TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA
November 3, 2026
1:00 PM

- MINUTES
  - Approval of minutes of October 6, 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
  - Deputy Director of EDP

- RESOLUTIONS

K13-Renew Administrative Services Agreement Between Co of Tioga and TCIDA

K37-Renew Administrative Services Agreement Between Co of Tioga and TCPDC

K49-Authorize Salary Increase for Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning

- PROCLAMATIONS - N/A
- ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 6, 2026

ATTENDEES:
Legislators: Ron Ciotoli, David Cantella, Keith Flesher, Tracy Monell, Legislator Jake Brown arrived at 1:22PM due to a previous commitment

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

Guests: Wendy Walsh, District Manager, Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District

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

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

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes from September 8, 2026 - Legislator Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2026, meeting. Legislator Flesher made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 8, 2026, meeting, seconded by Legislator Cantella. All were in favor.

Ms. Woodburn reported the following:

II. FINANCIAL

A. 2026 Budget
1. Economic Development
   - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
2. Planning
   - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
3. Sustainability Management
   - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Reports
1. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District – Wendy Walsh, District Manager, was in attendance and her monthly report was distributed at the meeting. Ms. Walsh reviewed her report highlighting the Agriculture Program including grant updates, Buffers and Trees Forestry Program, Hazard Mitigation, Stormwater,

Engineering Team Support, WQCC, Stream Program including NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Projects.

2. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monthly report was in the committee packet.
3. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report was in the committee packet. Questions were asked about Paddle the 607, campsites along the river, and what marketing was being done for hotel stays during SUNY Binghamton's Family Weekend. Ms. Woodburn will check with Ms. Maffei, Tourism Director, and report back to the committee.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:
   a. CDBG Microenterprise Grant – All the projects from Round One of funding are complete and fully reimbursed. ED&P has moved on to the renewal portion of funding for $218,000.00. Applications are due October 13th. Ms. Yelverton is actively promoting the program. Ms. Woodburn brought up Ms. Yelverton's advertising video that is on social media on the screen in the conference room.
   b. ESD Restore NY Round VIII – This is the Village of Newark Valley Grant that ED&P is assisting to administer for 14-16 Whig Street in Newark Valley. The roof replacement should take place in November weather permitting and asbestos needs to be remediated. ED&P is working with the contractor to schedule the work as well as finalizing the contract amount. ED&P is also looking into a façade loan with the IDA for the project and a possible sales tax use exemption.
   c. ARC IIJA – The matching funding source for the Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project – $450,000.00 was awarded from OPRHP for this project. The IDA was recently awarded $150,000.00 through ARC for the required matching funds and the grant agreement has been executed. The RFP needs to be finalized for review and sent out.

C. Economic/Community/Workforce Development

1. Spencer Market and Grocery – A fire destroyed the Shurfine Food Mart, the only full-service grocery store in Spencer. The ED&P team has been working with the property owner to provide information for cleanup. Ms. Taylor attended a community meeting to talk about options to increase food access. ED&P has some leftover CDBG funds that was used for the Catholic Charities food truck. ED&P asked the State if Catholic Charites would be able to purchase a trailer to tow behind the food truck serving as a food pantry. Upon hearing the situation, the State approved of this option. Ms. Taylor is working on getting quotes for the project to make sure there are enough funds available for the trailer purchase. The ED&P staff is meeting with the business owner today to discuss plans for rebuilding. Ms. Woodburn reported the property was in the flood plain which could make the Spencer Market project challenging.

2. CDBG Public Facilities Catholic Charities – Ms. Woodburn reported being close to closing this project out with the possibility of using some funds for marketing, however asked if the committee was okay with pursuing the Spencer Market project above. The committee was okay with moving forward.
3. CDBG Public Facilities – Stone House quote – Ms. Woodburn met with Ms. Myers this morning to go over the layout and discuss some changes to go back to the engineering firm with. Also discussed was the potential cost estimate for the changes and to look for other funding sources. Next step is to reach out to get quotes to do a conditions report which is required for some of the funding sources. The project continues to be under evaluation.
4. 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project – All the environmental testing is complete. The survey and elevation certificate have been received. The design documents from L2 for roof replacement and brick repair (Phase 1) are being worked on. Hoping to have a draft drawing in a couple of weeks. Looking to bid Phase 1 this winter and begin construction in the spring. The partnership agreement is in place between the Land Bank (property owner), the IDA (financial partner), the County (ED&P staff being involved in administering the grants). Mr. DeWind has reviewed and approved the agreement. A resolution for consideration is listed below.
5. NY Forward – Village of Waverly – The bid package for the East Waverly Park has been sent out. Updates should be coming soon.

D. Planning
   1. 239 Reviews
      a. 2026-015 – Town of Candor Area Variance – The applicant requested area variances to construct an approximately 32'x40' square foot pole barn storage building on the corner of Ithaca Road (96B) and Honeypot Road, in Candor. There was concern from the Board and adjacent property owners that the proposed building would not maintain adequate sight distance at the intersection. Staff recommended disapproval of the area variances. County Planning Board voted unanimously to disapprove the area variances.
      b. 2026-016- Town of Candor – Site Plan Review – Sanctuary of Speed, LLC- The applicant requested site plan approval to establish a low volume retail motor vehicle dealership from the leased commercial premises located at 661B Straits Corners Road, Candor. The applicant plans to operate as a boutique automobile dealership specializing in enthusiast, luxury, sports, and performance vehicles. The business will not operate as a public automotive repair facility. Vehicles will only be displayed within the designated area specified on the site plan and no vehicle storage yard, salvage operation, dismantling activity, or long-term outdoor storage is proposed. Staff recommended approval of the site plan with the conditions that a signed SEQR be on file and applicant obtains all required federal, state or local permits licenses and registrations. County Planning Board voted unanimously to approve.

2. Data Centers and Land Use Planning – Information was distributed. Ms. Woodburn reported Southern Tier 8 (ST8) worked with County Planning Directors and put a resource/guide together; pointing out:
   - How data center development is accelerating across NYS.
   - Competitive advantages to the Southern Tier Region that can make it attractive for these types of facilities.
   - The County Planning Departments and municipality boards play a critical role in ensuring these facilities are sited responsibly, align with comprehensive plans and deliver genuine economic benefits while minimizing impacts on agricultural land, water resources, energy grids and neighboring communities.

   Ms. Zubalsky-Peer and Ms. Woodburn will start reaching out to any municipalities that are interested in meeting to go through the information and talk about land use consideration, best practices, and permitting approaches.
   Also distributed was the article ST8 referenced in the guide, *Dryden Becoming the First New York Town to Ban Data Centers*.
   Ms. Woodburn reported wanting to get a sense of where the municipalities stand on this. Offering any resources and/or guidance on data centers.

E. Sustainability Management
1. Tioga County Debris Management Plan update – The RFP was sent out and two responses from consultants were received. After the Steering Committee scored the applications, a decision was made to proceed with Tetra Tech who came in at just under $36,000.00. A resolution is listed below for consideration.

Dr. Pratt is working on the following events:
2. Paper Shredding Event for Tioga County to be held in May 2027.
3. Town of Nichols E-Waste Cleanup Event to be held on October 9th.
4. GreenSheen Paint Collection Event to be held on October 31st.
5. 3rd Annual Pumpkin Smash Event to be held on November 7th.
6. 2026 YTD –

	2026	2025
a. Paid to Broome County		
i. HHW	$ 9,225.50	$11,239.55
ii. E-Waste	$ 900.90	$ 1,006.25
b. Towns/County(E-waste)	$ 1,780.68	$ 1,167.25

F. IDA
1. FAST NY Track C – Lounsberry property – The IDA continues to work through the application. It's a timing issue between the announcement and when the property owners sell, but it looks like this may be awarded next month.
2. Swartwood Property – This is the Berkshire property that is up for tax foreclosure. The IDA owns the land and the Swartwood's own the building that sits on the land, making the foreclosure a challenge. Mr. DeWind attended the last IDA meeting and mentioned the IDA should get an appraisal to establish value so the IDA could potentially negotiate with the building owner. A contract for the appraisal has been signed. There could be a four-week turnaround for the appraisal.

G. Land Bank

1. 247 Main Street, Owego – Ms, Woodburn showed a picture of the property on the screen in the conference room, stating improvements have been made since the picture, and more improvements are to be made. Ms. Woodburn also showed pictures of the house in Waverly that is complete and is under contract.
2. Vacant Rental Program – Ms. Woodburn showed a video on the screen of Ms. Patton promoting this program that is on social media. One application has come in and is going through the approval process. Another application is expected soon.

Not on the agenda, Ms. Woodburn reported on the Women's DIY Construction Course that was held recently. The course focused on basic home maintenance skills, including basic plumbing, electrical safety, troubleshooting and simple wall repair techniques. This is a partnership between the Land Bank's Construction Manager and staff, and the Owego Apalachin Central School District, who allowed us to use their space for the training. There are discussions with BT BOCES to take over the program and offer it in their satellite campus located in the school. The program is very successful. Ms. Woodburn showed pictures of the class.

IV. PERSONNEL – Nothing to report.

V. RESOLUTIONS

J05-Authorize Tioga Co to Participate in 48-50 Lake Street Redevelopment Project
J36-Designation of Tioga Co. LDC DBA Tioga Co. Tourism as Authorized Tourism Promotion Agency for 2027
J43-Consultant Agreement with Tetra Tech Debris Mgmt

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

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

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
Administrative Assistant, Economic Development & Planning

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Tioga County
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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund		ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A6422 Economic Development								
A6422 411132	Tax On Hotel/Motel	-35,000	0	-35,000	-35,928.03	.00	928.03	102.7%
A6422 419890	Contribution To Ec	-50,000	0	-50,000	-50,380.41	.00	380.41	100.8%
A6422 421891	Other Home & Commu	-50,000	0	-50,000	-25,000.00	.00	-25,000.00	50.0%*
A6422 449100	Federal Aid-Commun	0	0	0	-1,977.72	.00	1,977.72	100.0%
A6422 510010	Full Time	426,153	0	426,153	315,478.64	.00	110,674.36	74.0%
A6422 520150	File Cabinets	0	97	97	96.99	.00	.01	100.0%
A6422 540010	Advertising	3,000	150	3,150	2,801.00	.00	349.00	88.9%
A6422 540040	Books	500	150	650	640.90	.00	9.10	98.6%
A6422 540070	Car Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	315.85	.00	1,684.15	15.8%
A6422 540140	Contracting Servic	0	9,100	9,100	6,005.97	.00	3,094.03	66.0%
A6422 540180	Dues	1,000	0	1,000	100.00	.00	900.00	10.0%
A6422 540220	Automobile Fuel	150	0	150	37.62	.00	112.38	25.1%
A6422 540320	Leased/Service Equ	1,000	0	1,000	266.53	.00	733.47	26.7%
A6422 540360	Meals/Food	750	0	750	250.00	.00	500.00	33.3%
A6422 540390	Mileage Expense	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
A6422 540420	Office Supplies	1,280	-1,341	-61	-620.49	.00	559.13	1011.2%
A6422 540480	Postage	380	0	380	172.21	.00	207.79	45.3%
A6422 540485	Printing/Paper	1,850	0	1,850	704.68	97.00	1,048.32	43.3%
A6422 540590	Services Rendered	19,190	-9,000	10,190	750.00	.00	9,440.00	7.4%
A6422 540620	Software Expense	100	3,729	3,829	.00	.00	3,829.36	.0%
A6422 540660	Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	441.29	.00	558.71	44.1%
A6422 540733	Training/All Other	4,820	-2,885	1,935	600.00	.00	1,335.00	31.0%
A6422 581088	State Retirement F	60,970	0	60,970	27,755.46	.00	33,214.54	45.5%
A6422 583088	Social Security Fr	32,738	0	32,738	23,805.72	.00	8,932.28	72.7%
A6422 584088	Workers Compensati	7,721	0	7,721	6,184.29	.00	1,536.71	80.1%
A6422 585588	Disability Insuran	369	0	369	289.71	.00	79.29	78.5%
A6422 586088	Health Insurance F	122,080	0	122,080	57,928.41	.00	64,151.59	47.5%
A6422 588988	Eap Fringe	99	0	99	76.89	.00	22.11	77.7%
TOTAL Economic Development		552,200	0	552,200	330,795.51	97.00	221,307.49	59.9%
TOTAL General Fund		552,200	0	552,200	330,795.51	97.00	221,307.49	59.9%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-135,000	0	-135,000	-113,286.16	.00	-21,713.84	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	687,200	0	687,200	444,081.67	97.00	243,021.33	

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GRAND TOTAL	552,200	0	552,200	330,795.51	97.00	221,307.49	59.9%

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A8020 Planning								
A8020 510010	Full Time	192,155	0	192,155	107,851.68	.00	84,303.32	56.1%
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	20,971.30	.00	11,028.70	65.5%
A8020 540180	Dues	800	0	800	.00	.00	800.00	.0%
A8020 540220	Automobile Fuel	200	0	200	24.40	.00	175.60	12.2%
A8020 540320	Leased/Service Equ	1,200	0	1,200	.00	.00	1,200.00	.0%
A8020 540360	Meals/Food	190	0	190	.00	.00	190.00	.0%
A8020 540390	Mileage Expense	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540420	Office Supplies	500	0	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
A8020 540480	Postage	900	0	900	29.86	.00	870.14	3.3%
A8020 540485	Printing/Paper	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
A8020 540590	Services Rendered	4,875	0	4,875	.00	.00	4,875.00	.0%
A8020 540660	Telephone	600	0	600	429.35	.00	170.65	71.6%
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	10,529.85	.00	16,962.15	38.3%
A8020 583088	Social Security Fr	14,762	0	14,762	7,955.43	.00	6,806.57	53.9%
A8020 584088	Workers Compensati	3,481	0	3,481	1,729.84	.00	1,751.16	49.7%
A8020 585588	Disability Insuran	167	0	167	81.03	.00	85.97	48.5%
A8020 586088	Health Insurance F	55,047	0	55,047	34,792.01	.00	20,254.99	63.2%
A8020 588988	Eap Fringe	45	0	45	21.64	.00	23.36	48.1%
TOTAL Planning		338,014	0	338,014	184,416.39	.00	153,597.61	54.6%
TOTAL General Fund		338,014	0	338,014	184,416.39	.00	153,597.61	54.6%
TOTAL EXPENSES		338,014	0	338,014	184,416.39	.00	153,597.61	

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GRAND TOTAL	338,014	0	338,014	184,416.39	.00	153,597.61	54.6%

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A8160 Refuse & Garbage								
A8160 421890	Other Home & Comm	-1,980	0	-1,980	-704.00	.00	-1,276.00	35.6%*
A8160 425900	Waste Hauler Permi	-400	0	-400	-400.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A8160 439892	Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	-7,745.96	.00	-22,254.04	25.8%*
A8160 510010	Fulltime	74,754	0	74,754	59,178.23	.00	15,575.77	79.2%
A8160 520070	Chairs	0	0	0	-302.11	.00	302.11	100.0%
A8160 540010	Advertising	7,500	9,000	16,500	9,971.91	5,996.00	532.09	96.8%
A8160 540180	Dues	175	0	175	95.00	.00	80.00	54.3%
A8160 540320	Leased/Service Equ	1,500	0	1,500	266.53	.00	1,233.47	17.8%
A8160 540390	Mileage Expense	167	0	167	.00	.00	166.75	.0%
A8160 540420	Office Supplies	2,000	0	2,000	715.67	.00	1,284.33	35.8%
A8160 540444	Permits, Fees, Ins	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
A8160 540480	Postage	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8160 542140	Contracting Servic	98,000	-7,000	91,000	21,215.91	.00	69,784.09	23.3%
A8160 542261	Household Hazardou	75,000	0	75,000	13,100.08	39,069.34	22,830.58	69.6%
A8160 542485	Printing/Paper	2,000	0	2,000	443.85	.00	1,556.15	22.2%
A8160 542640	Supplies (Not Offi	11,000	-2,000	9,000	655.15	.00	8,344.85	7.3%
A8160 542680	Tires	3,900	0	3,900	1,762.00	.00	2,138.00	45.2%
A8160 581088	State Retirement F	10,695	0	10,695	9,077.67	.00	1,617.33	84.9%
A8160 583088	Social Security Fr	5,743	0	5,743	4,452.50	.00	1,290.50	77.5%
A8160 584088	Workers Compensati	1,354	0	1,354	995.19	.00	358.81	73.5%
A8160 585588	Disability Insuran	65	0	65	46.62	.00	18.38	71.7%
A8160 586088	Health Insurance F	21,415	0	21,415	10,470.81	.00	10,944.19	48.9%
A8160 588988	EAP Fringe	17	0	17	12.39	.00	4.61	72.9%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage		283,205	0	283,205	123,307.44	45,065.34	114,831.97	59.5%
TOTAL General Fund		283,205	0	283,205	123,307.44	45,065.34	114,831.97	59.5%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-32,380	0	-32,380	-8,849.96	.00	-23,530.04	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	315,585	0	315,585	132,157.40	45,065.34	138,362.01	

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GRAND TOTAL	283,205	0	283,205	123,307.44	45,065.34	114,831.97	59.5%

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Tioga County Tourism
October 2026

USDA Grant Award and Project Plans

The TCLDC was awarded a USDA Rural Business Development Grant to update and implement a Destination Marketing Plan. This grant has been executed, and Tioga County Tourism is currently developing an implementation plan and timeline over three phases:

I) New branding, travel guide and website development

II) Cooperative Marketing Program offering direct technical assistance to partners

III) Digital and Social Media Campaigns



Village of Owego HBO Filming Location

The Village of Owego has passed a vote of support to act as the location for the filming of the second season of an HBO series, "Welcome to Derry." Although the official partnership has not been finalized, Tioga County Tourism (specifically Becca and Brie) is working with the Village of Owego on coordination and, if the project moves forward, will be acting as the Film Liaison between the Village, merchants and residents, with the goal of managing the impact and ensuring that this is a positive experience for Owego and Tioga County, NY.

Finger Lakes Wine Country (FLWC)

FLWC recently partnered with Trove, a marketing firm, to manage all promotional activities. Work with Trove continues with Brie representing Tioga County on the marketing committee.

Susquehanna Heritage Area Master Plan

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

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Tioga County

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Extension of Extension Neighborhood Depot
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Tioga.cce.cornell.edu

October 2026 – CCE Tioga Highlights

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

Organizational Updates: CCE Tioga will be shifting primary office space to our Owego offices for the winter season starting in November to provide centralized access to our staff. Schedule of walk-in hours to be released along with meetings by appointment.
CCE Tioga search committee has completed interviews for the open 4-H Educator position, offer discussions ongoing, announcement anticipated soon.

TIOGA COUNTY FARM STAND MAP

PROMOTING TIOGA COUNTY FARM STANDS – It's HARVEST SEASON
https://tinyurl.com/TiogaFarmStands
We have increased to **40+** farms and farm stands listed!

Campus Connection to Cornell:

- ***Livestock PWT (Program Work Team)*** – Kelly Jackson, Ag Educator, participating & sharing information
- ***Seed to Supper-*** Jean Koski, Horticulturist participating in learning opportunities for the program

Community Connections:

Agricultural Resource Group CCE Tioga continues to be an active participant of ARG –Ongoing Farm & Public Safety campaign **"Share the Road"** with CCE Tioga, TC SWCD and Farm Bureau
CCE Tioga at Tioga County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting: Kristi and Kelly attended, connecting with Farm Bureau members and invited legislative guests, provided an organizational update from CCE Tioga & 4-H
***Community Education*:** Jean Koski continues participation and correspondence with SVE Ag Advisory group and community partnership team.
CCE Tioga in the Owego Pennysaver –monthly ad + articles to connect residents with our program offerings!
***Tioga County Food Alliance*:** Kristi Snyder and Kelly Jaackson represent CCE Tioga and ARG partners as a participating member attending quarterly Food Alliance meetings. Kristi and Kelly continue to attend the Spencer Community Meetings with the Tioga County Food Alliance in emergency response to the loss of the Shurfine/Big M - shared the Tioga Co. Farm Stand Map to residents. Food Resource Guide includes CCE Tioga Farm Stand Map (Direct Farm to consumer sales also)
Pumpkin Smash 2026 –CCE Tioga (Kristi & Kelly) joins TC Sustainability, Team Tioga, and Tourism on the planning committee for the 3rd Annual **Tioga County Pumpkin Smash Saturday, Nov. 7th 2026 11am – 2pm!**
CCE Tioga working with local farmers for extra pumpkins and pick-up of smashed ones for livestock feed.

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
- **AFT Regional Navigator** meetings includes networking and learning calls with other Regional Navigators across Central NY
- Presence on the newly created ***Southern Tier Land Conservancy Working Lands Committee***
- ***Tioga County's Farm Store and Farm Store Map Released*** – The digital version on Google maps is **Live** and will continue to be updated as submissions are received. A print version is envisioned for 2027.

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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 assisting Cornell IPM and Entomology on several on-farm trial projects. this season including It's harvest time for the ***Seedcorn Maggot (SCM) Risk Assessment Field 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.

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

- ***Community Garden Guidance/ Grow Line Hot Topics:*** answering questions (phone, email or social media) from the public with topics including interpreting soil test results and what to do with them, food preservation, winter cover cropping, tree questions and fall planting.
- ***Preparation for the 2027 Seed Shares***– contacting local businesses and CCE's to obtain seeds to share
- **CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm** – Incubator Cut Flower Farmer successfully growing with guidance from Ag / Hort educators. Preparing Greenhouse and Food Forest for winter season.
- Providing technical assistance to a community member seeking a community mini grant proposal
- **Tioga County Gardening Facebook Page** https://www.facebook.com/groups/tiogacountygardeners >>Join the group to see seasonal horticulture interest topics

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

- ***MGV Community Engagement:*** Owego Demonstration Gardens (56 Main, Riverwalk & Court House Square) finished the Summer Garden Walk-about Series – Sept featured "Culinary Herbs" and how to utilize the bounty.
- ***MGV community activity:*** Ongoing public garden maintenance and sharing happenings. Owego area public spaces ongoing garden maintenance and public interaction.
- ***Houseplant Propagation Event*** Master Gardeners in Owego partnered with the Coburn Free Library to host a propagation houseplant sharing opportunity.
- ***Master Gardeners visited The Hub Regenerative Farm*** with Norine Castle for a tour of her developing farmstead showcasing a variety of ongoing projects while also seeking advice and expertise from knowledgeable master gardeners
- *Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news & Program Development:* sharing updates & articles of interest

Success Story: This growing season master gardener volunteers have noticed an increase in public engagement. People are stopping to talk to Master Gardeners when we are at the gardens, asking questions, sharing their own garden experiences and generally feeling more comfortable engaging and learning from this group of knowledgeable individuals. It's also been wonderful for those maintaining these public spaces to hear positive feedback. The gardens have been beautiful this season with no major misunderstandings. People took notice and many went out of their way to let us know their appreciation.

4-H Youth Development - Kristi Snyder (ED) & Donna Vergason-Gibson (Program Coordinator)

- **Open Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year: October 1 – Dec 23, 2026**
  New online process has just opened! Printable forms are available from the 4-H Office in Owego + sign-up nights will be scheduled throughout Nov & Dec. once 4-H Educator onboarded
- Began a new outreach program called "Bugs for Clubs" – Kelly bringing her insect collection to 4-H clubs upon request and connecting entomology with the club's focus. This month attended Ranch Riders (horse) meeting and focused on ticks, mosquitos, and fly pests.
- 4-H Awards Banquet and End of Year Celebration was held Oct. 25th recognizing youth for project completion and excellence in project areas.

4-H Raiser of the Year and Special Awards Announced: ***Congratulations to all our award winners!***

Spirit of 4-H Award: (5) Peyton G., Brock P., Brody P., Cora Jade S., Quinn W.
4-H Honor Secretary: (2) Elizabeth C. and Rylee Q.
Outstanding 4-H Project: (6) Grace G. – Rabbit; Kylie E. – Public Speaking; Kate G. – Sheep; Kyle J. – Giant Pumpkin, Novalei M. – Horse; Cheyenne M. - Beef
4-H Leadership Excellence: Kylie E.
4-H Lifetime Achievement: Kyle J.

Cheyenne M. – Sr. Beef & Dairy Raiser of the Year
David V. – Sr. Goat & Swine Raiser of the Year
Logan B. – Sr. Rabbit, Poultry & Goat Raiser of the Year
Elizabeth C. – Junior Beef & Goat Raiser of the Year
Brody P. – Junior Swine Raiser of the Year
Avery B. – Junior Rabbit & Dairy Raiser of the Year
Mary V. – Junior Sheep Raiser of the Year
Colt K. – Junior Poultry Raiser of the Year

21st Century Afterschool Programming

NEW CCE Tioga 9 month subcontract with CCE Chemung to provide educators for afterschool activities as directed by each school district and family enrichment/engagement programs under their grant to Spencer Van Etten and Waverly Elm St. elementary schools – GST BOCES. Grant ends 6/30/2027

CCE Tioga Educators: Joan Shultz, Donna Vergason-Gibson & Jean Koski

Waverly (WARP Program): 4 days/week Focus on Tutoring for ELA and Math: Serviced 55 children (3rd and 4th grades) over (15) sessions.

Parent Education/Family Engagement: The Waverly School District engaged 4 families with making winter "Bug Hotels" Family Activity with CCE Ag Educator Kelly Jackson. Monthly activities are planned for the duration of the contract.

Spencer Van Etten (Connect AfterSchool): 2 days/week STEM/SEL programming for 3rd grade to 6th grade, served 75 children over (8) sessions. We offered friendship bracelets, Legos (build something with 25 Legos, work in groups with only 2 colors, create something with eyes closed within 1-5 minutes timed), building boats, cars, airplanes out of kits, and making lava monster lamps with oil, vinegar, water and went outside for large motor activity.

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

Professional development webinars: **"**It's All About the Brain! How to use Music Making to Unlock Baby's Brain for Reading" (Childhood Investigations), "When behavior Doesn't Make Sense: A New Way to Respond", "Stronger Voices, Stronger Families" (CCE Tompkins).

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

Outreach at Spencer, Waverly and Athens Libraries, WEBO & Facebook (upcoming Parenting Classes)

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

FRC Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Attending
Spencer (Inspire)	4	10	13	24	55
Spencer (Library)	4	10	15	26	44
Nichols (Library)	4	2	3	6	22
Waverly (Library)	4	11	13	28	50
Berkshire (Library)	4	2	6	5	2
Candor (Library)	4	15	17	32	70
TOTAL:	**24**	**50**	**67**	**121**	**243**

FRC Success Stories.

- A parent took on organizing and leading a field trip to Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm.
- 30 adults and children attended Spencer Library Stoy time and field trip to visit the Fire Station.

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

- Learned that **1** of our advisees completed Empower+ projects, securing **$10,449.98** in NYSERDA funding for Tioga County residents
  - Total NYSERDA funding secured for Tioga County Residents in 2026: **$80,681.34** (Over the past 20 months, **$137,106.44** has been secured for projects)
- Advised **20** residents assisting with access to the Empower+ Program, Weatherization Assistance Program, Appliance Upgrade Program, Comfort Home, and Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Program
  - **1** of these advisees are **no-heat** situations
- Reached **21** residents at the Richford Mobile Food Pantry **10/15**
- Energy Literacy Workshop held at Newark Valley Community Connection, Inc. **10/29**
- Weatherization Assistance Program 50-year anniversary celebration at Tioga Opportunities in Owego **10/29**
- Coordinated and attended Smart Energy Choices Thriving Futures Mural unveiling at Twilight Alpaca Farm in Spencer **10/5**
- Artist & Clean Energy "Battery Dance" performance at Whitney Point Elementary School **10/28**, tabling with a Broome Co. CEA and giving a presentation on how to save energy in the home
- NYSERDA Southern Tier Hub: Developed Q4 plan and attended HubBub at CCE Broome (10/19), attended statewide Hub and DSS meeting to help better coordinate for no-heat season (10/20)

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

- **PY26 NEW Enrollments: 22 of 30 with 3 in process of enrollment**
  - Active rollover youth: **14;** Youth in Follow-up: **32**
- ***Starting Training** in October*: **(0) Currently In Training (12)**
  - BOCES: Barbering, Welding, Cosmetology,
  - Job Corps: Auto Tech, Medical Asst,
  - College: Criminal Justice, Registered Nursing, Health studies, Early Childhood Ed, Animal Management, Bio Chem, Music Education, Welding
- ***GED Progress***: Currently Enrolled in GED class: 9 (plus 2 starting in Nov), 1 took and passed one section of the test
- ***In-School WBL (Work Based Learning) Program/Work Experience for youth with disabilities w/ SVE during their study hall* (4 youth)**: at Spencer-Van Etten Central School District (IT Department Assistant, Art Department, School Store) and Raymond Hadley Corp (Career Exploration)
- **Obtained Employment** in Oct.: **(4)** Stray Haven Humane Society (Kennel Attendant), Ithaca Central School District (Teacher Assistant), McDonalds (Crewmember), Aarons (Salesperson)

CCE Tioga Automated Telephone system – Don't Hang Up! When you dial **(607) 659-5694**, our welcome recording will offer extensions, and your call will be connected directly to our educators. Please leave a message as we may be helping others. We look forward to helping you!

Ext 1 (4-H & FRC) **Ext 2** (Agriculture) **Ext 3** (Grow Line & Horticulture) **Ext 0** (Admin & General Questions)

Respectfully Submitted,
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Youth, Families & Smart Energy Programs

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Regional Clean Energy Hub

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

Outside Agencies

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

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TIOGA & THE TIOGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR JANUARY 1, 2027 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga approved by Resolution No. 65-25 entering into an Administrative Services Agreement with the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Said Administrative Services Agreement calls for the County of Tioga to provide the TCIDA with administrative services, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) office; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Services Agreement also calls for the TCIDA to contribute toward the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by TCEDP staff to perform duties on behalf of the TCIDA; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga approved Resolution No. 284-25 to revise and modify the Administrative Services Agreement to increase the TCIDA annual contribution from $20,000.00 to $50,000.00 for TCEDP administrative staff to perform the necessary duties on behalf of the TCIDA, and to extend the contract term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga and TCIDA are desirous of renewing the Administrative Services Agreement which states that the TCIDA annual contribution will be $50,000.00 for administrative staff, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment necessary to support the operations of the TCIDA through the TCEDP office; and

WHEREAS: The TCIDA and TCEDP are also desirous of renewing the Administrative Services Agreement for a period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the acceptance of $50,000.00 annually from the TCIDA and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to execute the Administrative Services Agreement to provide funding towards the cost of administration, for a two-year term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE
FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 RENEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF TIOGA & THE TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR JANUARY 1, 2027 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga approved by Resolution No. 517-23 renewing the Administrative Services Agreement with the Tioga County Property Development Corporation (TCPDC) for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS: Said Administrative Services Agreement calls for the County of Tioga to provide the TCPDC with administrative services, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment via the Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) office; and

WHEREAS: The Administrative Services Agreement also calls for the TCPDC to contribute toward the cost of administration, office space and equipment for use by TCEDP staff to perform duties on behalf of the TCPDC; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga approved Resolution No. 285-25 to revise and modify the Administrative Services Agreement to increase the TCPDC annual contribution from $25,000.00 to $50,000.00 for TCEDP administrative staff to perform the necessary duties on behalf of the TCPDC, and to extend the contract term through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The County of Tioga and TCPDC are desirous of renewing the Administrative Services Agreement which states that the TCPDC annual contribution will be $50,000.00 for administrative staff, IT technical assistance, office space and equipment necessary to support the operations of the TCPDC through the TCEDP office; and

WHEREAS: The TCPDC and TCEDP are also desirous of renewing the Administrative Services Agreement for a period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That upon the approval of the County Attorney, the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves the acceptance of $50,000.00 annually from the TCPDC and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer to execute the Administrative Services Agreement to provide

funding towards the cost of administration, for a two-year term of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 AUTHORIZE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TITLE SALARY INCREASE

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for a title salary increase within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The Director of Economic Development and Planning requested a review of the Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning title on June 15, 2026, and the Personnel Department received a position description questionnaire for Megan Schnabl, Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning, which is a senior-level administrative position under the Economic Development and Planning Office; and

WHEREAS: The Personnel Officer conducted the review amongst similar Management/Confidential titles and determined that due to the leadership responsibilities, coordination with multiple public authorities, the breadth of duties across economic development and planning combined with internal departmental equity considerations and updated external information that an increase to the salary range for the Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning is warranted; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the appropriate Management/Confidential salary range for Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning shall be $72,826 - $82,826; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the 2026 annual salary of the current incumbent in the Deputy Director of Economic Development and Planning title, Megan Schnabl shall be increased by $9,727, effective retroactive to June 15, 2026.