

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

**June 2, 2026**

1:00 PM

- MINUTES
  - Approval of minutes of May 5, 2026
  
- FINANCIAL
  - Economic Development
  - Planning
  - Sustainability Management
  
- OLD BUSINESS
  - Reports
  - Grants
  - Economic/Community/Workforce Development
  - Planning
  - Sustainability Management
  - IDA
  - Land Bank
  - Misc.
  
- NEW BUSINESS
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- PERSONNEL
  
- RESOLUTIONS
  - F36-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Filing Cabinet for EDP Dept
  - F43-Appoint Member CShaver to the TCPDC Board
  
- PROCLAMATIONS - N/A
  
- ADJOURNMENT

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING May 5, 2026

### ATTENDEES:

**Legislators:** Ron Ciotoli, David Cantella, Keith Flesher, Jake Brown, Jo Ellen Rose

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

**Guests:** Becca Maffei, Tioga County Tourism Director

Legislator Ciotoli called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Legislative Chair Tracy Monell was not in attendance.

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

### I. MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from March 3, 2026, and April 7, 2026 – Legislator Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2026, and April 7, 2026, meetings. Legislator Cantella made a motion to accept the minutes from both meetings, seconded by Legislator Flesher. 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.

### III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Reports

1. Tioga County Tourism – Becca Maffei, Tourism Director, was in attendance and displayed her monthly update on the screen in the conference room. Ms. Maffei reported on the following:

- America 250 – Putting together a program/landing page to bring information of what everybody is doing in one place to promote it as one ongoing event through the Tourism office. Specific events will go on an event calendar.
  - Big Boy, the train coming through Owego. The train will stop at Old Depot Station on Depot Street for about 15/20 minutes. Ms. Maffei is putting together a map of viewing spots for the community.
  - Working on updating the Arts and Culture Strategic Master Plan for the Susquehanna Heritage Area. This has been in existence for a long time. It is a gateway to Heritage Grant Funding through New York State. Ms. Maffei stated the purpose is to use it for Art and Cultural Tourism.
  - Restaurant Week ended on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Maffei reported on working with a Statewide Organization Eat Local New York for extra promotion. Thirteen restaurants participated: a good turnout for the first year having this event. Ms. Maffei is going to survey the restaurants for feedback.
2. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – Monthly report was distributed at the meeting.
  3. Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension - Monthly report was previously emailed and in the committee packet.

#### B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:
  - a. Vacant Rental Program – The Land Bank applied and the award of \$750,000.00 was officially announced on April 30<sup>th</sup> to help rehabilitate or create vacant residential units in Tioga County focused on projects for landlords with 5 units or less in their property portfolio. Currently working through the grant agreement process. Applications will go out to property owners for project selection. There are income stipulations that go with the financing that carries for five years based on the amount of funding they get.
  - b. ARC IIJA – Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Preliminary Engineering Study – Application completed for the \$150,000.00 funding gap and finalized by TCIDA and ST8.
  - c. OPRHP (EPF) grant - Owego Police Station. ED&P assisted in the application process in 2019. They have received a bid within budget making them able to move forward with an approved contractor to replace windows.
  - d. ESD Restore NY Round VI – The Fuddy Duddy's/Riverhouse Project – Empire State Development sent a rescission letter regarding the grant award for this project due to the project not commencing within the required two-year timeframe. This project has been removed from the grant tracking spreadsheet.
  - e. NYS Snowmobile Grant – Working on Phase I and Phase III. Phase III is the auditing portion for final disbursement to the snowmobile clubs. This is due to the State May 31<sup>st</sup>. Phase I is the trail approval process, any changes to trails is due June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Norton is working with Deluge for a video to highlight the program.

- f. CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities will be doing billboard advertising in Candor and Newark Valley. This is one way to spend the remaining grant funds and has been approved by CDBG.
- g. CDBG Microenterprise – Four of the five projects have been completed. Country Fit is the only remaining project. They have received their first disbursement. The second disbursement should be made soon, completing the project. ED&P is still waiting to hear from the State on the renewal application for funding, several businesses are interested in the next round.
- h. NYMS – Potential grant application – This is an annual grant program and should be announced this month. Applications are due in July, and awards are made in December. Not for Profit Organizations and Municipalities are the only eligible applicants and they can subgrant funds to property or building owners. ED&P has had one building owner at 54 North Avenue that has reached out and is interested in this upcoming round. They are working on getting quotes and a business plan together, all things necessary for the application. The Land Bank also has an open project for a different property on North Avenue. Ms. Woodburn will bring more details for the project to the meeting next month as well as bringing forward a resolution for approval to apply for the grant. The plan is for an exterior façade renovation and HVAC improvements. The committee approved moving forward with this project.
- i. HOME Homebuyer Development Program – Potential grant application. This application was submitted by the Land Bank last year for new construction of single-family homes. The application was for two single-family homes on Temple and Liberty Street. The application scored strongly, however, the State said we had to have agreements with Interfaith Metro for Housing Counseling Services in place before they would award funding and the timeframe was so short to get the agreements in place we withdrew the application. We will resubmit an application next year through the Land Bank. We will have all the agreements in place ahead of time.

C. Economic/Community/Workforce Development

- 1. 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project – Ms. Woodburn distributed information on this project. The Land Bank recently acquired this property. This is going to be a collaboration between the Land Bank, the IDA, who is going to be the financing partner, and the ED&P Department, whose staff will be doing the administrative work. There was an initial meeting to discuss what the project will look like and next steps. The project has been broken into two phases. Phase I is roof replacement and exterior brick repointing. Grant funding is in place for this phase. Phase II is the buildout of three residential units on the second floor. Additional funding sources will be needed to finance phase II. Looking to get the roof and brick work out to bid in the next month and a half. Draft agency agreements between the IDA, Land Bank and ED&P have been created and Joe Meagher, Attorney, is reviewing. The agreements will then be given to the County Attorney, Mr. Dewind, to review. The previous owner completed some work before selling; Ms. Woodburn will continue to report on this project.

2. CDBG Public Facilities – Stone House floor plan layout. Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hammond, including DPW staff, Ms. Myers, and Ms. Woodburn met to discuss this project and came to an agreement to move forward with a floor plan. Mr. Bailey confirmed that the meeting went well and moving forward with a floor plan was a good idea.
3. NY PLAYS Grant – Village of Waverly is going to apply for this program to construct or renovate public municipal parks. Village of Owego and Village of Candor are considering applying. The applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. 107 Liberty Street, Owego – The Owego School District is rehabbing 103 Liberty Street and will be finishing this year. The school also had a student that was working with an engineering firm to design a new single-family home. Owego still has ownership of the program, but BOCES has taken over with the partnership. They are looking to build a house at 107 Liberty Street. The drawings are almost finalized, and the updated Memorandum of Understanding is being reviewed by the attorneys.
5. DRI – Owego
  - a. Administrative Fee – Ms. Woodburn continues to work on a plan for this committee to review. This is related to the DRI Program. The County and the IDA have an agreement in place that 95% of the administrative fees go to the County because County staff administers the program, and 5% goes to the IDA, being the contract holder for the program. Ms. Woodburn is looking to request from the IDA and the County to use those administrative fees (approximately \$55,000.00) to do some DOT logo sign panels for lodging on 186 at Exit 64 both ways costing approximately \$30,000.00. The IDA would forfeit the smaller amount, approximately \$3,000.00. The bigger request is from the County. Ms. Woodburn is working with Ms. Maffei to get formal quotes and bring everything forward to present to this committee.
6. NY Forward – Village of Waverly
  - a. Public Projects – The Village of Waverly was looking to have funds reallocated from their private projects to the public projects, a little over \$900,000.00. The East Waverly Park Project got an additional \$383,000.00 and the Broad Street Streetscape Project received an additional \$546,000.00. This was good news for the Village of Waverly as the projects were coming in over budget. This will also allow them to apply for \$600,000.00 from the NY PLAYS Grant. They continue to work on the splash pad design; however, they have run into some water challenges. Ms. Norton has connected them with a USDA for Water/Wastewater Grant and Loan Program to help address these issues.

#### D. Planning

1. 239 Reviews – Two this month.
  - a. 2026-007: Village of Owego, Site Plan Review and Area Variances – Applied Technology Manufacturing Corp.- Applicant plans to construct a 34' by 50' pole barn storage building to conceal materials currently stored outdoors, primarily pallets. Staff advised County Planning Board to recommend approval of the Site Plan Review, Area Variances, and Floodplain Development with the conditions that

the applicant obtains all required permits, licenses, and registrations, that the application complies with the requirements and comments from the NYS DOT Region 9, that the Village of Owego ZBA grant the area variances, and that the applicant complies with the requirements of the Village of Owego Code Chapter 117 Flood Damage Prevention. The County Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval with the conditions noted.

- b. 2026-008: Village of Waverly, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit, JP Motrix & Sales VIP Corp. – Applicant plans to utilize an existing structure at a Business Park for a car repair and used car sales business. Staff advised the County Planning Board to recommend approval of the site plan review and special use permit with conditions that the applicant comply with NYS DOT Region 9 Site Plan Review Committee's comments and requirements, and that if a sign is installed it meets the Village of Waverly code. The County Planning Board voted to recommend approval with the conditions noted.
2. Broome-Tioga Arts & Culture Master Plan – Ms. Maffei reported on this earlier.

E. Sustainability Management

- 1. Tioga County Debris Management Plan – Dr. Pratt continues working on this plan and is coordinating a second meeting with Public Works, Emergency Services, the County Administrator, and Chief Information Officer, to discuss and review a recent RFQ received. Mr. Bailey reported that the Tioga County Debris Management Plan will be pre-approved by FEMA. In the event of a disaster in the future, it will expedite our funding mechanism with FEMA for debris management. Mr. Bailey expressed the importance of completing the plan.
- 2. Town Cleanup Events – Dr. Pratt is collaborating with local municipalities to incorporate e-waste collection into annual clean-up events.
  - Newark Valley held their clean-up event, including e-waste, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Town of Tioga will do the same at their event on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Town of Owego held a fire collection event on April 18<sup>th</sup>, no e-waste event.
  - Town of Barton is offering monthly e-waste collection April through August.
  - Town of Richford accepts e-waste collection year-round at its mini transfer station which is open to all Tioga County residents.
- 3. 2026 YTD – No change in numbers until next month.

a. Paid to Broome County	2026	2025
i. HHW	\$ 0.00	\$11,239.55
ii. E-Waste	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,006.25
b. Towns/County(E-waste)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,167.25

F. IDA

- 1. HUD “Small Cities” Fund – A draft of revised loan guidelines has been submitted to HUD for review. This revision would allow for a community reinvestment revolving loan fund that would provide gap-financing for redevelopment of downtown commercial buildings similar to a program STREDC has on a regional level. We are waiting for HUD’s approval first, then approval is necessary from the County and the IDA.

2. Façade Loan – Recently approved a new façade loan with signed commitment letter for Early Owego Antique Center. There is another façade loan in underwriting right now.
3. Lounsberry Corporate Park signage – Ms. Yelverton is working on getting quotes for a Corporate Park sign in Lounsberry.
4. Standard Operating Procedures – With Ms. Williams on board as Administrative Coordinator, Ms. Woodburn is working on a way to streamline operating procedures; invoice processing, check disbursement and meeting procedures for both IDA and Land Bank.

G. Land Bank

1. 247 Main Street, Owego – Schematic design was approved by SHPO and OHPC is on the agenda for the May meeting. The demo portion is out to bid, and the construction portion will go out to bid this month.
2. 121 Providence Street, Waverly – This is a single-family home that is almost complete and they are looking for a realtor to get it on the market.
3. Demolitions – Two demolitions coming up. The former Pizza Hut will be demolished by LCP Group this week or next. The property at 39 Railroad Ave., Berkshire, is cleaned up and the asbestos survey has just been received.

Not on the agenda, Legislator Ciotoli reported attending three financial committee meetings for Southern Tier 8 (ST8). There is going to be a restructuring of dues. One of the counties is leaving, so there will be an additional request for dues from the remaining 7 counties.

H. **PERSONNEL** – No report this month.

I. **RESOLUTIONS** – No resolutions this month.

J. **PROCLAMATIONS – N/A**

K. **AJOURNMENT**

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

Administrative Assistant, Economic Development & Planning



# TIOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

## Tioga County YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 06

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A General Fund							
<b>A6422 Economic Development</b>							
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	-12,742.91	.00	-37,257.09	25.5%*
A6422 421891 Other Home & Commu	-50,000	0	-50,000	-12,500.00	.00	-37,500.00	25.0%*
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	145,164.65	.00	280,988.35	34.1%
A6422 540010 Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	2,288.50	.00	711.50	76.3%
A6422 540040 Books	500	150	650	640.90	.00	9.10	98.6%
A6422 540070 Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	273.85	.00	1,726.15	13.7%
A6422 540140 Contracting Servic	0	3,000	3,000	2,968.18	.00	31.82	98.9%
A6422 540180 Dues	1,000	0	1,000	100.00	.00	900.00	10.0%
A6422 540220 Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	28.59	.00	121.41	19.1%
A6422 540320 Leased/Service Equ	1,000	0	1,000	145.38	.00	854.62	14.5%
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	-723.47	.00	662.11	1179.1%
A6422 540480 Postage	380	0	380	37.58	.00	342.42	9.9%
A6422 540485 Printing/Paper	1,850	0	1,850	425.21	.00	1,424.79	23.0%
A6422 540590 Services Rendered	19,190	-3,000	16,190	750.00	.00	15,440.00	4.6%
A6422 540620 Software Expense	100	1,341	1,441	.00	.00	1,441.36	.0%
A6422 540660 Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	113.80	.00	886.20	11.4%
A6422 540733 Training/All other	4,820	-150	4,670	600.00	.00	4,070.00	12.8%
A6422 581088 State Retirement F	60,970	0	60,970	12,993.08	.00	47,976.92	21.3%
A6422 583088 Social Security Fr	32,738	0	32,738	11,084.88	.00	21,653.12	33.9%
A6422 584088 Workers Compensati	7,721	0	7,721	2,890.74	.00	4,830.26	37.4%
A6422 585588 Disability Insuran	369	0	369	135.42	.00	233.58	36.7%
A6422 586088 Health Insurance F	122,080	0	122,080	28,091.64	.00	93,988.36	23.0%
A6422 588988 Eap Fringe	99	0	99	35.94	.00	63.06	36.3%
TOTAL Economic Development	552,200	0	552,200	180,934.24	.00	371,265.76	32.8%
TOTAL General Fund	552,200	0	552,200	180,934.24	.00	371,265.76	32.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	-135,000	0	-135,000	-27,220.63	.00	-107,779.37	
TOTAL EXPENSES	687,200	0	687,200	208,154.87	.00	479,045.13	



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GRAND TOTAL	552,200	0	552,200	180,934.24	.00	371,265.76	32.8%

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A General Fund							
<b>A8020 Planning</b>							
A8020 510010 Full Time	192,155	0	192,155	64,294.96	.00	127,860.04	33.5%
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	1,979.55	.00	30,020.45	6.2%
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	15.40	.00	884.60	1.7%
A8020 540485 Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590 Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	.00	.00	4,875.00	.0%
A8020 540660 Telephone	600	0	600	140.60	.00	459.40	23.4%
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	6,146.35	.00	21,345.65	22.4%
A8020 583088 Social Security Fr	14,762	0	14,762	4,833.02	.00	9,928.98	32.7%
A8020 584088 Workers Compensati	3,481	0	3,481	947.85	.00	2,533.15	27.2%
A8020 585588 Disability Insuran	167	0	167	44.40	.00	122.60	26.6%
A8020 586088 Health Insurance F	55,047	0	55,047	19,044.74	.00	36,002.26	34.6%
A8020 588988 Eap Fringe	45	0	45	11.85	.00	33.15	26.3%
TOTAL Planning	338,014	0	338,014	97,483.12	.00	240,530.88	28.8%
TOTAL General Fund	338,014	0	338,014	97,483.12	.00	240,530.88	28.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	338,014	0	338,014	97,483.12	.00	240,530.88	



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GRAND TOTAL	338,014	0	338,014	97,483.12	.00	240,530.88	28.8%

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A General Fund	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USE/COL	
<b>A8160 Refuse &amp; Garbage</b>								
A8160 421890	Other Home & Comm	-1,980	0	-1,980	-572.00	.00	-1,408.00	28.9%*
A8160 425900	Waste Hauler Permi	-400	0	-400	-400.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A8160 439892	Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	.00	.00	-30,000.00	.0%*
A8160 510010	Fulltime	74,754	0	74,754	24,808.91	.00	49,945.09	33.2%
A8160 520070	Chairs	0	0	0	-302.11	.00	302.11	100.0%
A8160 540010	Advertising	7,500	0	7,500	4,733.71	1,281.35	1,484.94	80.2%
A8160 540180	Dues	175	0	175	95.00	.00	80.00	54.3%
A8160 540320	Leased/Service Equ	1,500	0	1,500	145.38	.00	1,354.62	9.7%
A8160 540390	Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420	Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	68.55	.00	1,931.45	3.4%
A8160 540444	Permits, Fees, Ins	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A8160 540480	Postage	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8160 542140	Contracting Servic	98,000	0	98,000	21,200.91	.00	76,799.09	21.6%
A8160 542261	Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	4,688.01	45,493.25	24,818.74	66.9%
A8160 542485	Printing/Paper	2,000	0	2,000	271.38	.00	1,728.62	13.6%
A8160 542640	Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	0	11,000	.00	.00	11,000.00	.0%
A8160 542680	Tires	3,900	0	3,900	.00	.00	3,900.00	.0%
A8160 581088	State Retirement F	10,695	0	10,695	3,890.43	.00	6,804.57	36.4%
A8160 583088	Social Security Fr	5,743	0	5,743	1,902.44	.00	3,840.56	33.1%
A8160 584088	Workers Compensati	1,354	0	1,354	426.51	.00	927.49	31.5%
A8160 585588	Disability Insuran	65	0	65	19.98	.00	45.02	30.7%
A8160 586088	Health Insurance F	21,415	0	21,415	4,487.49	.00	16,927.51	21.0%
A8160 588988	EAP Fringe	17	0	17	5.31	.00	11.69	31.2%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage		283,205	0	283,205	65,469.90	46,774.60	170,960.25	39.6%
TOTAL General Fund		283,205	0	283,205	65,469.90	46,774.60	170,960.25	39.6%
TOTAL REVENUES		-32,380	0	-32,380	-972.00	.00	-31,408.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		315,585	0	315,585	66,441.90	46,774.60	202,368.25	



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GRAND TOTAL	283,205	0	283,205	65,469.90	46,774.60	170,960.25	39.6%
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# Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County

CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm  
343 Cass Hill Rd., Candor, NY 13743  
Extension of Extension Neighborhood Depot  
146 Central Ave., Ste 22-24 Owego, NY  
t. 607-659-5694 | e. tioga@cornell.edu  
[Tioga.cce.cornell.edu](http://Tioga.cce.cornell.edu)

## MAY 2026 – CCE Tioga Highlights

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

### Organizational Updates:

**CCE Tioga Master Gardener Volunteer Program – Annual Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 8am – Noon at 56 Main St. Owego**

**CCE Tioga Telephone system** – Dial (607) 659-5694 and select the extension to be connected with our educators directly whether they are at our Candor Farm Site, Neighborhood Depot Owego Extension Offices or in the field. Please leave a message as we may be helping others.

Ext 1 (4-H & FRC)

Ext 3 (Horticulture & MGW)

Ext 2 (Agriculture)

Ext 0 (Admin & General Questions)

**Agricultural Resource Group (ARG)** – Mark your calendars and join us at **Sundaes at the Farm** – **Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon-3pm** at HayDay Farm, 37 Hayes Road, Richford!

### Campus Connection to Cornell:

- **Livestock PWT** meeting (monthly) and the **Meat Processing sub-group meeting** within the PWT attended by Kelly. Planning started for a **Beef Pricing and Market Channels summer workshop series** for producers with the sub-group
- **Master Gardeners** toured the Cornell Liberty Hyde Bailey conservatory and arboretum May 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Community Connections:

**Community Education:** Jean Koski continues participation and correspondence with SVE Ag Advisory group  
**CCE Tioga in the Owego Pennysaver** – monthly ad to help residents connect with our program offerings!  
**Tioga County Food Alliance:** Kristi Snyder and Kelly Jackson (Ag Educator) represent CCE Tioga and ARG partners in the discussions of forming a Tioga County Food Council, providing context of Tioga County Agriculture in the local food system.

**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.

Spaulding Memorial Library (Athens)	Macaroni Kid (promoting Waterman Storywalk)	Candor Library
Waverly Post Office	Parenting Education promotion at Owego and Waverly School Districts	Spencer Library
Chemung Canal Bank Waverly		Nichols Library
Spencer Visions		

### 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.
- **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
- **Weekly Berry Calls are back!** A once-weekly call with other CCE educators and researchers around the state and NE region discuss plant phenology (the current stage of development) and any pest/disease

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/growing problems that farmers are experiencing. This becomes a network for advice and problem-solving throughout the season to support our local farmers' specific issues

- **Sweet Corn Pest Monitoring** – continuing this project 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.
- Presence on the newly created **Southern Tier Land Conservancy Working Lands Committee**
- **Regional Navigator** – Farmland Protection Tools and Resources, FarmNet, Ag Mediation and more!
- **Professional Development:** Continued participation in a **Fruit Tree Scouting Course** with Cornell IPM

#### **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 began 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. This will continue through the summer and fall with monitoring at each stage of plant growth.
- **Alfalfa Measurement** – Kelly assisting the Ag Team with weekly alfalfa measurements on farms across the county. The SCNY Ag Team has a blog that provides recommended cutting dates based on current plant heights and field crop composition. <https://blogs.cornell.edu/scnydairyandfieldcrops/>
- **NEWA weather stations:** Continuing to deploy weather stations adding to the NEWA monitoring system that can assist farmers with having more accurate weather information to use to prevent pest and disease issues over the course of the growing season. 5/6 systems installed by Kelly Jackson & Janice Degni (1 system in Tioga County)

#### **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 gardens, when and how to start veggie gardens, community garden soils/testing program with Harvest NY, and related horticultural issues. Met with an individual interested in permaculturing some recently purchased land in Tioga County.
- **CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm** –Greenhouse setup for a side-by-side demonstration trial of potting media using biochar as an amendment versus potting media alone. Planted tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers, with plan to use produce for public Home Food Preservation tutorials. Drip irrigation setup for transplanting from the greenhouse into the ground
- **Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners>  
>>Join the group to see seasonal horticulture interest topics

**It's Time to Plant!! Call or Email us with Questions!**

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

- **MGV Community Engagement:** Garden walkabouts at 56 Main monthly scheduled for summer - Themed plans include focusing on herbs, shade gardens, perennials, rock gardens, and putting the garden to bed. MGV's have begun spring activities in the Owego demonstration gardens.
- **Plans for the Annual Plant Sale:** Garden Work at 56 Main St. Demonstration Garden preparation
- Pennysaver article – **"Planning a Pollinator Garden"**

- *Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news & Program Development*: sharing updates, articles of interest, planning for 2026 activities

**4-H Youth Development** - Robyn Estrella (4-H Youth Development Resource Educator) & Donna Vergason-Gibson (Program Coordinator – PT)



**(10) 4-H clubs met with 58 members in attendance**

- **Dog Club** members began bringing their dogs for evaluations and to begin learning basic dog obedience. They hope to develop a practicing schedule and to be ready for a dog show at next year’s Tioga County Fair.
- **The Entrepreneurship and Leadership** Club hosted a Manager from Wegmans to present about food safety and management to prepare youth and families for the Clover Café at the Tioga County Fair.
- **Volunteer Engagement**: Met with 12 adult volunteers at the monthly volunteer meeting to plan for the upcoming Tioga County Fair 4-H Youth Animal show and Livestock auction. Plus, updated some awards that lacked clarity in the past.
- **Tioga County Fair** - Continued planning for the Youth animal shows and Youth Livestock Auction with multiple community organizations.
- **Tioga-Broome County Livestock Clinic**: Finalizing plans and 8 clinicians for the event on Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup>
- **4-H Horse Program Youth** attended a free mini clinic and were also evaluated on their new horses. Prepared youth to compete at both the NYS 4-H Horse Judging and NYS 4-H Hippology Contests next month.

**Community Engagement for Youth** Meeting at the Tioga County Fairgrounds for our 4-H Horse clinic and evaluations was a great success because it offered 4-H members an opportunity that is unique to 4-H. They had time to use the arena for practicing and learning that doesn’t happen outside of our program. Plus, Rianna Noe who is a professional trainer here in Tioga County gave instruction to all of the youth. This instruction was quickly seen to be productive and a great help to the 4-H youth in the project area of horseback riding. Hosting this evening was community agreement by the Tioga County Fair Board and supported by the Owego Skyline Corral. Both organizations were happy to have the youth use the arena and the Skyline Corral made sure to have the arena footing prepped after their show for our youth.

- **SPARKs clubs** – completed a sewing project in which members who were 5 years old and older sewed their own aprons.

**Sewing at the Sparks Clubs** was a big hit for many reasons. Not only did youth learn the skill of basic sewing, parents did too! Helping parents learn how to sew is a beautiful way to help them connect with their own children while practicing the essential skills of sewing.

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

**Workshops attended**: Reimagining Early Childhood Education to Embrace Nature-Based Learning webinar, Leadership and Play: It’s Serious Business Webinar by Early Childhood Investigations.

Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Attending
Spencer (Inspire)	4	11	14	26	43
Spencer (Library)	3	8	9	18	47
Nichols (Library)	4	6	7	13	31
Waverly (Library)	4	7	10	20	29
Berkshire (Library)	4	3	4	7	20
Candor (Library)	4	13	16	29	74
Field Trip: Owego Gymnastics	1	10	12	20	26
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>270</b>

**Total number of Grandparents/Senior Citizens served for the month: 20**

**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

**FRC Success Stories:** Parents, grandparents, and caregivers from Family Resource Connections playgroups across the county came together for a fun and active field trip to Owego Gymnastics. Families enjoyed the opportunity to play, explore, and connect with one another while children built confidence, coordination, and social skills. The Owego Gymnastics instructor mentioned partnering again in the summer to offer this free opportunity for families.

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

- Advised **20** residents assisting with access to the Empower+ Program, Temporary Assistance, Weatherization Assistance Program, Comfort Home, NYSEG Insulation and Air Sealing Rebates, Appliance Upgrade Program, Energy Affordability Guarantee, NYS Solar Tax Credit, and Community Subscription Solar
- Total NYSEDA funding secured for Tioga County Residents in 2026: **\$21,975**
- **Community:** Attended Catholic Charities Poverty Simulation Event, Tioga Non-Profit Network Meeting, and Truth Pharm (Non-profit org in Binghamton) "Thriving Futures" Mural Ribbon-Cutting ([smartenergychoices.org/thriving-futures2](http://smartenergychoices.org/thriving-futures2))
- **Regional Hub:** Attended collaboration event with Central New York Clean Energy Hub and Hosted an **Energy Literacy Workshop** in Deposit with Broome, Delaware, and Tompkins CEAs. Plans underway to offer a workshop in Tioga County!

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

- Completion of annual Broome-Tioga Workforce WIOA subcontractor program and fiscal audit
- Participated in May 19th Job Fair at Visions Memorial Arena
- **PY 25 Enrollment** = 35. We are contracted to enroll 30 this year.
- **Earned GED:** 2 clients, Assisted client to apply for accommodations to take the GED test
- **Licensing and Certifications:** Assisted 3 people to get NYS ID / Drivers permit, assisted 2 people to obtain driver's licenses.
- **Work Experience/OJT:** 1 Participating in a Work Experience at the Career Center: Office Assistant and 1 completed OJT
- **Higher Education:** 2 Accepted into college Alfred State, SUNY Broome; 5 completed First semester/ Year at college successfully: TC3, Monroe Comm. College, SUNY Broome. and U Conn.
- **Obtained Employment this month at:** Owego Central school district, Elderwood Dandy, Mirabito, V and S Galvanizing, CVS Warehouse = **6 Participants Employed**
- **Training Programs:** 2 Began training: Auto Tech at Oneonta Job Corp, Google Cyber Security Certificate class; 2 clients Completed Training: Security, CNA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Grant Tracking Spreadsheet**  
**EDP Legislative Committee Meeting**  
**June 2, 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	NY SWIMS - V. Owego public pool	Funding to reimburse life guard expenses	Closeout	\$ 21,270.00	Closeout
3	Tioga County	2025 Household Hazardous Waste Program (FY 2024)	Funds for proper disposal of household hazardous waste.	Closeout	\$ 7,767.22	Closeout
4	Tioga County	2025 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling	Funds to expand and implement waste reduction strategies	Closeout	\$ 56,350.00	Closeout
5	Tioga County	NYS Snowmobile	Snowmobile grant program for 5 clubs in Tioga County	Phase III due May 31st	TBD	Annual
6	Tioga County	CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities	Mobile food truck, community kitchen, food rescue program	Project in process	\$ 243,533.00	#63-25
7	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
8	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
9	Tioga County	2026 Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling	Funds to expand and implement waste reduction strategies	Program in process	\$ 60,400.00	#312-25
10	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program	Provides funding for small businesses with < 5 employees	Program in process	\$ 212,500.00	#351-24
11	Tioga County	CDBG Microenterprise program – Renewal	Provides funding for small businesses with < 5 employees	Application submitted	\$ 218,750.00	#63-26
12	Tioga County	EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant	Funding for brownfield inventory, planning, env. assessment	Application submitted	\$ 500,000.00	#21-26
13	Tioga County	ESD County Infrastructure Grant Program	Funds for extending municipal sewer to Strong Road for single-family home development.	Application submitted	\$ 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	Tioga Arts Council	NYSCA Capital Grant	Funding to support capital improvements to TAC building	Application submitted	\$ 28,750.00	#86-26
9	TCIDA	USDA RBDG	Lounsberry Engineering Plan	Closeout	\$ 90,000.00	NA
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 B - Lounsberry area sites	Pre-engineering studies for potential industrial sites	Application in process	TBD	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) Phase 1, Year 3	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	Vacant Rental Program	Repairs and rehabilitation of vacant rental units	Awarded	\$ 750,000.00	NA

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR  
PURCHASE OF A FILE CABINET FOR THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING  
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning Department has a need for a filing cabinet; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development & Planning Department would like to purchase a filing cabinet; and

WHEREAS: The Economic Development file cabinet expense account, A6422 520150 does not have the funds available to make the purchase; and

WHEREAS: The Amending of Budget and Transfer of Funds from a training line to an equipment line requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Director of Economic Development & Planning be authorized to purchase the filing cabinet and complete the following budget transfer as follows:

From: A6422 540733	Training/All Other	\$97.00
To: A6422 520150	File Cabinets	\$97.00

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26

APPOINT MEMBER TO THE  
TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION (TCPDC) BOARD

WHEREAS: Per Resolution No. 26-12 the TCPDC Bylaws allow for a board member representing the non-profit sector and this appointment is conditioned upon the board member remaining a representative of the non-profit sector serving Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: Christine Shaver, as a resident of Tioga County and employee of a non-profit organization that serves Tioga County meets the criteria for membership of the TCPDC Board; and

WHEREAS: The Board is seeking to fill this vacant position; and

WHEREAS: Christine Shaver is willing and able to serve in this position on the TCPDC Board; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby appoints Christine Shaver to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation Board to fill the vacant position for the term of 6/9/26 – 12/31/28.