

G16-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Owego Elks Lodge

G17-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Southern Tier Network

G19-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Tioga County Chamber of Commerce

G21-Approve Technical Assistance Provided to Tioga County Property Development Corporation

The following resolution was pulled:

G24 -Authorize County Planning Director In-Kind Services to Village of Owego CSC Grant

Ms. Tinney reported that Ms. Jardine has served on the Climate Smart Committee as a resource, not providing any technical assistance. They are now applying for a grant and would like to claim Ms. Jardine's time serving on the committee as in-kind services. The vote was unanimous, not to move this resolution forward.

**VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Sampson  
Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING August 8, 2023

### **ATTENDEES:**

**Legislators:** Barb Roberts, Dale Weston, Marte Sauerbrey

**Staff:** LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Megan Schnabl, Brittany Woodburn, Cathy Haskell, Stephanie Jerzak, Katie Chandler, Laura Schurter, Peter DeWind

**Guests:** Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Legislator Dennis Mullen and Legislator Keith Flesher were not in attendance. Because of these absences there was no quorum making it so minutes could not be approved.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P):** Agenda and attachments previously emailed. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

### **I. MINUTES**

- A. Approval of minutes of July 5, 2023 – Unable to approve at this meeting; will approve at the September 5th meeting.

### **II. FINANCIAL**

The 2023 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

#### A. 2023

1. Economic Development
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
2. Planning
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
3. Sustainability Management
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

- B. 2024 Budgets with Notes from Munis – The following reports were in everyone's packet. Ms. Tinney reviewed the following budgets:

1. Economic Development Budget with Notes – 4 line items were increased and offset by one line item decreased; there was no increase to the 2024 budget.
2. Planning Budget with Notes – No change for 2024 budget.

3. Sustainability Management/Refuse & Garbage Budget with Notes – No change for 2024 budget.

Ms. Tinney reported on three other budgets, not our working budgets, but have oversight on:

- Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board (STERPDB) – The 2024 budget was increased by \$2,000.00. In 2021 the Legislature approved a \$2,000.00 annual increase over 3 years. 2024 should be the last year of this increase.
- Snowmobile – The budget remains the same every year; State funds are in and out as distributed to the snowmobile clubs.
- NY Main Street – A program that is now complete; possible adjustments in the future.

4. Tourism made their 2024 budget request as an Outside Agency. There was no change for 2024.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism: Becca Maffei, Director – Monthly Report emailed. Ms. Maffei distributed an updated report and highlighted the DRI Wayfinding Sign Project, 2023 Travel Guide, Recruitment Website, Event Cooperative Marketing Program, Sundaes at the Farm, Southern Tier Paddle Trail, This Week in Wine Country, NY Forward, Department of Labor Day Out, 1903 Auto Rally Anniversary Drive, ITI Events Calendar and American Pickers.
3. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monthly report previously emailed.
2. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District – No monthly report emailed.
4. Economic Development – Megan Schnabl, Economic Development Specialist - In keeping with staff reporting, Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Schnabl. Ms. Schnabl reported on the current projects she is working on.

#### DRI Projects:

- 37-41 Lake Street, Gallery 41 - Still coordinating with the architect and contractors.
- 145 Front Street, The Parkview - New patio built, working to get the MWBE goals met.
- 53-55 North Avenue – Sending RFPs for contractors for interior work, have contractors for exterior work.
- 48-50 Lake Street, Trails building - Working with new property owner identifying the scope of work and getting paperwork to the state.

#### New Multi-Site projects:

- 187 Main Street - Still trying to get contractors,
- 68 North Avenue - Project is moving fast, brick repointing and concrete work is complete. This contractor will be working on the 53-55 North Avenue project. Sent RFP for deck work.

#### Other:

- Main Street Project in Candor - Finishing post construction environmental report and other paperwork to close the project.

- Working with Ms. Woodburn on the CDBG, Neighborhood Depot Project.

Two Restore Grants:

- Fuddy Duddys - Working with architect on best way to approach the funding
- Trails Building – In the beginning stages of this project.

Ms. Tinney reported the Ms. Schnabl did an interview WBNG on projects in the Village.

## B. Grants

1. Active Grants – Tioga County as applicant
  - a. CDBG- Racker Neighborhood Depot – Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Schnabl are working on the paperwork.
  - b. Restore NY- River House Confectionery & Mercantile (Fuddy Duddy's) – Resolution listed below.
  - c. NYS Snowmobile- Countywide Phase I & Phase III – Ongoing project.
  - d. ARC- Update Countywide Strategic Plan
    - i. Department Heads meeting was held August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tioga Downs Golf Club. Ms. Tinney reported that it was a good meeting. Consultants did a great job and will be back on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>; homework has been requested. Ms. Jardine did a great job getting this set up.
  - e. NYPA- EV charging stations
    - i. Kickoff meeting held July 6<sup>th</sup>, working through scheduling challenges with paving work being done.
  - f. DEC- Household Hazardous Waste Program- Ongoing.
  - g. Restore NY- Tioga Trails- Talked about earlier.
2. Active Grants- Tioga County is not applicant- Spreadsheet of these grants is in everyone's packet.

Committee Chair Roberts stated that any grants noted as technical assistance, those that received helped in some way with writing the grant, should go on the resolution.

Ms. Tinney reported that a blanket resolution has been sent to Ms. Haskell for review and has been approved. This blanket resolution will be used to enter those the ED&P staff provided technical assistance for: Tioga County Anglers (2), Kali's Klubhouse, Tioga Arts Council (2) and Owego Apalachin School.
3. 2023 EDP Contracts
  - a. Electronic Waste MOUs (Towns & Villages)- All agreements have been entered into MUNIS
  - b. Farmer Brown Solar PILOT- No fully executed PILOT agreement in place at this time, however Agreement signed by Legislative Chair Sauerbrey has been entered into MUNIS.
  - c. Community Development Block Grant (Neighborhood Depot)- All agreements and supporting documentation have been entered into MUNIS.
  - d. Snowmobile Grants- In MUNIS, however waiting for Legal Department to provide updated agreement.
  - e. Restore (Fuddy Duddy's)- Upon acceptance of resolution listed below, August 15<sup>th</sup>, agreement will be entered into MUNIS with appropriate account numbers.
  - f. Restore NY (Tioga Trails)- Upon acceptance of resolution listed below, August 15<sup>th</sup>, agreement will be entered into MUNIS with appropriate account numbers.

C. Economic/Community Development

1. Village of Owego

- a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration
  - i. Memo of Understanding- IDA, Ms. Haskell and Mr. DeWind approved; resolution for Legislative Chair signature listed below.
  - ii. WBNG interview, Megan Schnabl- Talked about earlier.

2. Village of Waverly

- a. NY Forward- Local Planning Committee- 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Public Engagement meeting has been delayed due to giving more time for call for projects.

3. Town of Nichols

- a. Broadband project- Complete; a very successful project.
  - i. 34 miles of fiber installed.
  - ii. Available to 800 addresses.
  - ii. 300 customers connected at this time.

Ms. Tinney wants to thank the County, Town, State and Southern Tier Network for their work and support.

4. Leadership Tioga is ongoing.

5. Snowmobile grant is ongoing.

6. Tioga County Foundations Coalition is ongoing.

7. Tioga County Non-Profit Network is ongoing.

D. Land Bank – Ms. Woodburn is working on the following:

- 1. Monthly NYLBA Rural Land Bank Committee meeting attended.
- 2. Monthly NYLBA Rural Land Bank Board Meeting attended.
- 3. NYLBA Special Meeting - LBI (Land Bank Initiative) Program discussion- Ms. Woodburn reported this is a new program rolled out for funding streams.
- 4. Site Visits

E. Workforce Development- Mr. Lanning is working on the following:

- 1. WBNG interview
- 2. Talent Supply Table meetings
  - a. Established new 2023-2024 priorities.
  - b. Finished 2023-2024 report.
  - c. Coordinated/gathered end of year data.
  - d. Assist with planning Talent Supply Table networking meeting. Schools, businesses, BOCES, career center have been invited. Resolution regarding providing food and beverage is listed below.
- 3. Issued Work Based Learning press release.
- 4. Continue working in partnership with the Career Center.

F. Planning- Ms. Jardine continues to work on the following:

- 1. Countywide Strategic Plan- Department Head meeting August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Talked about earlier.
- 2. Hazard Mitigation Plan- Discussion continues, consultant met with municipalities.
- 3. Waverly School students sign project- completed.



#### G. IDA

1. Lounsberry Industrial Pocket Study- RFP's have been sent out for potential build out for light manufacturing warehouse-type buildings on IDA property.
2. Raymond Hadley- Water study underway.
3. Richford Railroad study underway.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Economic/Community Development

1. Tour of V&S facilities

#### B. Presentations (3) – Ms. Tinney presented at the following:

1. Leadership Tioga on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Lenders Roundtable – Will present on August 10<sup>th</sup>. This event is in partnership with the Chamber. The morning session provides information for local banks and credit unions. The afternoon session is for providing funding opportunities for not-for-profits.
3. Greater Valley Chamber- A business information session on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Curtis is providing assistance.

#### C. Planning

1. 239 Reviews (1)
  - a. County Case 2023-017: Town of Nichols, Local Law (zoning change), recommended approval.

#### D. Sustainability Management- Dr. Pratt continues to work on the following:

1. Update to Solid Waste Management Plan
  - a. Local law- repeal/replace if there are any changes to that plan.
2. Sustainability Plan RFP- Responses due August 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### E. Misc.

1. Tourism office- Hotel/Motel Tax Local Law
  - a. Local Law and resolution
    - i. 8/15 Legislative Meeting- ED&P Committee Chair Roberts introduces Local Law, Legislature adopts resolution setting Public Hearing
    - ii. 8/24 Legislature conducts Public Hearing – Ms. Tinney will be presenting at the hearing.
    - iii. 9/12- Legislature adopts resolution for the Local Law

### V. PERSONNEL

- A. All evaluations completed and submitted to Personnel.

### VI. RESOLUTIONS

H04-Appoint Member (J Budney) to the Tioga County Planning Board

H06-Appoint Member (J Harris) to the Tioga Co LDC Board

H07-Acknowledge and Approve Name Change to NYS CDBG Racker NonProfit Grant and Modify ED&P Budget

H09-Authorize and Accept Restore NY Grant Funds for the Tioga Trails Project and Modify EDP Budget

H10-Authorize and Accept Restore NY Grant Funds with Name Change to Fuddy Duddys Project and Modify EDP Budget

H11-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Laptop and Docking Station for EDP  
Dept  
H35-Legislative Approval to Exceed Tioga County Food and Beverage Policy  
H37-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on Memo of Understanding with Tioga Co  
IDA

Not listed, Ms. Tinney stated the blanket resolution for technical assistance provided by  
ED&P staff will be prepared following this meeting.

After reviewing the above resolutions, including the blanket resolution, Ms. Tinney asked  
those present at this committee meeting for support to move the resolutions forward for vote  
at the Legislative Worksession on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The vote to support this follows:

Legislator Roberts - yes  
Legislator Weston – yes

Legislative Chair Sauerbrey stated that Ms. Tinney will not have to come to worksession for  
questions on the resolutions adding the information is clear and questions can be answered  
by Committee Chair Roberts or Legislator Weston.

#### **VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A**

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Sampson  
Administrative Assistant Economic Development & Planning



# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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FOR 2023 09

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
A General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL
<b>A6422 Economic Development</b>							
A6422 411132	Tax On Hotel/Motel	-30,000	0	-30,000	-34,717.69	.00	4,717.69 115.7%
A6422 412890	Other Gen Gov. Inc	-100,000	0	-100,000	-36,670.08	.00	-63,329.92 36.7%*
A6422 412891	Other General Gov.	0	0	0	-13,726.86	.00	13,726.86 100.0%
A6422 419890	Contribution To Ec	-20,000	0	-20,000	-11,750.00	.00	-8,250.00 58.8%*
A6422 421891	Other Home & Commu	-25,000	0	-25,000	-6,250.00	.00	-18,750.00 25.0%*
A6422 437170	State Aid- Adminis	0	0	0	-52,055.16	.00	52,055.16 100.0%
A6422 510010	Full Time	295,458	0	295,458	185,257.44	.00	110,200.56 62.7%
A6422 510020	Part Time/Temporar	12,553	0	12,553	7,579.74	.00	4,973.26 60.4%
A6422 520090	Computer	0	4,448	4,448	3,517.73	.00	930.27 79.1%
A6422 540010	Advertising	3,000	-100	2,900	2,005.04	.00	894.96 69.1%
A6422 540040	Books	450	100	550	451.43	.00	98.57 82.1%
A6422 540070	Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	562.03	.00	1,437.97 28.1%
A6422 540180	Dues	400	200	600	508.00	.00	92.00 84.7%
A6422 540220	Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	29.27	.00	120.73 19.5%
A6422 540320	Leased/Service Equ	1,320	800	2,120	748.01	140.88	1,231.11 41.9%
A6422 540360	Meals/Food	750	0	750	127.19	.00	622.81 17.0%
A6422 540390	Mileage Expense	0	100	100	28.75	.00	71.25 28.8%
A6422 540420	Office Supplies	1,280	0	1,280	502.06	.00	777.94 39.2%
A6422 540480	Postage	380	0	380	49.95	.00	330.05 13.1%
A6422 540485	Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	199.99	.00	1,300.01 13.3%
A6422 540487	Program Expense-WD	100,000	-900	99,100	1,356.77	.00	97,743.23 1.4%
A6422 540590	Services Rendered	20,000	-800	19,200	500.00	.00	18,700.00 2.6%
A6422 540620	Software Expense	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00 .0%
A6422 540660	Telephone	740	0	740	500.34	.00	239.66 67.6%
A6422 540733	Training/All other	5,000	-3,848	1,152	600.00	.00	552.00 52.1%
A6422 581088	State Retirement F	15,206	0	15,206	19,903.27	.00	-4,696.87 130.9%*
A6422 583088	Social Security Fr	22,030	0	22,030	15,025.19	.00	7,004.58 68.2%
A6422 584088	Workers Compensati	8,944	0	8,944	4,994.77	.00	3,948.93 55.8%
A6422 585588	Disability Insuran	384	0	384	221.68	.00	162.76 57.7%
A6422 586088	Health Insurance F	56,915	0	56,915	44,076.56	.00	12,838.35 77.4%
A6422 588988	Eap Fringe	88	0	88	62.05	.00	25.75 70.7%
TOTAL Economic Development		373,648	0	373,648	133,637.47	140.88	239,869.67 35.8%
TOTAL General Fund		373,648	0	373,648	133,637.47	140.88	239,869.67 35.8%
TOTAL REVENUES		-175,000	0	-175,000	-155,169.79	.00	-19,830.21
TOTAL EXPENSES		548,648	0	548,648	288,807.26	140.88	259,699.88



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FOR 2023 09

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	373,648	0	373,648	133,637.47	140.88	239,869.67	35.8%

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ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
<b>A8020 Planning</b>							
A8020 449020 ARC23 Federal Aid-P	0	-25,000	-25,000	-4,892.60	.00	-20,107.40	19.6%*
A8020 510010 Full Time	156,482	0	156,482	96,297.63	.00	60,184.37	61.5%
A8020 540010 Advertising	200	0	200	73.14	.00	126.86	36.6%
A8020 540040 Books	600	0	600	131.00	.00	469.00	21.8%
A8020 540140 Contracting Servic	22,000	0	22,000	2,149.00	.00	19,851.00	9.8%
A8020 540140 ARC23 Contracting S	0	50,000	50,000	29,355.60	.00	20,644.40	58.7%
A8020 540180 Dues	800	100	900	826.00	.00	74.00	91.8%
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	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A8020 540480 Postage	900	0	900	23.64	.00	876.36	2.6%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	1,175.20	.00	3,699.80	24.1%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	218.44	.00	381.56	36.4%
A8020 540733 Training/All Other	1,200	-100	1,100	.00	.00	1,100.00	.0%
A8020 581088 State Retirement F	11,872	0	11,872	8,246.52	.00	3,625.86	69.5%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	10,535	0	10,535	7,420.24	.00	3,114.57	70.4%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	2,449	0	2,449	1,665.15	.00	783.53	68.0%
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	136	0	136	88.91	.00	46.81	65.5%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	44,033	0	44,033	29,483.29	.00	14,550.18	67.0%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	29	0	29	20.91	.00	8.21	71.8%
TOTAL Planning	260,401	25,000	285,401	172,282.07	.00	113,119.11	60.4%
TOTAL General Fund	260,401	25,000	285,401	172,282.07	.00	113,119.11	60.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-25,000	-25,000	-4,892.60	.00	-20,107.40	
TOTAL EXPENSES	260,401	50,000	310,401	177,174.67	.00	133,226.51	



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GRAND TOTAL	260,401	25,000	285,401	172,282.07	.00	113,119.11	60.4%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
<b>A8160 Refuse &amp; Garbage</b>							
A8160 439892 Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	.0%*
A8160 510010 Fulltime	64,227	0	64,227	39,524.71	.00	24,702.29	61.5%
A8160 520280 Tools Large/ Power	0	569	569	568.99	.00	.00	100.0%
A8160 540010 Advertising	7,500	0	7,500	5,624.75	869.87	1,005.38	86.6%
A8160 540180 Dues	175	0	175	.00	.00	175.00	.0%
A8160 540270 Insurance-Liabilit	1,355	0	1,355	.00	.00	1,355.00	.0%
A8160 540320 Leased/Service Equ	0	2,000	2,000	48.46	140.88	1,810.66	9.5%
A8160 540390 Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420 Office Supplies	2,000	-569	1,431	718.71	.00	712.30	50.2%
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 540487 Program Expense-Re	0	500	500	51.00	.00	449.00	10.2%
A8160 542140 Contracting Servic	100,000	-2,000	98,000	13,100.00	.00	84,900.00	13.4%
A8160 542261 Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	14,547.23	.00	60,452.77	19.4%
A8160 542485 Printing/Paper	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
A8160 542640 Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	-500	10,500	7,405.58	.00	3,094.42	70.5%
A8160 542680 Tires	3,900	0	3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%
A8160 581088 State Retirement F	7,587	0	7,587	4,508.91	.00	3,078.09	59.4%
A8160 583088 Social Security Fr	4,396	0	4,396	3,092.97	.00	1,303.03	70.4%
A8160 584088 Workers Compensati	1,411	0	1,411	832.49	.00	578.51	59.0%
A8160 585588 Disability Insuran	113	0	113	44.37	.00	68.63	39.3%
A8160 586088 Health Insurance F	9,585	0	9,585	7,296.91	.00	2,288.09	76.1%
A8160 588988 EAP Fringe	115	0	115	10.37	.00	104.63	9.0%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	260,331	0	260,331	97,375.45	1,010.75	161,944.55	37.8%
TOTAL General Fund	260,331	0	260,331	97,375.45	1,010.75	161,944.55	37.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	290,331	0	290,331	97,375.45	1,010.75	191,944.55	



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GRAND TOTAL	260,331	0	260,331	97,375.45	1,010.75	161,944.55	37.8%

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### EDP Assistance Tracking

Sept	Applicant	Grant Source	Purpose	Amount Requested	Resource	Tech Assist.
1	Waterman Conservation	MFT	make improvements to BrickPond infrastructure	TBD	X	
2	Shady Strong	TSB	operating expenses for event	TBD		X
3	Campville Fire Department	Floyd Hooker	purchase fire safety training equipment	TBD		X
4	Tioga Field Hockey	Floyd Hooker	purchase safety equipment	TBD		X
5	Candor EMS	Tioga Downs	purchase ventilators	TBD		X
6	Chamber Foundation	MFTF	fund non profit workshop series	TBD		X
7	Chamber Foundation	TSB	program funding	TBD		X
8	Chamber Foundation	Tioga Downs	program funding	TBD		X
9	Chamber Foundation	Floyd Hooker	purchase Junior Chamber training materials	TBD		X
10	Village of Nichols	Public Health	purchase safety equipment	TBD	X	
11	Town of Tioga	Public Health	purchase safety equipment	TBD	X	
12	Village of Waverly	Public Health	make improvements to hiking trail	TBD	X	
13	Julia Zepkowski Memorial Foundation	TSB	purchase equipment	TBD		X

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23 DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A. TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2024

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Tourism Office be and hereby is designated by the Tioga County Legislature as their Tourism Promotion Agency for the 2024 budget year and authorized to make application for and receive grants on behalf of the county pursuant to the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -23

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE TIOGA  
COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS: The Town of Richford position on the Tioga County Planning Board has been vacant for several years; and

WHEREAS: The Richford Town Board has found Vicki Davis willing and able to serve in this position; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Vicki Davis to the Tioga County Planning Board representing the Town of Richford for the term of 9/12/23 – 12/31/25.



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### **July/ August 2023 CCE Tioga Highlights Prepared for Tioga County Legislature Update**

#### **Fair updates and 4-H Youth Development:**

- The Tioga County Fair went very well this year. 4-H and FFA youth both participated and both groups look forward to continuing and growing this partnership.
- The updates to the Clover Café were noticed by all, CCE Tioga thanks our board of directors for all of their efforts to update the café.
- The Cafe was staffed with 4- H Club members, 4-H Leaders and CCE staff and Board Members.
- The Café would like to thank the community for stopping in and supporting our programming. We are still getting receipts in and totaling the numbers but the Café saw a good profit.
- Tioga County 4-H youth are at the State Fair now and representing Tioga County. We hope that you stop in to say hello if you are attending the State Fair.

#### **Hilltop Community Farm:**

- We are preparing for our Annual Meeting, This year on October 14<sup>th</sup> the CCE Board and Staff invite the community to the farm for an Open House to see how we have grown, engage with 4-H youth and learn about upcoming programs, watch 4-H award ceremonies, participate in family fun activities and celebrate Barb Neal's retirement.
- The livestock handling system for small ruminants is fully installed and in use at Hilltop Community Farm. We will be hosting a press conference on September 16<sup>th</sup> to highlight the new system.
- The Solar Array is fully operational and our incubator farm is hosting our first Agrovotaic Farmer. He hosts 50 sheep that graze the land surrounding the solar array.
- The installation of a natural play scape will take place on September 30 and October 1 weather permitting. This is funded by two generous gifts from the Mildred Faulkner Truman

Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club.

- Senator Gillibrand visited Hilltop Community Farm on August 15<sup>th</sup> to see the Incubator Farm, Agrovoltatics and the collaborative dry land rice trial at the farm. She was met by CCE Staff and Board members, Campus partners and Incubator Farmers.
- We are looking forward to hosting students on the farm again as students return to School. We will be hosting students from Candor and Spencer Van Etten School Districts.

### **Beginning Farmer Incubator Program**

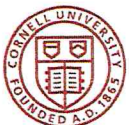
- We are seeking a few more incubator farmers to join for the next season

### **Master Gardeners**

- Master Gardener Volunteers have been busy renovating the gardens at 56 main street. Stop by to see the updates and changes.
- Master Gardener volunteers are teaching youth gardening skills at the Boys and Girls Club, upkeeping county public garden spaces including public veggie plots,
- Preparing to run the Master Gardener Volunteer training program in conjunction with Broome, Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler and Tompkins counties
- Helping community members work towards solutions with horticulture and “critter” Issues
- Preparing for Barb Neal’s retirement in October

Respectfully Submitted by,

*Lisa Weston-Bialy*  
Acting Director CCE Tioga County



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## Tioga County Tourism August 2023

### **DRI Wayfinding Sign Project**

Sign content was finalized by the steering committee and a sub-committee of the Village of Owego Board. Locations and message schedule details are being finalized.

### **Recruitment Website**

The recruitment website is being finalized. The timeline has been extended to ensure that it is dynamic and sustainable for maintenance by TCT and TC ED&P. Final revisions to the layout and content are being completed.

A series of short videos have been completed for the website and promotional purposes.

### **Event Cooperative Marketing Program**

Event marketing for July included the Tioga County Fair, Newark Valley Summerfest, Concerts in the Park, the Regional Arts Show and Farmers Markets are currently running.

### **Sundaes at the Farm**

Sundaes at the Farm had over 900 visitors at Engelbert Farms. TCT assisted with the welcome tent as well as overseeing the advertising and promotion for the event.

### **Southern Tier Paddle Trail**

The Southern Tier Paddle Trail project has reached a new phase, with branding, marketing and signage being a priority. An EDA grant has been secured to fund these tasks. Becca is on the steering committee that will be guiding this forward.

### **Charging Forward**

This event had approximately 20 participants who heard from three experts in the field of private ownership of EV Charging Stations.

### **This Week in Wine Country**

WENY, Finger Lakes Wine Country, and TCT organized shoots at three Waverly businesses: Crooked River Co-Op, The Grumpy Grizzly and Broad Street Records. These businesses will be featured over three weeks to promote Waverly.

### **NY Forward**

Becca is serving on the steering committee for the Waverly NY Forward grant. TCT assisted with promoting community engagement sessions. The call for projects has been extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Department of Labor Day Out**

Planning has begun for the Department of Labor's annual day out, which will be on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Lori is leading the organization of this event which typically brings over 100 people to downtown Owego to shop, dine and participate in tours.

#### **1903 Auto Rally Anniversary Drive**

Jeff Barber, owner of Stateline Auto, and Jim Mead, owner of Early Owego Antique Center, are working with tourism to organize a vintage car drive and rally to honor the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of an endurance drive that was held in 1903 and went from New Jersey to Ohio, passing through Tioga County along route 17C.

#### **ITI Events Calendar**

Lori has been working closely with ITI to ensure that our new events calendar is optimized to promote all of our Tioga County events.

#### **American Pickers**

In July, an episode of American Pickers featured local artist and antique collector, Chris Knickerbocker. TCT is creating a digital campaign using this as a hook to promote the Tioga County Antique Trail which includes all of the antique shops throughout the county.

T I O G A C O U N T Y  
**SOIL**  **WATER**  
C O N S E R V A T I O N D I S T R I C T

**SWCD REPORT**  
**September 2023**

**AGRICULTURE PROGRAM:**

- 4 Active AGNPSCP Grant Updates:
  - RD 25 – working on grant close out.
  - RD 26 – Cover Cropping Grant fall 2023 next planting
  - RD 27 –3 Farms to be participating, 2 project completed, 1 in progress.
  - RD 28 –Contract received, one project completed, staging for second project.
  - RD 29 – Submitted two applications for RD 29 funding: piloting Precision Feed Management and Short term waste storage.
- Climate Resilient Farming Rd 8 –contract received. Construction in progress.
- Climate Resilient Farming Rd 9- submitted application for cover crop and promotion of soil health program.
- AEM Round 17: Requested funds for 6 projects that are moving forward with implementation.
- Partnerships:
  - ARG – ARG members participated in the Tioga County Fair, promoting agriculture.

**DEAN CREEK WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT:**

Annual inspections completed by NRCS, we have a few follow up items on both dams and sediment basins. Completed annual mowing. Check in meeting with NRCS and engineering firm this week to discuss status of the plan development for the dam rehabilitations.

**HAZARD MITIGATION:**

Municipal meetings under way, we have 3 more meetings to complete and then all municipalities are complete. Working on setting up a public meeting regarding the plan development and also the consultant will be attending the LEPC meeting to give an update as well as discuss disadvantage communities with the group in September. Submitted quarter 2 invoice for coordination contract to the county. We are on track with the contract.

Tioga SWCD was successful in getting a FEMA buyout grant for property on Owego Creek, we are waiting on contract and then will proceed with appraisal for the property. Once we have successfully purchased the property we will demolish then complete a stream restoration project.

Working on a culvert replacement design for the Town of Richford under disaster funding. We completed debris removal at the SVE sediment basin.

**ENGINEERING SUPPORT:** providing engineering support to multiple counties with the Upper Susquehanna River Watershed ( 8 projects in Cortland, 7 in Tompkins, 3 in Chenango, 10 in Otsego, 12 in Tioga and 3 in Broome) for stream and ag projects.



**STREAM PROGRAM:** We have several stream projects that we are in the process of designing and permitting with goal to complete construction in 2023. This includes 2 projects on Owego Creek; one project has been completed the other will start in September. We completed a WQIP application for the Blodgett Road Streambank erosion to assist the IDA in project design and implementation.

**UPPER SUSQUEHANNA COALITION (USC):** 2023 Watershed Form, Day 1 will be presentations and Day 2 a field trip of project implementation. The event will be held at BU Center for Excellence on October 18<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be *Community Engagement in our Watershed*.

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## Draft Agenda

October 18, 2023 - Binghamton University – Center of Excellence

8:00-9:00 am - Registration Review of Exhibits/Posters

### 9:00 – 10:30 – Plenary Session

Welcome            Joe Graney, Binghamton University  
                         Wendy Walsh, Watershed Coordinator, USC

Keynote            NYS DEC  
                         Amy Wyant Otsego County Conservation Association

10:30 – 10:45 Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters

### 10:45 – 12:15 – Morning Session

*Session A: Climate Resiliency & Sustainability:*

- a. **Katie Brownson**, US Forest Service - *“Restoring Chesapeake Forests for Ecosystem Services, Climate Resiliency, and Environmental Justice”*
- b. **Pam Mischen**, Binghamton University - *“The Communities of the Susquehanna River”*
- c. **Ashley Seyfried**, Southern Tier 8 - *“NYSDEC’s Climate Smart Communities Program: an opportunity for municipalities to become more sustainable and resilient to climate change”*
- d. **Anne Phillips**, Organic Valley – *“Organic Valley Carbon Insetting Program”*

*Session B: Regenerative Agriculture:*

- a. **Olivia Godber**, Cornell CALS - *“The Role of Livestock for Regenerative Agricultural Systems”*
- b. **Becca Rimmel & Danielle Singer** TCSWCD – Regenerative Ag and AEM program support
- c. **Aaron Ristow**, American Farmland Trust - and a producer
- d. **Mike Barnes**, CoBar Dairy - *“The Benefits of Large-Scale Regenerative Farming Practices”*

12:15 – 1:45 – Lunch Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters -  
*Choose Clean Water Coalition Lunch Meeting*

### 1:45 – 3:15 – Afternoon Session

*Session C: Ecosystem Services from Wildlife to Fisheries:*

- a. **Graydon Dutcher**, Delaware County SWCD -
- b. **Daniel Stich**, SUNY Oneonta - *“Understanding Distribution of American Eel in the Upper Susquehanna Watershed”*
- c. **Molly Hassett**, NYS DEC - *“Forest Carbon, Climate Change and the NYS Climate Act”*

*Session D: Community Engagement:*

- a. **Barry Brenton**, BU Center for Civic Engagement Anthropologist/social scientist
- b. ALLARM citizen-science based water quality monitoring data
- c. **Ranier Lucas**, USC Trees for Tributaries Program
- d. **Maggie Brenner**, Butternut Valley Alliance

3:15 – 3:30 Break and Review of Exhibits and Posters

### 3:30 – 5:00 Joint Panel Session: Funding Opportunities in the Watershed