TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
October 6, 2026
1:00 PM

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of September 8, 2026.

II. FINANCIAL

A. 2026
   1. Economic Development – tracking
   2. Planning – tracking
   3. Sustainability Management – tracking

III. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

A. Reports
   1. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District
   2. Cornell Cooperative Extension
   3. Tioga County Tourism

B. Grants
   1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet
      a. CDBG Microenterprise Grant
      b. ESD Restore NY Round VIII – V. NV
      c. ARC IIJA - Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project

C. Economic/Community/Workforce Development
   1. Spencer Market and Grocery
   2. CDBG Public Facilities Catholic Charities
   3. CDBG Public Facilities – Stone House quote
   4. 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project
   5. NY Forward – Village of Waverly

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

E. Sustainability Management
1. Tioga County Debris Management Plan update
2. Paper Shredding Event for Tioga County
3. Town of Nichols E-Waste Cleanup Event – October 9th
4. GreenSheen Paint Collection Event – October 31st
5. 3rd Annual Pumpkin Smash Event – November 7th
6. 2026 YTD –

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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
2. Swartwood Property

G. Land Bank
1. 247 Main Street, Owego
2. Vacant Rental Program

IV. PERSONNEL

V. RESOLUTIONS

J05-Authorize Tioga Co to Participate ini 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

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 8, 2026

ATTENDEES:
Legislators: Ron Ciotoli, David Cantella, Keith Flesher, Tracy Monell, Jo Ellen Rose

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

Guests: Kristi Snyder, Executive Director, Tioga County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE)

Legislator Jake Brown was not in attendance.

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 August 4, 2026 - Legislator Ciotoli asked for approval of the minutes from the August 4, 2026, meeting. Legislator Flesher made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 4, 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. Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monthly report previously emailed. Dr. Kristi Snyder reviewed her monthly report, highlighting the search for the vacant position of 4-H Educator, American Farmland Trust Grant Award, the Tioga County

Fair held in August, Sundaes at the Farm held in July, 4H Youth Development, the Clover Café event, Master Gardners, Ag Outreach Programs, Family Resource Center, Smart Energy Choices, and WIOA Youth Employment Program/Workforce. Dr. Snyder distributed a stakeholder letter addressed to the Legislators providing an update on the Tioga CCE Hilltop Farm facility in Candor, NY.

2. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District – No report provided this month. A letter was distributed inviting the legislators to join the Upper Susquehanna Coalition, Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District and other partner organizations to a groundbreaking ceremony at the Carantouan Greenway on September 22, 2026, at 10AM to kick off the plantings being done as a part of the DEC Community Reforestation Program.
3. Tioga County Tourism – Monthly report is in the packet.

B. Grants

1. Active Grants – See attached EDP Grant Tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Woodburn highlighted the following:
   a. ESD Restore NY Round VIII – 81 North Avenue, Owego – This project has been on social media. ESD is holding a public hearing on September 14th at 2PM. This is the final step that ESD needs to do in order to issue the Grant Disbursement Agreement (GDA). Restore NY is unique in that they don't give grant agreements up front. They issue the GDA at the end of the project. The $165,000.00 grant was awarded to Tioga County in 2024, and the agreement will have to be signed when received. This will allow the Land Bank, who expended the $165,000.00 for the project, to submit for reimbursement. The County will be a pass through for the funds that will go back to the Land Bank. Once the GDA is received, Mr. DeWind will review it, and a resolution will be brought forward at that time.
   b. CDBG Microenterprise Grant – The final disbursement request has been received using the original funds for the last business that had a project open. Hopefully we will get that reimbursement soon. The renewal application was awarded. The guidelines and business applications have been updated and are on the website. The applications for the second round of funding are due on October 13th. Ms. Yelverton will be promoting the program by going out to business associations and sending the information out to the municipalities. ED&P will be getting an updated contract from Thoma because they will continue to assist in administering the program. Payment to Thoma is covered by CDBG administrative fees.
   c. CDBG Public Facilities – Catholic Charities – ED&P is trying to close out this grant with the state in the December/January timeframe. Ms. Norton has received 700 of the 900 income surveys needed to prove the low mod income benefit for the grant program. Ms. Norton continues to work on getting all the necessary documentation. The truck came in underbudget and Catholic Charites is submitting a few expenses to us for reimbursement. We may be de-obligating some of the funding. Ms. Woodburn will keep this committee informed.

d. USDA RBDG - Tourism Marketing Business Technical Assistance - ED&P assisted in applying for this grant and $90,000.00 was awarded. This will act as a match for the I Love NY (ILNY) funds for Tourism. In the past Tourism had to return ILNY funds that could not be matched. Tourism will try to stretch the RDBG program over a 2-year period making it possible to match the $50,000.00 this year and will then be able to make the match for next year. This will help with programmatic expenses. Tourism still has an operational budget gap. Ms. Woodburn will attend Worksession this week to discuss.
e. NYS Snowmobile – Phase II - The 30% award checks were sent out to the clubs. Ms. Norton sent all the Phase II documentation due to the State by September 1st. The SEQR has been reviewed by Mr. DeWind and will be sent in.
f. FASY NY Track C – This is the IDA application submitted for 2.6M to help with the acquisition of industrial property in Lounsberry. This will also help fund extending water and sewer to the site. The property owners are looking to sell soon.
g. NYMS – 62-64 North Avenue, Owego – This is a Land Bank grant for Navo Properties; hoping for a signed contract with the contractor next month so construction can start. There are code enforcement issues being worked out.

C. Economic/Community/Workforce Development

1. Interview panel for BT BOCES – Ms. Woodburn was invited to sit on an interview panel to hire a Director of CTE and Adult Education Programs. This person's role will be primarily in Tioga County, in the BOCES facility on the Owego Apalachin Central School District campus, but will also work out of a couple of single satellite campuses in other school districts.
2. Tioga County Foundation Coalition panel – Ms. Norton helped coordinate this with the Chamber in August. 17 Nonprofits attended and 6 foundations were in attendance as panelists. A good turnout.
3. ARC Ready Local Governments – Ms. Norton is helping Candor with this application. This is for a 9-week training session for municipal officials to sign up for. Once completed they have the opportunity to apply for $50,000.00 in funding to help do internal capacity building projects in the municipalities.
4. ARC – Village of Waverly water system study – Village of Waverly submitted an ARC application for funding for engineering design and to hire a hydrologist to make future improvements to their water system. Currently they have limited capacity. There are larger businesses that are anticipating drawing more on the water system in the future. ED&P was asked to submit a letter of partnership to help move their grant forward and agree to help administer the grant once awarded. If awarded, a technical assistance resolution will be brought forward.
5. CDBG Public Facilities – Stone House quote was received last week. Ms. Woodburn will meet with Ms. Myers to get on the same page and look for funding sources. The preliminary quote was for 1.2M. A request was made to edit the quote to account for prevailing wage requirements. The quote may come back at 1.4M with the addition. Ms. Woodburn will keep this committee informed.
6. 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project – Mr. DeWind approved the partnership agreements. The IDA attorney and the Land Bank attorney have reviewed the agreements. A resolution for consideration will be brought forward

next month. An asbestos report for the roof was received. Asbestos was found in the flashing on the roof. The hope is that it can be abated separately from the roof. L2 Engineering is working on the scope of work and bid specs for roof replacement and brick repointing. Looking at next spring for construction.

7. NY Forward – Village of Waverly – Ms. Norton participated in the page turn of bid documents going out shortly for the pickleball court, basketball court and splash pad at East Waverly Park. Looking at spring for construction.

D. Planning
   1. 239 Reviews – No reviews this month.
   2. ST8 Regional Workforce Housing Study – ST8 continues to work on this study. Hopeful for completion in the next few months. A meeting is set up later this week to talk about how ED&P and the Land Bank play a role in housing development for Tioga County.
   3. Broome-Tioga Arts & Culture Master Plan – Ms. Zubalsky-Peer is serving on the steering committee for this project; looking to complete by the end of the year.

E. Sustainability Management
   1. Tioga County Debris Management Plan – The final RFP was released; 2 responses received. The Steering Committee will meet this month to evaluate and select a consultant to move forward with.
   2. 3rd Annual Pumpkin Smash Event – Scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at the Tioga County Fair Grounds.
   3. GreenSheen Paint Collection Event – Scheduled for Saturday, October 31st. A flyer for this event was distributed.
   4. Town of Nichols E-Waste Cleanup Event – Scheduled for Friday, October 9th.
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Ms. Woodburn reported that Dr. Pratt is working on coordinating a paper shredding event.

F. IDA
   1. County Infrastructure Grant Program – Strong Road – $500,000.00 was awarded to Tioga County and will be sub-granted to the IDA to help extend municipal sewer to Strong Road. The IDA owns that site and is looking to build a single-family housing development in the future once utilities and infrastructure can be extended. For sewer extension alone, it is estimated at 2.5M – 3M making $500,000.00 just the beginning. Other funding sources will have to be looked into. To fill that gap we met with Steve Rowe, Larson Design. He is going to put together a proposal to help the IDA to pursue EFC (Environmental Facilities Corp.) funding and possibly a Congressional Direct Spending request. At the same time the IDA will continue to work with Steve Rowe and the Town of Owego to decide what the best approach is for this project.
   2. SunEast Solar – construction update – The IDA got a request to extend their sales tax exemption agreement for another year. Construction is expected to be

completed in quarter three of 2027 which means the PILOT would likely start in 2028.

G. Land Bank

1. 121 Providence Street, Waverly – This project is complete. Ms. Woodburn will send pictures. The Land Bank got seven offers on the house. The Board ranked and approved the offers. The house is currently under contract.
2. 247 Main Street, Owego – The rear additions were torn down and shored up by LCP. A contract has been awarded and construction is scheduled to begin this month; just waiting for the building permit.
3. LBI Pre-Development Grant Application – the Land Bank recently submitted a $50,000.00 grant to help with pre-development work at 48-50 Lake Street. The Land Bank is expecting the capital funding to come out in the next couple of months making it possible to apply up to 2M for capital projects. The funding will primarily go to the 48-50 Lake Street project.

IV. PERSONNEL – Nothing to report

V. RESOLUTIONS

I05-Filing of an Application for NYSDEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) Program

After reviewing the above resolution, 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

VI. PROCLAMATIONS - N/A

VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 P.M.

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

Tioga County
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2026 10

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	283,653.61	.00	142,499.39	66.6%
A6422 520150	File Cabinets	0	97	97	96.99	.00	.01	100.0%
A6422 540010	Advertising	3,000	0	3,000	2,437.00	.00	563.00	81.2%
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	9,043.76	.00	56.24	99.4%
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	242.30	.00	757.70	24.2%
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	117.56	.00	262.44	30.9%
A6422 540485	Printing/Paper	1,850	0	1,850	597.68	.00	1,252.32	32.3%
A6422 540590	Services Rendered	19,190	-9,000	10,190	750.00	.00	9,440.00	7.4%
A6422 540620	Software Expense	100	3,729	3,829	.00	.00	3,829.36	.0%
A6422 540660	Telephone	1,000	0	1,000	441.29	.00	558.71	44.1%
A6422 540733	Training/All Other	4,820	-2,735	2,085	600.00	.00	1,485.00	28.8%
A6422 581088	State Retirement F	60,970	0	60,970	25,000.18	.00	35,969.82	41.0%
A6422 583088	Social Security Fr	32,738	0	32,738	21,433.61	.00	11,304.39	65.5%
A6422 584088	Workers Compensati	7,721	0	7,721	5,568.23	.00	2,152.77	72.1%
A6422 585588	Disability Insuran	369	0	369	260.85	.00	108.15	70.7%
A6422 586088	Health Insurance F	122,080	0	122,080	52,073.63	.00	70,006.37	42.7%
A6422 588988	Eap Fringe	99	0	99	69.23	.00	29.77	69.9%
TOTAL Economic Development		552,200	0	552,200	289,823.64	.00	262,376.36	52.5%
TOTAL General Fund		552,200	0	552,200	289,823.64	.00	262,376.36	52.5%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-135,000	0	-135,000	-113,286.16	.00	-21,713.84	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	687,200	0	687,200	403,109.80	.00	284,090.20	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	552,200	0	552,200	289,823.64	.00	262,376.36	52.5%

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A8020 Planning								
A8020 510010	Full Time	192,155	0	192,155	99,932.27	.00	92,222.73	52.0%
A8020 540010	Advertising	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
A8020 540040	Books	600	0	600	.00	.00	600.00	.0%
A8020 540140	Contracting Servic	32,000	0	32,000	8,122.05	.00	23,877.95	25.4%
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	9,732.85	.00	17,759.15	35.4%
A8020 583088	Social Security Fr	14,762	0	14,762	7,388.18	.00	7,373.82	50.0%
A8020 584088	Workers Compensati	3,481	0	3,481	1,587.66	.00	1,893.34	45.6%
A8020 585588	Disability Insuran	167	0	167	74.37	.00	92.63	44.5%
A8020 586088	Health Insurance F	55,047	0	55,047	31,928.87	.00	23,118.13	58.0%
A8020 588988	Eap Fringe	45	0	45	19.86	.00	25.14	44.1%
TOTAL Planning		338,014	0	338,014	159,269.72	.00	178,744.28	47.1%
TOTAL General Fund		338,014	0	338,014	159,269.72	.00	178,744.28	47.1%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	338,014	0	338,014	159,269.72	.00	178,744.28	

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GRAND TOTAL	338,014	0	338,014	159,269.72	.00	178,744.28	47.1%

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A8160 Refuse & Garbage								
A8160 421890	Other Home & Comm	-1,980	0	-1,980	-660.00	.00	-1,320.00	33.3%*
A8160 425900	Waste Hauler Permi	-400	0	-400	-400.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A8160 439892	Solid Waste State	-30,000	0	-30,000	-7,745.96	.00	-22,254.04	25.8%*
A8160 510010	Fulltime	74,754	0	74,754	53,450.01	.00	21,303.99	71.5%
A8160 520070	Chairs	0	0	0	-302.11	.00	302.11	100.0%
A8160 540010	Advertising	7,500	9,000	16,500	8,603.91	7,364.00	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	242.30	.00	1,257.70	16.2%
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	38,680.60	23,219.32	69.0%
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	378.55	.00	8,621.45	4.2%
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	8,213.13	.00	2,481.87	76.8%
A8160 583088	Social Security Fr	5,743	0	5,743	4,027.49	.00	1,715.51	70.1%
A8160 584088	Workers Compensati	1,354	0	1,354	900.41	.00	453.59	66.5%
A8160 585588	Disability Insuran	65	0	65	42.18	.00	22.82	64.9%
A8160 586088	Health Insurance F	21,415	0	21,415	9,473.59	.00	11,941.41	44.2%
A8160 588988	EAP Fringe	17	0	17	11.21	.00	5.79	65.9%
TOTAL Refuse & Garbage		283,205	0	283,205	113,567.22	46,044.60	123,592.93	56.4%
TOTAL General Fund		283,205	0	283,205	113,567.22	46,044.60	123,592.93	56.4%
	TOTAL REVENUES	-32,380	0	-32,380	-8,805.96	.00	-23,574.04	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	315,585	0	315,585	122,373.18	46,044.60	147,166.97	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	283,205	0	283,205	113,567.22	46,044.60	123,592.93	56.4%

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September 2026 – CCE Tioga Highlights

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

TIOGA COUNTY FARM STAND MAP

Organizational Updates: CCE Tioga is currently seeking a 4-H Educator (full-time exempt position, Master's degree required). Interviews are ongoing and the job posting has been extended to Oct. 13th. **https://tioga.cce.cornell.edu/about-us/cce-tioga-job-openings**

PROMOTING TIOGA COUNTY FARM STANDS – It's HARVEST SEASON

https://tinyurl.com/TiogaFarmStands

Campus Connection to Cornell:

- ***Livestock PWT (Program work Team)*** – Kelly Jackson, Ag Educator, participating & sharing information
- ***Vegetable Variety Trials (V.V.T.)*** - Jean Koski, Horticulturist and a local MGV reporting final harvest data and photos with Cornell to complete the project.

Community Connections:

Agricultural Resource Group CCE Tioga continues to be an active participant of ARG –A new Farm & Public Safety campaign with CCE Tioga, TC SWCD and Farm Bureau **"Share the Road"** Pennysaver article and social media promotion with signs to be installed along roadways in Oct. to encourage drivers to slow down and watch for Slow Moving Vehicles /Farm Equipment as it is Harvest Season in Tioga Co.

Community Education: Jean Koski continues participation and correspondence with SVE Ag Advisory group and community partnership team. Exploring potential horticulture research grant engaging student and school high tunnels with local Agriculture teachers (SVE) Most recent meeting became focused on the loss of the Shurfine community grocery store and community response.

Tabled at the Owego Middle School Back-to-school night. This included recruitment for 4-H and information on CCE Tioga's programs and the Farm Stand Map

CCE Tioga in the Owego Pennysaver –monthly ad to help residents connect with our program offerings! Articles on Home insulation and houseplants from Master Gardeners and Smart Energy Choices in the Home Edition. Announcement of Tioga County Farm Stand Map and Tomato Growing Guides.

Tioga County Food Alliance: Kristi Snyder represents CCE Tioga and ARG partners as a participating member. Kristi and Kelly attended the Spencer Community Meeting with the Tioga County Food Alliance in response to the loss of the Shurfine/Big M - shared the Tioga Co. Farm Stand Map to residents.

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

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** training and program planning for funded winter workshops and sharing current resources
- ***Attended the TC SWCD Woods Walk*** –an interactive tour of a beef farm that has worked with TC SWCD promoting our complementary farm resource services and connecting with farmers.

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- Attended the ***Ward and Van Scoy Corn Plot meeting*** – a chance to learn about new corn cultivars from seed companies and discuss this past growing season
- ***Sweet Corn Pest Monitoring* & Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD) Trapping** –wrapped up this project at the end of September. This is coordinated by and traps are provided by Cornell IPM. These traps are checked weekly and blogs are updated for farmers to check the presence of pests to know if they need to adjust their spray schedule accordingly. y.
- 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. If you know of farmers who have farm stands or an agriculture operation in the county, please help spread the word!. **Submit new entries thru the online form/ QR code or email KAJ99@cornell.edu**

TIOGA COUNTY FARM STAND MAP

SUBMIT INFO HERE

CCE Tioga is sharing the virtual Farm Stand Map on our website and social media! The map is now at over 2,300 views and climbing! We have increased to 35+ farms and farm stands listed. I

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 including ***Seedcorn Maggot (SCM) Risk Assessment Field Trials***

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 veggie gardens, food preservation, where to share extra produce, tree questions and how to establishing fair pricing for mowing services (custom rates – hay).
- ***Pilot program*** – on-site visit to help a new property owner understand their overall landscape, giving advice on how to go about rehabbing a landscape while also enhancing natural areas.
- **CCE Tioga Hilltop Farm** – Incubator Cut Flower Farmer successfully growing with guidance from Ag / Hort educators. **Greenhouse Tomato/BioChar Trials** completed -data being used for grant proposal Preparing property for winter season and reimagining the Food Forest for simplified maintenance.
- **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. MGV in Newark Valley partnered with the Tappan Spaulding Memorial Library hosting a Propagation Houseplant sharing opportunity
- *Master Gardener/Horticulture E-news & Program Development:* sharing updates & articles of interest

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 to be ready by Oct. 6th and sign-up nights will be scheduled.**
- **Planning for the 4-H Awards Banquet and End of Year Celebration (OCT) is ongoing**
- **(8) Youth competed in NYS Fair 4-H Events:** Rabbit / Swine Shows, Horse Events & Lego Contest

- **Giant Pumpkin Auction Held Sunday, Sept. 27th 4pm at Iron Kettle Farm, Candor**
- **11 pumpkins were grown by (8) 4-H participants, the Grand Champion at 404 pounds by Rahland Bechtel** (bid winner Jake Brown) **and the Reserve Champion pumpkin was 383 pounds by Kyle Jantz** (bid winner Home Central) WBNG held a live news broadcast during pumpkin Weigh-in on Friday. *Congratulations to all participants in a challenging Pumpkin growing Season including (3) Cloverbuds!*

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

***Professional development*: NYSPEP Facilitation Skills webinar**

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

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

Total number of Grandparents/Senior Citizens served for the month: *25*

FRC Playgroup Location	# of Playgroups	# of Families	# of kids	Total # of Attendees (unduplicated)	Total # Attending
Spencer (Inspire)	4	13	17	23	51
Spencer (Library)	3	8	13	28	38
Nichols (Library)	4	7	8	18	32
Waverly (Library)	4	6	6	14	20
Berkshire (Library)	1	1	1	2	2
Candor (Library)	3	12	18	30	49
TOTAL:	**19**	**47**	**63**	**115**	**192**

FRC Success Stories.

- A grandparent attended the Waverly Cooking and Crafts playgroup. She shared that her grandson typically does not try new foods. However, when the healthy snack was presented, he was willing to try it and enjoyed the snack along with the other children in attendance.
- Grandparents who attend Spencer Inspire helped brainstorm ideas about getting the word out about FRC programs.
- In collaboration with the Spencer Library, we reached 10 families in the SVE area with financial literacy, free children's book about money and piggy banks.
- After attending story time at Athens Library and speaking with families about our program, we saw an increase in participation. The next time the program was offered, three new families attended
- A parent who attends the Candor and Spencer sites has offered to coordinate a field trip for families to visit Iron Kettle Pumpkin Farm in October.

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

- Learned that **1** of our advisees completed Empower+ projects, securing **$11,282.13** in NYSERDA funding for Tioga County residents
  - Total NYSERDA funding secured for Tioga County Residents in 2026: **$70,231.36** (Over the past 20 months, $126,656 has been secured for projects)
- Advised **18** residents assisting with access to the Empower+ Program, WAP, USDA Rural Development, Resilient Retrofits, Bishop Sheen, Appliance Upgrade Program, Tioga County Veteran's Services, NYS Solar Tax Credit, Comfort Home, NYSEG Home Insulation and Air Sealing Program, and Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Program
  - **1** of these advisees are **no-heat** situations
- **1** resident successfully signed up for Community Subscription Solar

- Tabled at Events promoting NYSERDA programming: Brick Pond Owego **9/14** – **(7),** Broome County Arts Festival **9/19** – **(35**), Reached **31** residents at the Richford Potato Festival **9/19**
- Coordinated with 3 Artists & Clean Energy participants to help them incorporate clean energy into each of their projects
- Serving as the representative for Southern Tier Hub at Building Performance Contractors Association (BPCA) weekly meetings

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

- **PY26 NEW Enrollments: 20 in the 1st (contracted for 30 for the year)**
- ***Starting Training*** *in Sept*: **(6)** BT & GST BOCES (Cosmetology-3), Corning and BT BOCES (Welding- 2) BT BOCES (Barbering - 1)
- Assisted Client to take the 5-hour pre-licensing class (Driver's Lic)
- ***In-School WBL Program/Work Experience***: WIOA began the In-School WBL Program with Spencer-Van Etten School this month. 4 youth with disabilities are participating in this program to improve academic outcomes and build work readiness skills. These youth will give up study hall to work for local employers (Raymond Hadley) and the IT departments in SVE high school.
- Our Americorp participant has reported traveling to and working in Denver CO and Jackson, Tenn this month.
- **Obtained Employment** in Sept.: **(5)** Tops, Sayre, Dollar Bazaar, Waverly, NY, CVS Warehouse, Candor Central School District, and Cabinet Works

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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September 2026

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.

Paddle the 607

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

Historic Homes Walking Tour

Tourism is assisting with the creation of a walking tour brochure to serve as a companion to a new book by Peter Gordon and an update of the Owego Walking Tour.

Grant Tracking Spreadsheet
EDP Legislative Committee Meeting
October 6, 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 submitted	$ 264,012.00	#296-26
9	TCLDC	USDA RBDG	Tourism Marketing Business Technical Assistance	Grant Agreement	$ 95,000.00	#296-26
10	TCIDA	USDA RBDG	Equipment Lease Program	Program in process	$ 99,000.00	NA
11	TCIDA	OPRHP EPF	Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project	Grant Agreement	$ 450,000.00	NA
12	TCIDA	ARC IIJA	Northern Tioga Rail-with-Trail Pre-Engineering project	Grant Agreement	$ 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	ESD Regional Council Capital Funds	Rehabilitation of 48-50 Lake Street, Owego	Application submitted	$ 1,226,360.00	NA
18	TCPDC	Vacant Rental Program	Repairs and rehabilitation of vacant rental units	Program in process	$ 750,000.00	NA

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 AUTHORIZATION FOR TIOGA COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 48-50 LAKE STREET, OWEGO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS: Tioga County has been informed of the proposed redevelopment of the property located at 48-50 Lake Street, Owego, NY 13827, known as the 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project; and

WHEREAS: The Project is being undertaken in cooperation with Tioga County Industrial Development Agency, Tioga County Property Development Corporation, County of Tioga, and other participating agencies; and

WHEREAS: The Project may be funded in whole or in part through grant programs including but not limited to Restore New York, Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), Land Bank Initiative, future local, state, and/or federal grants; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning Department is familiar with this building and project after numerous years of working towards redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development & Planning Department has experience managing grant funds and projects such as this; and

WHEREAS: The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed agreements including Master Developer Agreement, Financial Agreement, Operating Agreement, and the Inter-Agency Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS: The Project may be completed in multiple phases and for each phase a Phase Addendum will be brought forward for review and approval by the County Attorney; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby approves participation in the 48-50 Lake Street, Owego Redevelopment Project; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney, to execute Master Developer Agreement, Financial Agreement, Operating Agreement, Inter-Agency Cooperation Agreement, Phase Addendum(s), grant documents, financing documents, and any other documents necessary to carry out this Project.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -26 DESIGNATION OF TIOGA COUNTY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, D.B.A. TIOGA COUNTY TOURISM, AS AUTHORIZED TOURISM PROMOTION AGENCY FOR 2027

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 2027 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. -26 RESOLUTION TO ENTER CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR UPDATING THE COUNTY'S DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS: The Sustainability Manager submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking professional services to update the County's Debris Management Plan, assist with Municipal Debris Management Site identification and municipal coordination, and provide related training; and

WHEREAS: Two firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP, each outlining their respective scopes of services and associated costs; and

WHEREAS: The proposals were reviewed and ranked by the Sustainability Manager, the Public Works Commissioner, the County Administrator, the Public Health Director, the Economic Development & Planning Director, and the County Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS: They ranked Tetra Tech's proposal as the best; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorizes and directs the Chair of the Legislature, County Administrator, or other authorized officer, contingent upon the review and approval of the County Attorney to execute the contract with Tetra Tech to perform the above services not to exceed $35,980.00 from Solid Waste Appropriation account A8160 540140 – Contracted Services.