



Ag, Planning & Environmental Committee

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045

<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

Committee Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, May 8, 2025

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
Paul Heider	Cortland County	Committee Member	Excused		
William McGovern	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
Jason Prentice	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
Sandra Price	Cortland County	Committee Member	Present		
Reed Cleland	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present		
Beau Harbin	Cortland County	Committee Chair	Present		
Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present		
Kelly Guy	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Executive Director	Present		
Melissa Potter	Cortland County	Mobility Manager	Present		
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County	Planning Director	Present		
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Legislator	Present		
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County	Grants Administrator	Present		
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County	Legislator	Present		10:05 AM
Lillian Jensen	Cortland County	Mobility Coordinator	Present		
Travis Glaizer	National Grid	Manager of External Affairs	Present		
Vicky Homer	National Grid	Consumer Advocate	Present		
Nicole Compton	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote		
Jessica Leet	Cortland County	Planning Executive Administrative Assistant	Remote		10:50 AM
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present		
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District	District Manager	Present		

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 10, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Member - Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/22/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	William McGovern, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Vice-Chair
AYES:	Eccleston, McGovern, Prentice, Price, Cleland, Harbin
EXCUSED:	Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Member - Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors

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WHEREAS, the terms of members is one year for Legislative Representatives and three years for other members of the Board; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following is and hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors:

Name	Address	Capacity	Term Expiration
Timothy Elliott	1272 Texas Valley Road Marathon, NY 13803	Farm Bureau Representative	12/31/27

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SWCD Monthly Update

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. CCE Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Planning Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. National Grid Discussion with Travis Glazier

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:05 AM



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Reed Cleland	Cortland County	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
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Ashley Millard	Cortland County	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County	County Administrator	Present	
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County	Grants Administrator	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County	Legislator	Present	
Kelly Guy	Cornell Cooperative Extension	Executive Director	Present	
Melissa Potter	Cortland County	Mobility Manager	Present	
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County	Planning Director	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County	Director of Finance	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County	Clerk of the Legislature	Late	10:30 AM
Shawn Murphy	Soil & Water	Natural Resource Conservationist	Present	
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County	Chair of the Legislature	Remote	
Nicole Compton	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote	
Don Chu	Cortland	Resident	Remote	
Jessica Leet	Cortland County	Executive Assistant	Remote	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Mar 13, 2025 10:00 AM

RESULT: APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Demanding an Independent Audit of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and National Grid Billing Practices

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 10, 2025 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

It was MOVED by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Heider, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to amend the resolution to include National Grid.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 4/24/2025 4:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Jason Prentice, Committee Member

AYES: Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Prentice, Price, Cleland, Harbin

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Demanding an Independent Audit of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and National Grid Billing Practices

WHEREAS, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and National Grid provide electric and gas services to residents of Cortland County and surrounding areas; AND

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been raised by residents and businesses regarding inaccurate billing, sudden rate spikes, delayed or estimated meter readings, and lack of transparency in NYSEG's and National Grid's billing practices; AND

WHEREAS, these billing issues have caused financial hardship for many residents and businesses in Cortland County, raising concerns about fairness, accountability, and proper regulatory oversight; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) and other state regulatory agencies have an obligation to ensure that utility companies operate transparently and in the best interest of consumers; AND

WHEREAS, a comprehensive, independent audit of NYSEG's and National Grid's billing practices would provide much needed clarity regarding the accuracy of billing procedures, the effectiveness of customer service responses, and compliance with state regulations; AND

WHEREAS, other municipalities and consumer advocacy groups across New York State have also called for increased scrutiny and oversight of NYSEG and National Grid due to similar concerns; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature formally requests that the New York State Public Services Commission (PSC), the New York State Attorney General's Office and the New York State Comptroller's Office conduct an independent audit of NYSEG's and National Grid's billing practices to determine the extent of errors, inconsistencies, and potential overcharges; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this audit should include, but not be limited to, an examination of meter reading accuracy, estimated billing practices, customer service response times, and adherence to state-mandated billing regulations; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the findings of the audit be made publicly available to ensure transparency and accountability; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Public Services Commission, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, New York Association of Counties (NYSAC), New York State Senator Lea Webb, New York State Assemblypersons Anna Kelles and Jeff Gallahan, NYSEG leadership and National Grid leadership.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 10, 2025 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Recommend Members for Appointment to Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) Board

It was MOVED by Mr. Cleland, seconded by Mr. Heider, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session to discuss the appointment of a particular person with Savannah Hempstead, Ashley Millard, Melanie Vilardi, Melissa Potter and Trisha Hiemstra permitted to stay in the room. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 10:58 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., at which time on motion of Mr. Heider, seconded by Mr. Prentice, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 4/24/2025 6:00 PM
MOVER:	William McGovern, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Prentice, Price, Cleland, Harbin

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Recommend Members for Appointment to Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) Board

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Authorities Law Section 1328, the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority was created by the State of New York; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to said law, the Cortland County Legislature is required to submit two names for recommendation for appointment by the Governor of the State of New York, with advice and consent of the Senate, where such list must recommend two individuals for each appointment to said authority; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby recommends the following individuals for appointment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority:

Jennifer Hillman
Greg Richards

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature is directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be transmitted to the Governor of New York State and to the Secretary of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority.

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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Soil & Water Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Planning Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:17 AM

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Name of advisory group

Farm_Bureau

Term length

Seat Title (Area or constituency represented)

CORTLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE

County Office Building

60 Central Avenue, Cortland, NY 13045

www.cortlandcountyny.gov

607-753-5048

ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

Please type or print in black ink (Revised September 2015)

If you are interested in serving as a member of an advisory group please complete this form; attach additional sheets if necessary. You may be called for an interview and you may wish to attend a meeting of the advisory group if you have not yet done so. Please contact the Legislature Office at 753-5048 or by e-mail: shempstead@cortland-co.org if you have any questions.

Name Timothy Elliott Date of application 5/1/25Address (residence) Street 1272 Texas Valley Rd. Marathon N.Y. 13803 City Zip Code Telephone (home) (607)849-3071 (work) (mobile) (607)745-7224 (fax) Email address eltimar.tim@gmail.com Length of residence in Cortland County 62 years**If not a Cortland County resident, please stop here and contact the Office*Timothy P. Elliott

Signature of Applicant

Office use only

Type of appointment: *new or reappointment* [Replacing: (if new) Term expiration date Seat Title (area or constituency represented): Municipal Recommendation on File ☐Nominating Committee Recommendation Received ☐Copied to Comm.: Legislative Committee recommendation Date Legislature appointment date Appointment letter mailed date

Attachment: T Elliott Farm Bureau advisory board application (13018 : Appoint Member - Soil and Water Conservation District Board of



Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District

100 Grange Place, Room 202, Cortland, NY 13045

Phone: (607) 756-5991 Fax: (607) 756-0029

www.cortlandswcd.org

SWCD...established to promote the conservation and wise use of our county's natural resources

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT - May

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

May 1, 2025

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP) –We continue engineering design work for numerous projects funded in Round 28 and 29. Four projects with quotes are being scheduled for implementation. We have another site showing on May 14th for two more projects. The new wetlands regulations have created some confusion and potential delays with projects underway. We are working to navigate the new process.

We are still waiting for the announcement of awards for Round 30 of the AGNP program.

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) – Round 19 of the AEM Base has just been announced. Contracts will run for 3 years instead of two. Other program changes will be reviewed at upcoming meetings.

Climate Resilient Farming – We continue to work on one Round 7 project design. It is a stream corridor stabilization project and expected to be installed this year. We applied for the NYSDEC permit in January and just received notice of an incomplete application. To clarify, the application was complete, however the DEC has decided they would like additional information to evaluate. The project meets all criteria for the SWCD general permit and this request for information causes unnecessary delay. We have been in contact with Region 7 leadership in an attempt to resolve the issue and move the process and project ahead. There has been no more information from the state on the USDA Climate Smart Commodities grant impacting our one soil health project funded from the last round.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Enhanced Nutrient and Methane Management Program (CAFO ENMP) - We are waiting for contracts from the state and expect these projects will not be implemented until 2026.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD) –Weed harvesting is planned to start in early June. Herbicide treatments proposed by the lake association are on hold pending determinations for wetlands permits. This is the same new permit holding up SWCD ag projects. We are collaborating with SUNY Cortland on a sediment study looking at inputs from Green Lake. We await the release of the WQIP grant RFP which may be a source of funding for some sediment removal.

Eastern Finger Lakes Watershed – We continue regular meetings of the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition. State contracts for capacity have been signed with Cayuga County SWCD who is acting as

the administrator. Subcontracts and awards will be provided to the other Districts in the watershed.

We are working with County Highway to install live edge blades on plows used in the Finger Lakes watershed. Grout Brook/West Scott culvert is being manufactured and installation will be completed in August by the County Highway Department.

Upper Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay Watershed – Work on the culvert replacement and stream corridor stabilization projects at Fish Hill Rd and Irish Hill Rd continues.

The Trees for Tributaries Program provided free plants, materials, and technical support for 6.4 acres of new buffers. We distributed 1100 seedlings for planting at 13 sites last week.

We will continue boat stewarding at Tully and Little York Lakes this year and are in the process of hiring. We will also be doing education at Song Lake next week and at Melody Lake later this summer.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

The Cortland County Envirothon will be May 6th. We currently have 6 teams registered from three schools. The State Envirothon will be May 28 and 29 at SUNY Cortland. They are looking for local volunteers for a variety of activities. If you have some time to help with a great event, contact SWCD for information.

The Water Festival will be June 7th. Coordination and planning is underway.

Our 2025 Spring Planting Program is complete – distribution was last week. We have just a few low-cost bare-root tree and shrub seedlings available for purchase until gone.

The pond stocking distribution is Friday for those that ordered fish fingerlings.

ADMINISTRATION

We have a new Conservation Aide starting May 12th and a Conservation Assistant starting June 2nd. This report is brief because it's been extremely busy and time to prepare is short!!

Happy Soil and Water Stewardship Week!

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County

Kelly Guy: Executive Director

Highlights:

- Grant Writing Training Session, Finance Management and Insurance Training
- Staffing increase- Two new hires. Direct Market Educator and a 4-H/Ag Program Educator
- Community Outreach: 4-H Camp Owahta Marketing, Holstein Club Banquet
- 4-H Youth Art Sale: 5 piece collection "A View From The Farm" on sale now! All proceeds are donations to 4-H Camp Owahta
- Grant work: Farm to School will be working with the new 4-H/Ag Program Educator and the Nutrition Director from Chenango County CCE to provide nutrition classes at 4-H Camp Owahta this summer. The Farmers Market Promotional Program Grant is getting new partnership with Seven Valleys Health Coalition and will be run by the new Direct Market Educator.
- Collaborate with Seven Valleys Health Coalition, Visions Credit Union, 4-H Camp Bristol Hills.

On the Horizon:

Staff Development Training with Cornell campus May 5th, Envirothon May 6th, Walk 4-H Camp Owahta with CCE Camp Administrator May 12th, Master Gardner Plant Sale May 14th, Hosting May meeting of Farm Bureau May 21st, 4-H Camp Owahta Lunch and Bake Sale May 17th, SUNY Cortland Envirothon May 28th

South Central Dairy and Field Crop Program

Janice Degni: Regional Field Crops Specialist

Betsy Hicks: Regional Dairy Specialist

Highlights:

- A summary of recent Transition Calf Workshops:
 - o In Spanish & English, on-farm with hands-on activities and demos
 - o Topics covered: nutrition, health, inventory management, housing & facilities
 - o 2 sites offered in SCNY region, 26 people from 16 farms attended
 - o Participants learned more about how much grain calves should be eating before weaning, more about water intake, and proper location and information for giving vaccinations



On the Horizon:

Field visits, School farm.

programs, Applied Research on-

Camp Owahta

Kara McQuaid: Camp Director

Highlights:

- We are at 210 camper signups
- 19 staff members hired, as well as some volunteers scheduled to come in during our camp weeks.
- Several trees have come down after the heavy snow this winter, and windy spring days, cleanup and removal has begun otherwise, the property looks good, and buildings look clean.
- Flyers are being distributed to local companies and school districts.

Current employment opportunities:

- 1 camp cook.
- 1 lifeguard (certified and over 21).

On the Horizon:

- Staff Training Week June 30-July 5. Campers come on July 6. Some of our program themes this year are "Klondike Gold Rush," "Christmas in July," "Survival Tactics," and "Renaissance Festival."
- Snickerdoodle and Oreo will be returning, the two goats from last year. In addition, we have a betta fish and two hamsters joining us this summer.
- The garden boxes will be turned into a pollinator garden this year in a project collaboration with Master Gardener Volunteers. A Ladybug Education program will also be running in conjunction with the 4-H Youth Heritage Garden Collaboration.

Agricultural Team

Chelsea Jones: Agricultural Team Leader

Highlights:

- Attending the Harold D. Craft Leadership Program, April 28 – May 2
- **Master Gardener Volunteers -**
 - Celebrated National Volunteer Week at our April 11th meeting

- o May meeting is May 9th at the 1890 house; we will also be setting up for the plant sale
- o Annual Plant Sale plant pick-up will be Tuesday, May 14th at the Cortland County Fairgrounds
- o Perennial Plant Sale will be held in June, at the Cortland County Fairgrounds
- o Participating in the Water Festival in June with Executive Director, Kelly Guy
- o Will celebrate National Pollinator Week, June 16 - 22
- o Will be at the Holiday in Homer, July 19th, and featured in the event's program

On the Horizon:

- Ag-Stravaganza – Held at the Cortland County Fairgrounds June 4 & 5th.
- EZ Acres Dairy Farm Tour – Held at McMahon's EZ Acres June 11 & 12th.
- Hired Abby Thomas, 4-h/Ag Program begins May 1st. Abby's main projects for the agriculture program will be assisting with youth agricultural programming, including the Farm 2 School Grant, school field trips, Ag Literacy Week, etc. She will also be completing the Master Preserver training to be eligible to provide this education to youth and adults.
- Hired Kayla Barry as the Direct Market Educator, begins May 19th. Kayla will be responsible for implementing projects related to the USDA FMPP grant. She will also assist the Ag Team Leader with the Master Gardener program. Her background in Horticulture will be beneficial in helping the community with inquiries and education. She will complete the Master Preserver training.
- Workshops to be held May 7th & May 28th for 4-H Market Sale participants. Youth participating is required to attend at a minimum one of these workshops, which will cover topics such as animal ethics, marketing their products, record keeping, etc.

4- H Team

Rebecca Ireland-Perry: 4-H Team Leader

Highlights:

- Tractor Safety and Certification class finishes this week, with 15 new tractor operators poised to earn their certificates that will aid them in their employment in

the agricultural industry. Great collaboration with Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners, Champlain Valley Equipment, CNY Farm Supply, Cortlandville Fire Department, NYCAMH, and NY State Troopers.

- Our new employee for the 4-H/Ag Educator position, Abigail Thomas, will start May 1st. She has a 4-H background, mainly in showing beef and dairy cows and sheep. She was a Cortland Jr Fair Queen, 4-H Ambassador, Dairy Princess, and has an agriculture background with an Animal Science degree from SUNY Alfred.
- We will be having our annual 4-H Dairy Rodeo at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 10th. This event is designed to help young people learn how to fit and show a dairy calf. It allows new youth the chance to try it out to see if they would like to show a calf at fair, as well as giving youth who have already shown a chance for more practice and to increase their skills. This day is a lot of fun, and a great collaboration across local dairy farms that provide the calves, and wonderful volunteers that spend the day sharing their experience with the youth. At the end of the day, we hold a mock show, so they have the whole experience of working with the calf all the way through showing.

On the Horizon:

The Cortland Jr Fair will be July 8-12th. We would like to invite all legislators to attend and see the amazing work that our Cortland County 4-H members can do!



4-H CAMP OWAHTA
SUMMER 2025

Come have the best summer ever,
with us!

Come visit us at any of our Camp Open Houses!
4826 Knecht Rd. McGraw, NY 13101

- ✓ **May 17th Hot Dog Lunch and Bake Sale 11-2**
- ✓ **June 7th Pancake Lunch, canned food drive 11-1**
- ✓ **June 21st Cereal Drive 11-1**
- ✓ **July 6th Camp Begins! Register today!**
- ✓ **CIT, Day and Resident Camp Programs Now Available!**

Ages 6-16

Sign up today!

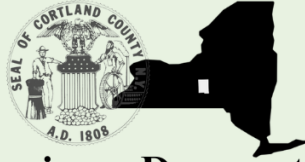


Need More Information?

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- 🌐 **cortland.cce.cornell.edu**
- 📍 **60 Central Ave Room 140
Cortland, NY 13045**
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ACTIVITY REPORT

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Planning Department May 2025

Administration

Education & Outreach

- County-wide Solar Conversation: May 15th, 2025 (Meeting Agenda attached)
- Department of State Training for Local Officials – 40+ attendees
- AWARDED – ARC CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT
- DOS Brownfield Grant Opportunity
- County Infrastructure Grant Program
- Leadership Cortland Participation

Housing Study

- SUMMITTED - Cornell Design Connect Program – Grant Application
- Collaborating with BDC/IDA on internship with a Binghamton University student

Regional Partnerships

- CNY Regional Planning Board
 - Broadband update
- Southern Tier 8 Regional Planning Board
 - Sustainability Group
 - CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy)
 - Opportunity Zone Collaboration

Snowmobile Grant

- 2024-2025 Phase 3 Submission deadline: May 31, 2025

GIS

Cortland County's ArcGIS Applications	March Total views/usage	April Total views/usage
GIS Portal (Website Hub)	3731	4136
Instant App (Parcel Viewer)	957	948
Workspace (Parcel Viewer)	730	793
E-911 and Postal Addressing (Website Hub)	84	72
Solar Field Tracking In Cortland County (Web app)		659
2025 Cortland Abutter Map (Parcel Viewer Tool)		40
Cortland County Allowable Uses Data Explorer (Web App)		37

Data & Mapping Projects

- Parcel Fabric –setting up the 2025 parcel fabric in collaboration with the Real Property Department.
- Finalizing an App to be used as a tool for Developers & Economic Growth – zoning district maps with associated allowable uses to support planning and development initiatives.
- Solar Project Mapping – Conducting research into effective methods for mapping and tracking solar projects across the county.
- Town of Cortlandville Comprehensive Plan Implementation – Provided GIS support to the Implementation Committee, including mapping for proposed Conservation Residential Zoning.
- City of Cortland, Village of Marathon, & Town of Solon Zoning Map
- Tabaco Retail Locations map for Environmental Health Department
- Dwyer Memorial Park Map for Grant Administrations

Attachment: Cortland County Planning Department Activity Report - May 2025 (13017 : Planning Department Monthly Report)

Cortland County Planning Board

GML 239 Reviews:

- Staff Reports:
 - Town of Cincinnatus – EJD Rentals LLC (Jason Griffin) – Special Use Permit, Site Plan Review, & Area Variances
 - City of Cortland – Shawn Forrest/Guthrie Cortland – Site plan review, special use permit, and area variances
 - Town of Marathon – Local Law on Wind Energy Facilities
 - Town of Marathon – Kurtz Trucking – Zoning map amendment
 - Town of Marathon – Square Deal – Zoning map amendment
- Return Letters for Local Determination:
 - 7 Return Letters sent to Municipalities

Mobility Management

Centro Operations –

- Full, uninterrupted service across the county!
- Veteran Bus passes
- Feedback so far

Section 5311 Program

- Coordination with NYSDOT on prior funding allocations.
- Summited - 5311 Annual Report
- Submitted – 5311 Application

NADTC Grant Initiatives

- Hosted Community Conversations Events to gather feedback and discuss mobility needs
 - April 1st at Access to Independence
 - April 22nd at Village of Marathon's Civic Center
- Continued outreach efforts for NADTC Survey responses

Education & Outreach

- Grant opportunities being pursued

OUR TEAM:



Trisha Hiemstra, PE
Director
of Planning



Melissa Potter, MPH
Mobility
Manager



Jessica Leet
Executive
Administrative Officer

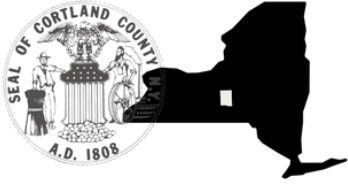


Hank Day
Land Use
Planner



Chris Jankus
GIS
Planner

County-Wide Solar Conversation



Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Beaudry Park Building
57 Scammell St, Cortland, NY 13045



Join us for a conversation around solar development in our County:

Our goal is to create a shared understanding of where we are, what we've learned, and how we can all collaborate to improve preparedness and decision-making for future solar and battery energy storage projects.

With several solar projects already in the ground or in development, it's time to come together and reflect. This meeting is about learning from real experiences, identifying county-wide needs, and planning for what's next.

Agenda Topics:

1. **Current Development & Regulations** – Where are we at?
2. **County-wide Perspective** – What affects us all?
3. **Lessons Learned** – What's worked, what hasn't, and how to improve?
4. **Next Steps** – How do we move forward from here?

Key local stakeholders representing Soil & Water Conservation District, BDC/IDA, Code Enforcement, County Planning, and Real Property will be present to share insights on solar development, local impacts, and how we can work together moving forward.

Let's shape the future of solar in Cortland County—together!

Please Pre-Register:

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/NiEPkxDqgHQZMfMw7>

Contact Cortland County at (607) 753-5043, or
by email at planning@cortlandcountyny.gov



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Cortland County Planning Department