



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
<http://www.cortland-co.org>

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Committee Chair Kevin Fitch

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Ann Homer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Trisha Jesset	Cortland County, NY	Director of Planning	Present	
Dan Dineen	Cortland County, NY	Planning Department	Present	
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District	Executive Director	Present	
Valerie Puma	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Kelly L. Fairchild-Preston	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Shawn Irpy	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District		Present	
Richard Stock	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Wendy Franklin	Cortland County, NY	Assistant County Attorney	Remote	
Dana Havas	Cooperative Extension		Remote	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director, Budget & Finance	Remote	

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RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorize Agreement Bus Shelter - Cortland County Planning Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/15/2021 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement Bus Shelter - Cortland County Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer is requesting a bus shelter to be installed at the Homer Recreation Building located at 53 Main Street, Homer, New York, AND

WHEREAS, a single shelter is under the threshold necessary for bidding, but requires three written quotes, AND

WHEREAS, monies received from the Federal 5311 Capital Grant will be used for the purchase of the bus shelter and are in the 2021 budget line A56305.52015, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Planning Department has solicited and received three written quotes as follows:

Company	Address	Quote
Brasco International, Inc.	32400 Industrial Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071	\$6,475
Austin Mohawk and Company, LLC	2175 Beechgrove Place Utica, NY 13501-1797	\$8,570
Columbia Equipment Company	72 Albany Avenue Freeport, NY 11520	\$15,739

, AND

WHEREAS, the lowest overall responsible quote for a bus shelter was from Brasco International, Inc., of 32400 Industrial Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071, AND

WHEREAS, the Village of Homer has agreed to assume responsibility for the maintenance and liability of the bus shelter, including the clearing of snow, providing clear walkways for passengers and keeping it free of trash and graffiti, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval as to form by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Brasco International, Inc., of 32400

Industrial Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071 for a bus shelter to be delivered to the Village of Homer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – A Resolution of the Cortland County Legislature Regarding the Cayuga Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 6/24/2021 6:00 PM

MOVER: Kevin Fitch, Committee Chair

SECONDER: Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the Cortland County Legislature Regarding the Cayuga Lake Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

WHEREAS, The Federal Clean Water Act requires states to periodically assess and report on the quality of waters in their state and the New York State Section 303(d) List of Impaired/TMDL Waters identifies those waters that do not support appropriate uses and that may require development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), AND

WHEREAS, Cayuga Lake, Southern End, has appeared on the New York State Department of Conservation (NYSDEC) Section 303(d) waterbody list since 2002 as requiring the development of a TMDL because it does not support its best uses of primary and secondary contact recreation and is threatened as a public water supply due to a phosphorus impairment and silt/sediment loads, AND

WHEREAS, a draft TMDL for the entirety of Cayuga Lake was released on April 7th, 2021 announcing a proposed nutrient pollution reduction “budget” with a goal of reducing phosphorus in the entire lake, corrective for the Southern end and protective for balance of the lake, with silt and sediment loads being largely ignored, AND

WHEREAS, Fall Creek is the largest drainage area to the lake, including nearly 18,900 acres in the Cortland County Townships of Harford, Virgil, Cortlandville, Homer and Scott, AND

WHEREAS, the last public information session was held in March of 2016, 5 years prior to the release of the TMDL, AND

WHEREAS, within the TMDL it states “Notice of availability of the Draft Cayuga Lake TMDL was made to local government representatives and interested parties. The Draft Cayuga Lake TMDL was publicly noticed in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on 04/07/2021.”, AND

WHEREAS, outreach and communication from NYSDEC to the aforementioned municipalities, the County of Cortland, and the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) regarding the Draft Cayuga Lake TMDL was minimal and did not allow for questions, comments, consideration, and understanding of the complex nature of the TMDL, and the social, economic, and environmental implications on our communities , AND

WHEREAS, the proposed TMDL recommendations have the potential to impact Cortland County municipalities and their constituents including agricultural producers and forest landowners, who represent two of the identified sectors slated to implement phosphorus reducing best management practices, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County SWCD along with neighboring SWCDs within the Cayuga Lake Watershed, the Cayuga Lake Inter-municipal Organization, the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and other professionals and concerned citizens will be providing comments to the NYSDEC , NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature requests that the NYSDEC engage in a comprehensive outreach campaign, targeting all local municipalities, to review the proposed TMDL, and conduct stakeholder meetings and other public forums to review the submitted comments and their responses, allowing for greater involvement and understanding of the TMDL for Cayuga Lake prior to releasing a final version.

ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Appoint Members - Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/24/2021 6:00 PM
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Members - Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 182-93 created the Cortland County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, AND

WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Markets Law Section 302 (b) designates appointments are to be made by the Chair of the Legislature, AND

RESOLVED, that the following be and hereby is appointed to the Cortland County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for the terms indicated below:

Name	Address/Designation	Capacity	Term to Expire
William Weddle	5249 Route 281 Homer, New York 13077	Farmer	12/31/24
Laura Fox	60 Central Avenue Cortland, New York 13045	Director of Real Property Tax Services	Duration of Term
Trisha Jesset	60 Central Avenue Cortland, New York 13045	Director of Planning	Duration of Term

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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5. State Environmental Quality Review Short Environmental Assessment Form for Agricultural Districts

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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6. June Monthly Budget Report - Planning Department

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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7. Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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8. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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9. Seven Valleys Health Coalition Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:00 AM



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Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Annette Barber	Cortland County, NY	Personnel Director	Present	
Laurie Leonard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Personnel Director	Present	
Dan Dineen	Cortland County, NY	Director of Planning	Present	
John Banewicz	Cortland County, NY	County Treasurer	Present	
Richard Stock	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director, Budget & Finance	Present	
Jackie Leaf	Seven Valleys Health Coalition	Executive Director	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk, Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Catherine Wilde	Seven Valleys Health Coalition	Mobility Manager	Present	
Ann Homer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District	Executive Director	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	

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MINUTES

Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 6, 2021 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was MOVED by Mr. Harbin, seconded by Mr. Eccleston, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 10:20 a.m. to 10:25 a.m., at which time on motion of Mr. Nauseef, seconded by Mr. Eccleston, and unanimously approved to exit executive session.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Director of Planning -Planning Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/27/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Director of Planning -Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has a vacant position of Director of Planning, AND

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and the Agriculture, Planning and Environmental Committee members Kevin Fitch and Chris Newell conducted interviews and offered a recommendation for this appointment, AND

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has received from the County Administrator and the Agriculture, Planning and Environmental Committee the recommendation for appointment of _____ as Director of Planning, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby appoint _____ as Director of Planning at an annual salary of \$80,536 (Grade 4, Step 5, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class) effective May 28, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Create Position of Temporary Planning Advisor - Planning Department

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/18/2021 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Create Position of Temporary Planning Advisor - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the County will be better served by creating one temporary position of Planning Advisor, AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture, Planning & Environmental Committee and the Finance and Administration Committees recommend the creation of this position, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one temporary position of Planning Advisor, (Management, Grade 4, Step 6, up to 17 hours/week) be created with permission to fill effective May 28, 2021, at 12:01, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Planning Advisor position will not be posted and will be filled by the current Director of Planning, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said position will not exceed eighteen months in duration under Civil Service Law Section 64.3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Amend 2021 Budget to Accept New York State Septic System Replacement Grant and Authorize Contract with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Health Department, Environmental Health Division

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/11/2021 11:00 AM
MOVER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

RESOLUTION NO.

Amend 2021 Budget to Accept New York State Septic System Replacement Grant and Authorize Contract with New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Health Department, Environmental Health Division

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) provides grant funding to replace cesspools and septic systems to reduce the environmental and public-health impacts associated with the discharge from cesspools and septic systems, AND

WHEREAS, the DEC/EFC has notified Cortland County that it is eligible for up to \$85,000 in grant funding to incentivize the replacement of a cesspool with a septic system, install, replace or upgrade septic systems or septic system components, or install enhanced treatment technologies, including an advanced nitrogen removal system located near priority water bodies, AND

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WHEREAS, there is no local match associated with this program, AND

WHEREAS, the County Administrator and Public Health Director both recommend acceptance of this funding and authorize signature of the program contract agreements, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature hereby accepts the New York State Septic System Replacement Grant and amends the 2021 budget accordingly, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Legislature authorizes the County Administrator upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, to execute all required contracts and agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in accordance with the New York State Septic System Replacement Grant.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Adopt Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District 2021-2029 - Planning Department

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/27/2021 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopt Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District 2021-2029 - Planning Department

WHEREAS, Article 25-AA, Section 303 (a) of the Agriculture and Markets Law, states that the County Legislature shall review any district created eight years after the date of the creation and every eight years thereafter, AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board has established a policy whereby any landowners of a parcel of land of less than 7 acres must provide written justification to the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board as to the capacity of such property to be a viable agricultural land in order for a property of less than 7 acres to be considered for inclusion in the Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District, AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board and the Legislature's Agriculture/Planning/Environment Committee have completed all necessary steps and procedures required for re-establishment of the Agricultural District, AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board recommends to the County Legislature for adoption, the re-establishment of the Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that revisions to the list of land parcels for inclusion in the reestablished Agricultural District, which include additions to and deletions from the district as shown on the attached list, be made to the Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Amend 2021 Budget to Accept New York State Department of Health State Rural Transit Assistance Funding - Planning Department

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/18/2021 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Beau Harbin, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Amend 2021 Budget to Accept New York State Department of Health State Rural Transit Assistance Funding - Planning Department

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years the New York State Department of Health provided funds to the Department of Social Services to provide the essential service of providing for and arranging for non-emergency Medicaid transportation service for medical appointments, AND

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services contracted with First Transit, Inc. for said transportation service which included a State approved method of paying a share of costs for operating public transportation to benefit all Medicaid recipients using the system to get to medical appointments, AND

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State Department of Health was given statutory authority under 365-h of Social Services Law to assume the administrative management of non-emergency transportation from counties and has since mandated that a private Medicaid brokerage system be implemented, which began in Cortland County October 1, 2013, AND

WHEREAS, as a result of the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, First Transit lost 40% of its revenue to operate the public transportation service in Cortland County, AND

WHEREAS, transportation providers throughout New York State lobbied to their State Representatives to provide funding to make up for the loss of funding due to the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, AND

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) have identified a series of action targets to preserve critical access to necessary Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services through a coordinated public transportation system in upstate New York, AND

WHEREAS, one of these action targets is to provide rescue funding to the public transportation service in Cortland County to address the lost revenue as a result of the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, AND

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, a letter was sent from the New York State Department of Health by the Office of Health Insurance Programs notifying Cortland County of an electronic payment in the amount of \$368,241 for a State Medicaid payment intended for Rural Transit Assistance purposes enacted as part of the State Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has received a Rural Transit Assistance payment in the amount of \$368,241 which will be paid to Cortland County's public transportation provider, First Transit, Inc., NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature authorizes the County Treasurer's office to release said payment to First Transit and to create the following 2021 budget modification:

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	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Expense: A56305.54815.RESC	0	\$368,241	\$368,241
Revenue: A563043.43594.RESC	0	\$368,241	\$368,241

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – Authorize Community Development Block Grant Application: CARES Act Funding & Authorize Agreement with Thoma Associates for Associated Grant Writing Services

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/18/2021 10:00 AM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Beau Harbin, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

EXCUSED: Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF FITCH

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Community Development Block Grant Application: CARES Act Funding & Authorize Agreement with Thoma Associates for Associated Grant Writing Services

WHEREAS, there is grant funding available through the New York State Office of Community Renewal through its Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2020 CARES Act, AND

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for these funds municipalities must propose activities that meet national objectives and be related to preparing, preventing, and/or responding to the COVID-19 global pandemic as outlined in the grant program guidance, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is eligible for these funds, AND

WHEREAS, all program funds must be expended within 12 months of award, AND

WHEREAS, the program requires the submission of a project consultation form as well as other pre-application requirements including holding two pre-requisite public hearings, AND

WHEREAS, given the technical nature of this grant application it is recommended to retain the assistance of a professional grant writing services to complete and submit this application by the August 27, 2021 deadline,

WHEREAS, Thoma Development Consultants of 34 Tompkins Street Cortland NY 13045 have submitted a proposal for grant writing services for this application in an amount not to exceed \$4500, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the filing of a CDBG CARES Act grant application, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby directs the Clerk of the Legislature or designee to schedule the requisite public hearings as required for this grant application, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator subject to review by the County Attorney or designee to enter into an agreement with Thoma Associates for the purpose of preparing the aforementioned grant application in an amount not to exceed \$4500.00.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – Local Law "C" of 2021, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

RESULT: **APPROVED [5 TO 1]**

Next: 5/27/2021 6:00 PM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Joseph Nauseef, Committee Member

AYES: Harbin, Wilson, Fitch, Nauseef, Eccleston

NAYS: Douglas Bentley

EXCUSED: Ronald J. Van Dee

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

RESOLUTION NO.

Local Law "C" of 2021, a Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter

BE IT ENACTED by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Cortland County to permit 12 and 13 year old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environment Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, include a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. Cortland County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Cortland County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13), to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle loaded firearms or crossbow through 2023.

Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized

Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer with the following requirements to be followed:

- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a rifle, shotgun, or muzzle loading firearm in areas where and during the hunting season in which such firearms may be used; and
- Twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old licensed hunters shall be allowed to hunt deer under the supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age 21 years or older, with a crossbow during the times when other hunters may use crossbows; and
- Supervision of a licensed adult hunter, age twenty-one (21) years or older, with at least three (3) years of experience who exercises dominion and control over the youth hunter at all times is required; and

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- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters as well as their adult supervisors shall be required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and
- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old with a firearm or crossbow.

Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements

A copy of this local law shall be sent to the New York State Department of Conservation as well as the NYS Department of State

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing and publication in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule.

Monthly Reports

Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Mobility Management Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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CNY Regional Planning & Development Broadband Survey

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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ADJOURNMENT

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Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board – June 2021				
Peter Knapp	Farmer	7125 Song Lake Road Tully, NY 13159 (Town of Preble)	12/31/2022	4 years
Gerald Craig	Farmer	4199 NYS Route 41 McGraw, NY 13101	12/31/2021	4 years
William Weddle	Farmer	5249 State Route 281 Homer, NY 13077	12/31/2024	4 years
Vacant				4 years
David Brandstadt	Agribusiness Rep.	1166 Albro Road Marathon, NY 13803	12/31/2023	4 years
Erin Madden	Rep. of Agri & Pres./Farm Service Agency	1 North Main Street Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2021	4 years
Chris Newell	Legislative Rep.	4446 Cosmos Hill Road Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2023	Term
Dana Havas	Cooperative Extension	60 Central Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2023	4 years
Trisha Jesset	County Planning Board Director - ex-officio w/ vote	60 Central Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	Duration of term	Term
Laura Fox	County Director of Real Prop. Tax Services - ex- officio w/ vote	60 Central Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	Duration of term	Term
Eugene Wright	Chair of Soil & Water Dist. Board of Directors - ex- officio w/ vote	5155 Brake Hill Road Homer, NY 13077	Duration of term	Term



County Report • May 2021

Impounding and Boarding

		# of Days	Cost
Canine	Impounded - Day 1	5	\$150.00
	Boarded Current Month	96	\$480.00
	Total Canine	101	\$630.00
Feline	Impounded - Day 1	13	\$390.00
	Boarded Current Month	931	\$4,655.00
	Total Feline	944	\$5,045.00
Other	Impounded - Day 1	0	\$0.00
	Boarded Current Month	0	\$0.00
	Total Other	0	\$0.00
Total Impounding and Boarding		1045	\$5,675.00

Cortland County Humane Law Enforcement Report - May 2021

Town of Cincinnatus

Complaints YTD	5
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Cortlandville

Complaints YTD	21
Complaints This Month	6
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	1
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	1
373-4 Seizure	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	2
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	2

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	1
Completed	0
No Violation	2
Animal Picked Up	2
Unable to Locate	1
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest/Ticket	0

NARRATIVE: Horse appearing skinny - no violation. Sick stray kitten - animal picked up. Injured stray cat - animal picked up. Dogs in hot car - 1 unable to locate, 1 notice to comply.

Town of Cuyler

Complaints YTD	1
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	1
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	1
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Dog body condition and home check - no violation.

Town of Freetown

Complaints YTD	0
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Harford

Complaints YTD	2
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Homer

Complaints YTD	5
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Dead Animal	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	1
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	1
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Two dogs tied outside in sun, no shelter/water - compliance order.

Town of Lapeer

Complaints YTD	1
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town/Village of Marathon

Complaints YTD	5
Complaints This Month	2
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	1
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	1
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	2
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Scraggly cat dropped off at complainant's residence - necessary advice rendered. Caretaker for pony cancelled farrier appointment - resolved.

Village of McGraw

Complaints YTD	4
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	1
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	1
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Dog tied to house - compliance order.

Town of Preble

Complaints YTD	2
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	1
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	1
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Couple moved out, left their dog behind - unfounded.

Town of Scott

Complaints YTD	1
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Solon

Complaints YTD	1
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	1
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	1
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Heifer calf possibly not receiving adequate care - pending investigation.

Town of Taylor

Complaints YTD	2
Complaints This Month	1
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	1
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	1
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Skinny Mastiff dog showed up at complainant's residence, possible abandonment - dog picked up and transported to veterinarian for medical assessment/evaluation.

Town of Truxton

Complaints YTD	0
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Virgil

Complaints YTD	1
Complaints This Month	0
Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
373-4 Seizure	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Willet

Complaints YTD	0
Complaints This Month	0
<i>Animal Cruelty:</i>	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Cruelty	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0

Dispositions:

Compliance Order	0
Completed	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

YTD Complaints:	51
Complaint Totals this Month:	14



Agriculture and Markets

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

UNLISTED ACTIONS ONLY

Please indicate lead agency status by checking the appropriate box below:

☐ The proposed action is within the scope of a cooperative agreement between the undersigned County Legislative Body ("CLB") and the Department of Agriculture and Markets ("Department"), the only other agency required to undertake an action in this case. Therefore, the undersigned CLB will serve as lead agency for the proposed action to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

☒ The proposed action is not within the scope of a cooperative agreement between an applicable CLB and the Department. The agency that will serve as Lead Agency is the undersigned CLB, and is undertaking a coordinated review of the proposed action with the Department pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3).

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information

- The proposed action is located in the County of Cortland and the Town(s) of Circleville, Cortlandville, Cuyler, Freebourn, Harford, Homer, Loper, Marathon, Preble, Scott, Solon, Taylor, Truxton, Vergil and Willet
- The agency responsible for preparing this Short Environmental Assessment Form and determining environmental significance is the CLB of Cortland County.
- The name, address, and e-mail address for the Clerk of the above named CLB is:
Savannah Hempstead
60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
shempstead@cortland-co.org
- Does the proposed action only involve the modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district by the CLB pursuant to Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) §§303-a, 303-b or 303-c? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, attach a narrative description (including a location map) of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the County. If No, this form should not be used to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action.

- Is this an action proposed to modify an existing agricultural district? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, total number of acres comprising the agricultural district as it exists prior to modification 121,790.48 acres.

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6. If this proposed action involves a modification, will such modification result in a change in the size of the agricultural district? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, how many acres are involved in the change? 514.29 acres
- Does this represent ☐ an increase or ☒ a decrease?

7. Check all present land uses that occur on, adjoining, and near the proposed action?

☒ Residential ☒ Industrial ☒ Commercial ☒ Agriculture ☒ Park/Forest/Open Space ☐ Other

If Other, please describe: _____

8. Information on Coastal Resources. Is the action located within, or have a significant effect on:

- A Coastal Area, or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland Waterway? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A Coastal Erosion Hazard Area? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- A community with an approved Local Waterfront Revitalization Program? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the affected community or communities: _____

9. Information on Local Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plans

- Is the action compatible with the County's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, date of Plan approval: 1998

If Yes, please cite the applicable language: Educate municipal governing boards and planning boards

and the general public on the regulations contained in the Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA.

a. Work to keep Agricultural Districts updated.

b. Get all farmers into an Agricultural District.

10. Comments from Municipalities within the County

- Did the CLB receive any comments from municipalities about the addition or removal of land from the agricultural district? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please briefly summarize the comments: _____

11. Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify the proposed action.

I AFFIRM AND CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Name of Person

Authorized to Sign: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

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Part 2: Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the County Legislative Body ("CLB") as Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted to the CLB for the proposed modification, consolidation or termination of a county-adopted, State-certified agricultural district or otherwise available to the reviewer.

In providing responses to each of the questions, the reviewer should keep in mind that the action proposed is the modification, consolidation or termination of an agricultural district(s). The action is not the land use or activity which will, or may, take place in the district(s). For example, it is not appropriate to consider the effects of management actions that may be taken by individual operators in conducting farming. Agricultural farm management practices, including construction, maintenance and repair of farm buildings, and land use changes consistent with generally accepted principles of farming are listed as Type II actions in 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(3), and these actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment.

	None to small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	☒	☐
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	☒	☐
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	☒	☐
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	☒	☐
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	☒	☐
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and fail to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	☒	☐
7. Will the proposed action impact existing:		
a. public / private water supplies?	☒	☐
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	☒	☐
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	☒	☐
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	☒	☐
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	☒	☐
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	☒	☐

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Part 3: Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur," or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

☐ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.

☒ Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

Cortland County Legislature

Name of Lead Agency

Date

Paul Heider

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Chairman, Cortland County Legislature

Title of Responsible Officer

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District 2021 – 2029

SEQR Part I – Narrative Description

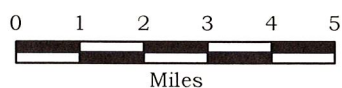
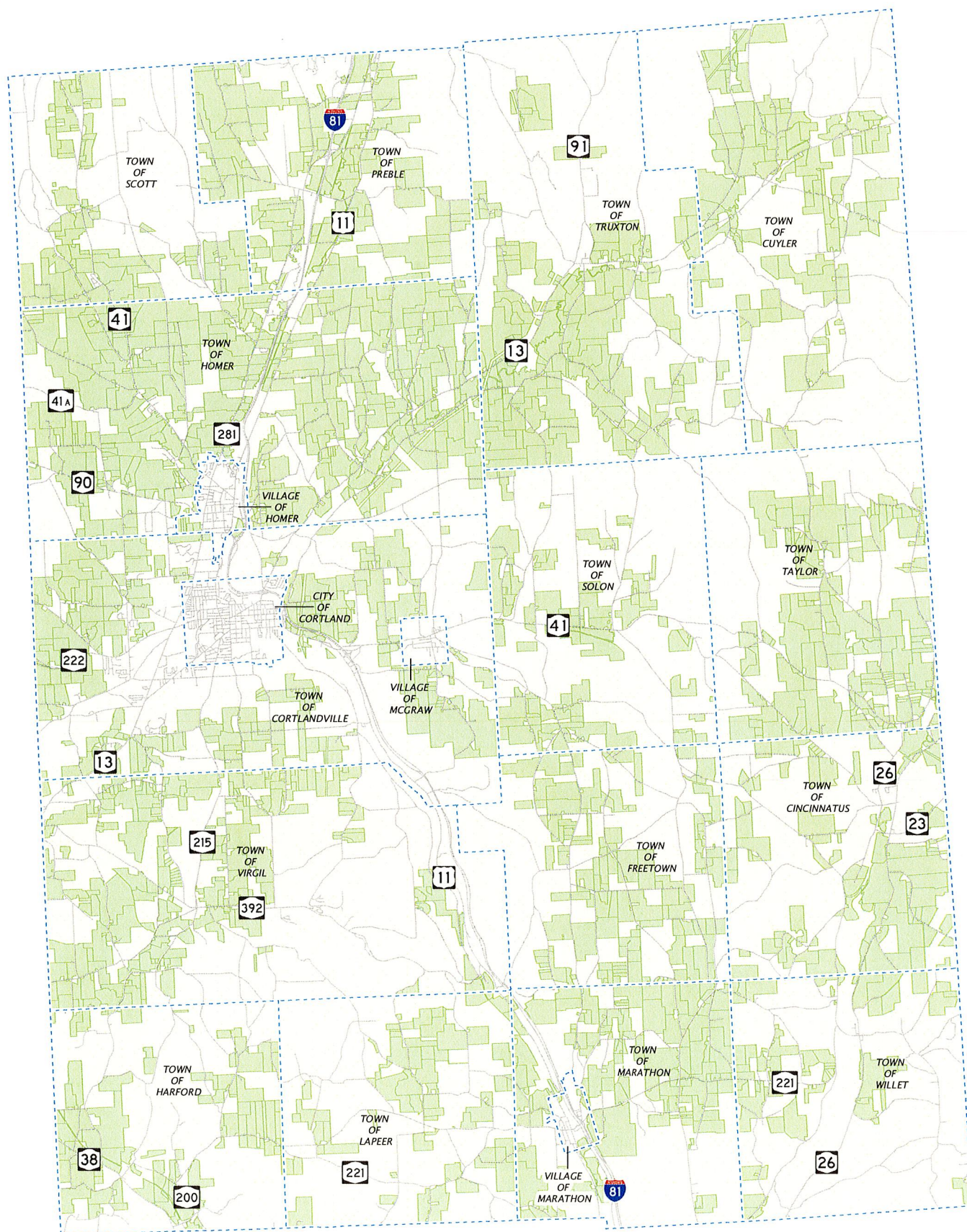
It is the intent of Cortland County to adopt the Cortland County Consolidated Agricultural District to preserve and protect the agricultural resources of the County. The Agricultural District as proposed includes 1,838 parcels with a total area of approximately 121,276 acres. Approximately 88% of this land or 107,000 acres is part of a farm operation. According to the 2017, US Census of Agriculture, there are 113,519 acres of land in farms in Cortland County. Therefore, approximately 94% of all farm land in Cortland County will be included in the District. The percentage of agricultural land in Cortland County that is within the District assures the continued availability of land for farming purposes.

The preservation of land for agricultural purposes also serves as valuable resources for protection and recharge of the sole source aquifer within Cortland County. The Cortland County sole source aquifer is the drinking water source for 34,716 County residents or approximately 70% of the County's population. Agricultural lands allow for the infiltration of clean groundwater into the aquifer for a continued drinking water supply to the County's residents. Use of agricultural lands for other uses would increase the amount of impervious surfaces over the aquifer deteriorating this vital environmental resource.

Cortland County

Agricultural District

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Agricultural District

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
08 HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES							
8020 PLANNING							
A -08-8020-8020-51005 -	229,478	PERSONAL SERVICES 0	229,478	203,202.79	.00	26,275.21	88.6%
A -08-8020-8020-51035 -	0	OTHER COMPENSATION & RAISES 0	0	15,304.62	.00	-15,304.62	100.0%*
A -08-8020-8020-52060 -	0	Capital Computer Equipment 4,494	4,494	.00	4,494.00	.00	100.0%
A -08-8020-8020-54000 -	100	TELEPHONE 446	546	250.50	.00	295.15	45.9%
A -08-8020-8020-54002 -	4,517	COMPUTER MTN/AGREEMENTS 0	4,517	4,516.68	.00	.32	100.0%
A -08-8020-8020-54005 -	1,096	Office Materials & Supplies 0	1,096	688.14	.00	407.86	62.8%
A -08-8020-8020-54020 -	400	POSTAGE 0	400	873.40	.00	-473.40	218.4%*
A -08-8020-8020-54047 -	550	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT 0	550	238.63	.00	311.37	43.4%
A -08-8020-8020-54060 -	456	LEGAL NOTICES / ADVERTISING 0	456	389.35	.00	66.65	85.4%
A -08-8020-8020-54065 -	680	EQUIP RENT / LEASES -446	234	134.35	.00	100.00	57.3%
A -08-8020-8020-54070 -	1,881	INSURANCE 0	1,881	3,798.12	.00	-1,917.12	201.9%*
A -08-8020-8020-54078 -	250	Fuel 0	250	11.05	.00	238.95	4.4%
A -08-8020-8020-54212 -	540	I/D PHONE 0	540	540.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A -08-8020-8020-54213 -	2,397	I/D COPIER 0	2,397	1,767.60	.00	629.40	73.7%
A -08-8020-8020-58020 -	29,833	RETIREMENT 0	29,833	19,351.71	.00	10,480.85	64.9%
A -08-8020-8020-58030 -	17,555	FICA 0	17,555	15,834.91	.00	1,720.09	90.2%
A -08-8020-8020-58040 -	9,580	WORKERS COMP 0	9,580	7,887.75	.00	1,692.25	82.3%
A -08-8020-8020-58060 -	57,307	HEALTH INS 0	57,307	47,294.40	.00	10,012.52	82.5%
A -08-8020-8020-58062 -	361	DENTAL INS 0	361	313.20	.00	47.80	86.8%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
A -08-8020-8020-58065 -	79	VISION CARE BENEFITS 0	79	67.50	.00	11.50	85.4%
TOTAL PLANNING	357,059	4,494	361,553	322,464.70	4,494.00	34,594.78	90.4%
TOTAL HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	357,059	4,494	361,553	322,464.70	4,494.00	34,594.78	90.4%
22 DEPARTMENTAL/LOCAL REVENUE							
8020 PLANNING							
A -22-8020-8020-42189 -	-10,660	OTHER HOME/COMMUN SERV FEES 3,842	-6,818	-86.00	.00	-6,732.33	1.3%*
TOTAL PLANNING	-10,660	3,842	-6,818	-86.00	.00	-6,732.33	1.3%
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL/LOCAL REVENUE	-10,660	3,842	-6,818	-86.00	.00	-6,732.33	1.3%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	346,399	8,336	354,735	322,378.70	4,494.00	27,862.45	92.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	-10,660	3,842	-6,818	-86.00	.00	-6,732.33	
TOTAL EXPENSES	357,059	4,494	361,553	322,464.70	4,494.00	34,594.78	

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	346,399	8,336	354,735	322,378.70	4,494.00	27,862.45	92.1%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
05 TRANSPORTATION							
5630 BUS OPERATIONS							
A -05-8020-5630-42665 -STOA	0	SALE OF EQUIPMENT	0	-7,426.00	.00	7,426.00	100.0%
A -05-8020-5630-44597 -19ATC	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL	-50,806	.00	.00	-50,806.00	.0%*
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -	0	Vehicles	868,933	848,933.10	.00	20,000.00	97.7%
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -16ATC	0	Vehicles	12,140	.00	.00	12,140.00	.0%
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -17ATC	0	Vehicles	57,084	.00	.00	57,084.00	.0%
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -18ATC	0	Vehicles	52,552	.00	.00	52,552.00	.0%
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -19ATC	0	Vehicles	50,806	.00	.00	50,806.00	.0%
A -05-8020-5630-52030 -MOBM	0	Vehicles	169,357	185,418.48	.00	-16,061.53	109.5%*
A -05-8020-5630-54055 -RESC	0	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	368,241	368,241.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A -05-8020-5630-54081 -	320,000	5311 EXPENSES	188,617	380,587.77	.00	128,029.58	74.8%
A -05-8020-5630-54084 -	255,000	OPERATING ASSISTANCE	326,609	857,702.58	.00	-276,094.00	147.5%*
TOTAL BUS OPERATIONS	575,000	2,043,533	2,618,533	2,633,456.93	.00	-14,923.95	100.6%
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	575,000	2,043,533	2,618,533	2,633,456.93	.00	-14,923.95	100.6%

22 DEPARTMENTAL/LOCAL REVENUE**5630 BUS OPERATIONS**

A -22-8020-5630-41289 -BUS	0	DEPARTMENTAL FEES	-3,842	-10,112.29	.00	6,270.62	263.2%
A -22-8020-5630-42300 -MOBM	0	TRANSP SERV OTHER GOVTS	-16,860	-15,092.70	.00	-1,767.53	89.5%*

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
TOTAL BUS OPERATIONS	0	-20,702	-20,702	-25,204.99	.00	4,503.09	121.8%
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL/LOCAL REVENUE	0	-20,702	-20,702	-25,204.99	.00	4,503.09	121.8%

23 STATE AID

5630 BUS OPERATIONS

A -23-8020-5630-43594 -RESC	0	BUSES AND OTHER MASS TRANSP -368,241	-368,241	-368,241.00	.00	.00	100.0%
A -23-8020-5630-43597 -	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL PROJ - STATE 0	0	-79,500.00	.00	79,500.00	100.0%
TOTAL BUS OPERATIONS	0	-368,241	-368,241	-447,741.00	.00	79,500.00	121.6%
TOTAL STATE AID	0	-368,241	-368,241	-447,741.00	.00	79,500.00	121.6%

24 FEDERAL AID

5630 BUS OPERATIONS

A -24-8020-5630-43589 -	0	MISC STATE TRANSP AID -508,617	-508,617	-493,645.90	.00	-14,971.45	97.1%*
A -24-8020-5630-43597 -MOBM	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL PROJ - STATE 0	0	-14,716.29	.00	14,716.29	100.0%
A -24-8020-5630-44589 -	-320,000	STOA 5311 320,000	0	.00	.00	.00	.0%
A -24-8020-5630-44590 -	-255,000	OPERATING ASSISTANCE REVENUE -326,609	-581,609	-796,575.03	.00	214,966.45	137.0%
A -24-8020-5630-44597 -	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL -20,000	-20,000	-636,000.00	.00	616,000.00	3180.0%
A -24-8020-5630-44597 -16ATC	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL -12,140	-12,140	.00	.00	-12,140.00	.0%*
A -24-8020-5630-44597 -17ATC	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL -57,084	-57,084	.00	.00	-57,084.00	.0%*
A -24-8020-5630-44597 -18ATC	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL -52,552	-52,552	.00	.00	-52,552.00	.0%*

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2020 12								
ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
A -24-8020-5630-44597 -MOBM	0	TRANSP - CAPITAL - FEDERAL -152,497	-152,497	-155,609.51	.00	3,112.79	102.0%	
TOTAL BUS OPERATIONS	-575,000	-809,499	-1,384,499	-2,096,546.73	.00	712,048.08	151.4%	
TOTAL FEDERAL AID	-575,000	-809,499	-1,384,499	-2,096,546.73	.00	712,048.08	151.4%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	0	845,091	845,091	63,964.21	.00	781,127.22	7.6%	
TOTAL REVENUES	-575,000	-1,249,248	-1,824,248	-2,576,918.72	.00	752,671.17		
TOTAL EXPENSES	575,000	2,094,339	2,669,339	2,640,882.93	.00	28,456.05		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2020 12

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	845,091	845,091	63,964.21	.00	781,127.22	7.6%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2020 12

ACCOUNTS FOR: A GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
07 RECREATION & CULTURE							
7989 SNOWMOBILE CLUBS							
A -07-8020-7989-54805 -	88,272	OTHER COUNTY SVCS 0	88,272	86,054.40	.00	2,217.60	97.5%
TOTAL SNOWMOBILE CLUBS	88,272	0	88,272	86,054.40	.00	2,217.60	97.5%
TOTAL RECREATION & CULTURE	88,272	0	88,272	86,054.40	.00	2,217.60	97.5%
23 STATE AID							
7989 SNOWMOBILE CLUBS							
A -23-8020-7989-43989 -	-98,080	OTHER COMMUN DEV STATE AID 0	-98,080	-95,616.00	.00	-2,464.00	97.5%*
TOTAL SNOWMOBILE CLUBS	-98,080	0	-98,080	-95,616.00	.00	-2,464.00	97.5%
TOTAL STATE AID	-98,080	0	-98,080	-95,616.00	.00	-2,464.00	97.5%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	-9,808	0	-9,808	-9,561.60	.00	-246.40	97.5%
TOTAL REVENUES	-98,080	0	-98,080	-95,616.00	.00	-2,464.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	88,272	0	88,272	86,054.40	.00	2,217.60	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2020 12

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	-9,808	0	-9,808	-9,561.60	.00	-246.40	97.5%
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AGRICULTURE/PLANNING/ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

From: Amanda Barber, Manager

June 1, 2021

AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (AEM)

Ag Planning Tier 3 – We continue work on 3 grazing plans and 3 farmstead plans. We also have three comprehensive nutrient management plans (CNMPs) under development.

Best Management Practice (BMP) Implementation Tier 4 – We are still awaiting landowner decisions for two projects. One may repeat procurement after dramatic price fluctuations last fall. The other postponed design work pending farm management changes and we are awaiting a decision regarding the future of the proposed project. We have contracts and designs complete for a stream corridor stabilization and buffer system, and one pasture management system. Both are awaiting procurement and will be constructed this year. An ag waste management system postponed from last year has begun construction. Construction of another ag waste management system is complete. The project started last summer and the required closeout documentation is wrapping up. The grazing and stream corridor enhancement project including 8.5 acres of riparian forested buffers that started last month has completed construction. Documentation and project closeout work has begun. We completed over 12 acres of additional buffer plantings this spring for a total of over 20 acres of buffer planted. One project was postponed until fall due to proximity to an actively nesting pair of bald eagles.

BMP Evaluation and Verification Tier 5 – We are in the process of verifying and spot checking best management practices on county farms. Structural conservation best management practices are being evaluated on 20 farms. Once inspected, and if still meeting standards, the practices are recertified in our database, but will still be subject to random verification processes. Data and practices are also reported to the Chesapeake Bay Program. Annual conservation practices such as nutrient management, cover crops and conservation tillage are verified, and data are collected annually, on about 40 farms. This data is also reported to the Chesapeake Bay Program.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Culvert Rehabilitation – Though spring rains tried to interfere, one stream stabilization, culvert replacement, and stream corridor enhancement project, postponed from the fall, was completed this spring with the Town of Cortlandville. The two Grout Brook/Skaneateles Lake watershed projects are designed and ready for implementation. The West Scott/Grinnell Rd culvert project is scheduled to be completed with county highway later this summer. The Hewitt Rd project is a collaboration with the Town of Scott and we are waiting for them to schedule it.

We are conducting training for summer staff in order to continue culvert inspections/analysis in the

Upper Tioughnioga watershed. This information will allow us to rank culverts and document aquatic habitat restoration, erosion control, and culvert repair needs for future grant applications.

Landfill Water Quality – Quarter 2 2021 field work is scheduled for mid-June.

Community Planning and Water Quality Protection – We continue to assist the Town of Cortlandville with evaluating the planned expansion and modification of the gravel mining near their Lime Hollow water supply wells. NYSDEC has now issued a positive declaration under SEQRA and an environmental impact statement will need to be developed.

Invasive Species – Recently completed reports on our invasive species surveys are available on our website. Boat stewards have been trained and began their education efforts at public boat launches in the county last weekend. They will be deployed to various public launches throughout the summer, particularly on weekends. The CD3 boat cleaning station is open and operating at Dwyer Park. Invasive Species Awareness Week is June 6-12, 2021. Watch for facebook and blog posts to learn more about invasive species @ccstoptheinvasion and @cortlandswcd.

Forest Management - the contract for the Community Forestry grant which will support the tree inventory and Forest Management Plan for Dwyer Park is in process. Once executed, we will complete procurement for the urban forestry consultant to perform the work.

County landowners should know about a new opportunity for forest management on private property called Regenerate NY. The purpose of this grant program is to support the regeneration of forests so they may continue to deliver vital services such as mitigating climate change, protecting air and water quality, and supporting the economy. Landowners can apply for financial assistance grants for projects on their land that support the establishment and renewal of healthy forests. This is a cost share reimbursement program, so all costs must be incurred and paid before they can be reimbursed. Eligible applicants include any individual, partnerships, for-profit entity, or not-for-profit entity that between 10 and 1,000 acres of land that is forested or can become forested through planting. Not-for-profits may also apply as a sponsor for another eligible applicant. SWCD is available to explain and assist with the program.

PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

Conservation Services - Our Spring Planting and Pond Stocking Programs are complete. We had 245 orders for tree and shrub seedlings, provided shipping for over 140 customers of NYSDEC nursery seedlings, and had 34 orders for pond stocking. Interest in land management programs such as these is on the rise the past few years.

Cortland County Envirothon – this competition for high school students was offered as a regional competition with other counties in early May. It tests student knowledge of soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue – water management. The State Envirothon was held the last week of May and the team representing Cortland County from the New Vision Environmental Science Careers class placed 2nd overall out of 32 teams from across the state competing. They had the highest overall score in aquatics and forestry subject areas! *Please congratulate Chad DeVoe and his team if you get the chance!*

Virtual Water Festival – utilizing social media and our website to announce and distribute information, we held a virtual event the entire first week of June. Videos were produced or provided by participating agencies on a variety of water-related topics and promoted each day. They will remain available as a resource on our website. Families, individuals, and schools are encouraged to learn about Groundwater, Water Pollution, Aquatic Invasive Species, Soil Erosion, Tree Buffers and Amphibians and Reptiles.



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Cooperative Extension of Cortland County June 2021 Report to the Legislature

4-H Camp Owahta – Darius Stevens

Camp Director Darius Stevens and Asst. Camp Director Chris DeLage are busy preparing 4-H Camp Owahta for a busy summer. Currently, registration for camp is well ahead of 2019 registration, and is on track to be our busiest summer in almost 10 years. We have stocked the pond, rebuilt our archery area, repaired buildings, painted, and a host of other work to get camp ready for campers.

The ongoing pandemic is altering our program delivery, though the CDC and New York State Health Department have relaxed many of the guidelines that had initially been released regarding Day and Resident Camps in New York State. We will be implementing a required Covid testing process before campers arrive at Camp Owahta. This is being managed by a company called Grapefruit Testing. They will manage all the details, and there will be no cost to campers or to our camp program. In addition, we will be maintaining social distancing where necessary, and masks will continue to be worn inside. NYS Health Department has relaxed the mask requirement when children are outside.

To All Cortland County Legislators: Please come visit us at camp this summer. Join us for Lunch, help with judging during Olympic, or come and enjoy our nightly bonfire, where we perform skits and sing camp songs. You are always welcome!

4-H – Becky Ireland-Perry

Our 4-H Tractor Safety and Certification course with 14 participants completed in May. County level 4-H public presentations, as well as District Public Presentations were held, and our 4-H members did well. The regional Dairy Bowl contest was well represented with 9 Cortland County 4-H members, where we had the top 3 novice individuals and top novice team, there were two juniors in the top ten and a fourth-place team, and for seniors were had the first and fourth place individuals and the top team. We are waiting to hear if they will have state and national level competitions. June 5th is our annual Dairy Rodeo at the fairgrounds, set up as a fun way to educate and encourage youth to show dairy cattle, and we have 31 youth registered. Fair planning is in full swing, please come and experience the Cortland Jr Fair from July 6-10th!

Agriculture – Dana Havas

According to the 2017 USDA Ag-Census there are 536 farms in Cortland County comprising of over 113,000 acres and producing over \$69M of market value products (an 11% increase from the previous agricultural census). To help our agricultural community thrive CCE Cortland Ag plans, develops, and hosts a variety of workshops, initiatives, statewide efforts, and youth education in response to identified needs of the Cortland County agricultural community.

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Attachment: Coop Ext June Legislative Report (8637 : Cooperative Extension Monthly Report)

Last month, Fay Benson and I hosted the first of the *Part-time Farmers Series* with a focus on livestock fencing at Triple 3 Livestock in Marathon. This month – on June 19th – we will be hosting the second *Part-time Farmers Series* with a focus on soil health and testing, arguably the most important component of agriculture and maintaining a healthy environment.

Together with a team of extension educators from throughout the state I published a white paper on red meat processing that was made available to state legislators and Ag & Markets. The goal of this study is to encourage Ag & Markets to direct efforts that will help to address the challenges facing red meat processors in NYS with the hope that this bottleneck will be diminished. Timely access to red meat processors is a challenge facing many livestock producers in Cortland County.

In addition to direct agriculture education and research I am also engaged with educating youth about agriculture in our community. This year I introduced a new 4-H Feeder Calf project and recently hosted the 5th workshop for the participants to help them better understand beef economics and other considerations in raising a feeder calf. Besides 4-H I am also organizing this year's AgStravaganza for 4th graders in 6 Cortland County schools. Last year, due to COVID-19, this event was cancelled so I felt it was important to ensure it would go on this year. This year AgStravaganza will educate students on the role of agriculture and land stewardship in our community by bringing presenters to the schools over the course of two days in mid-June.

Last month I mentioned the interns who have recently completed their internships and I am happy to report that the article about the impact of COVID on Cortland County farmers the journalism intern had written was published in the Saturday 05/22 edition of the Cortland Standard. Two more interns have been hired for the fall 2021 semester to continue this effort.

I have also been engaged with other organizations throughout Cortland County with the goal of helping our farm community. Together with Cortland County Soil & Water, and many others, I have been developing a Legislative Farm Tour scheduled for September 25th (more details to come). I also regularly convene a group of Cortland County ag-related organizations (CASPN) to share updates and news and work together on items that we feel will benefit our work and missions to serve the Cortland County agricultural community.

Human Ecology – Barbara Henza

Community Energy Engagement Program (CCEP)

I continue to promote the program in both Cayuga and Cortland County as per our agreement with Tompkins County. In addition to doing outreach, I am working with consumers to help them understand and access the program benefits as well as assisting them in working with NYSERDA approved contractors. I also work with the CCE Tompkins staff to manage the program and review and submit invoices from the three counties currently working in the five-county region. The program is set to end on June 20, 2021, but we expect an extension as the RFP for the next version is not yet out. Once the RFP is released, we will be submitting a proposal to continue this work with NYSERDA as the lead agency for the next 5- year contract.

In April I took the weeklong Building Performance Institute's Building Analyst training at the NYS Weatherization Directors Association facility in East Syracuse, successfully completing the training and the written test for certification. On June 21 I will be taking the practical test to complete my training to be certified as a BPI certified analyst.

Parenting/Parents Apart Class

The first class of the year was held via zoom for this program. The registration and attendance for this class continues to be low and we will be exploring ways to increase the community awareness of it going forward.

Financial Education

The one-on-one financial education program continues to be offered to county residents who are finding themselves in financial difficulties. I will be working with Catholic Charities to train their staff to provide basic budgeting at a date to be determined.

I continue to serve as one of the co-chairs of the Family Economics Resource Management Program Work Team that works to promote and support financial education. On April 28th I was one of the presenters of a webinar to 17 Extension Educators outlining some of the financial decisions and issues we will all face at different life stages along with resources to help make those decisions. The FERM PWT has been working with the Poverty and Economic Hardship Program Work Team to bring the Poverty Stoplight program to New York. We heard in May that the funding for this program was approved and both David and I will be working on this effort as part of the leadership team.

In Mid-May I was contacted by Allison Hermann, a researcher at Cornell who works with Valerie Reyna on research related to how adolescents make decisions. We have talked previously about the research they will be doing using the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) High School Financial Planning Program and how I might assist as the New York State Representative for this program. NEFE announced they would be retiring all their education programs and would focus solely on funding additional research in the financial literacy field. I was able to provide Professor Reyna with hard copies of the curriculum for her research and will continue to work to build on the relationship.

Farm to School – Emily Fusco

Key Developments:

- Randall School Garden Club Meeting
- Pied Piper Maple Farm Tour Video Published
- Solon Gardens Farm Tour Video in Editing
- Garden Binder
- Farm to School Gap Analysis

This month the Farm to School program held the first Randall School Garden Club meeting. The club met for an hour at Randall Middle School. We planted the first raised bed with kale, lettuce, green onions, carrots, and tomato. Throughout the club we taught the students about seeds, soil

health, and the different factors to think about when planting a garden including sun direction, frequency of watering, and the types of plants we were planting and why they worked well in this season. An article was shared with the Cortland Standard and a flyer was produced to ask for donations for the garden club to provide more equipment like garden gloves, hand trowels, and watering cans for student use.

The Pied Piper Maple Farm tour video was published and sent to the schools to share with their students. Worksheets and activity sheets were sent with the video and the materials are all posted on the CCE Cortland website and CCE Cortland County- Ag YouTube page. We also started our next video in the virtual farm tour series. We visited Solon Gardens to shoot the video of the farm tour and the video is currently being edited.

The garden binder intended to assist schools, community organizations, and individuals with starting their own garden is in development and is near ready to be released to the community. A letter to the community informing them about the binder has been created and is ready to be sent out once the binder is complete.

A gap analysis document is being completed for the farm to school program. The document will feature data of the activities we have completed thus far in the program, identify indicators, goals, and objectives to move the program forward, and highlight the components that need assistance.

Horticulture/Master Gardeners – Claudia Hitt

May, from stark, empty trees to full, lush, awesome green, plants are growing and filling the air and eyes.

May started with the 4H Heritage Garden project of growing gourds. A class was held at the fairgrounds with youth to teach them the tricks of growing and to give them seeds. The horticulture side of the Garden Guide for the Farm to School program was completed. The Marathon Garden club was given, at their request, a presentation of how to evaluate flowers. Our MGVS Nancy does the Cornell Vegetable Trials Garden project every year. She made the trip to Geneva to get her plants. The 4H/MGV Plant Sale took place with collecting, unloading, filling orders and selling over 1200 plants. The MGVS planted the Memorial Bed at the courthouse and plan to plant the raised beds here at the COB. May is planting, planting and more planting.

June 8 APE

MMC REPORT

Public Transit

Cortland Transit has hired a new General Manager-Ryan Reynolds.

The company continues to contend with a driver shortage and ridership levels that have not returned to pre-pandemic levels, however ridership is trending upwards-averaging about 350-400 passengers daily-which Cortland Transit officials attribute to more people being out and about post vaccination.

Routes remain fare-free.

Cortland Transit has stated interest in working with SUNY Cortland to develop a public transit route that would primarily serve SUNY Cortland students and staff (on and off campus). A map of the route is being developed then all the stakeholders will meet again to move this plan along. The route would likely not be operational until the fall of 2022.

Volunteer Driver Program

A meeting in early May between the St. Lawrence County-based Volunteer Transportation Center and CAPCO and Seven Valleys Health Coalition, was fruitful. CAPCO and VTC are working out the details of bringing the volunteer driver program to fruition locally.

The VDP would be an expansion of CAPCO's existing volunteer driver program.

Transition Planning

Seven Valleys Health Coalition is committed to helping with the transition of Mobility Management to the County Health Department. We will work with the department to make this as smooth as possible, ensuring the public does not notice any disruption in service.