



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

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

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, June 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice Chair	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
George Wagner	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Amanda Barber	Soil & Water Conservation District	Director	Present	
David Rutherford	Cortland County, NY	Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Present	
Trisha Jesset	Cortland County, NY	Director of Planning	Present	
Melissa Potter	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Manager	Present	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - May 12, 2022 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Heider, Bischoff
EXCUSED:	Susan Wilson, Mitchel Eccleston

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Soil and Water Conservation Department Monthly Update

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Little York Lake Discussion - Harvester Funding Options

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorize One Time County Support to the Soil & Water Conservation District for Harvester at Little York Lake

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/14/2022 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Heider, Bischoff
EXCUSED:	Susan Wilson, Mitchel Eccleston

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize One Time County Support to the Soil & Water Conservation District for Harvester at Little York Lake

WHEREAS, Little York Lake is in need of weed removal and harvesting due to invasive species and excessive weeds growing in the lake, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District is in need of assistance to fund the harvester at Little York Lake, AND

WHEREAS, the Agriculture, Planning and Environmental Committee recommends supporting the Soil and Water Conservation District with one time funding for the harvesting of weeds at Little York Lake, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby authorizes the County to

provide support in the amount of \$2,500 to the Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District for the harvesting of weeds at Little York Lake, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Cortland County Budget be modified as follows:

INCREASE:

A87105.54815	SWCD	\$2,500
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A359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,500
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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:02 AM



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Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice Chair	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Trisha Jesset	Cortland County, NY	Director of Planning	Present	
David Rutherford	Cortland County, NY	Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Present	
Gary Lawrence	Little York Lake Preservation Society	President	Present	
Don Fisher	Little York Lake Preservation Society	Vice President	Present	
Amanda Barber	Cortland County Soil & Water Conservation District	Director	Present	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Apr 14, 2022 10:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Bischoff, Wilson, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Paul Heider

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Amend 2022 Budget Accept New York State Department of Health State Medicaid SFY 2021-2022 Rural Transit Assistance Funding - Planning Department

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 12, 2022 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 5/17/2022 10:00 AM
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Bischoff, Wilson, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN**RESOLUTION NO.**

**Amend 2022 Budget Accept New York State Department of Health State Medicaid SFY 2021-2022
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, Former Governor Andrew Cuomo, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) had 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 those 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, 2022, an emailed 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 2021-2022 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 Budget and Finance department to release said payment to First Transit and to create the following 2022 budget modification:

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 12, 2022 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Appoint Members to the Cortland County Planning Board - Planning Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 5/26/2022 6:00 PM

MOVER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member

SECONDER: Cathy Bischoff, Committee Member

AYES: Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Bischoff, Wilson, Eccleston

EXCUSED: Paul Heider

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Members to the Cortland County Planning Board - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the term of Municipality representatives expires June 30, 2022, AND

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3, Terms of Office of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws states each voting member shall be appointed by the Legislature for a term of four (4) years, and a member who has served more than half a term in office shall be considered to have served a full term, AND

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4, Vacancies of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws states vacancies in membership on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the Legislature in accordance with Section I, Article III of these Bylaws, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following are hereby appointed to the Cortland County Planning Board for the terms as provided below:

Laurie Comfort 40 ½ East Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	<u>Term to Expire</u> June 30, 2026
Emma Hans 14 Sunnyfield Drive Cortland, NY 13045	June 30, 2026
Wendy Miller 6 Burgett Drive Cortland, NY 13045	June 30, 2026
Paul Slowey 2649 Clute Road Cortland, NY 13045	June 30, 2026

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Little York Lake Preservation Society Work Plan

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Soil and Water Monthly Meeting

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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4. Planning Department Activity Report - May 2022

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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5. Cortland County Comprehensive Plan Discussion

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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COMMITTEE APPROVAL

1. Authorize County Administrator to Look into Funding Possibilities for Harvester at Little York Lake

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ronald J. Van Dee, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Bentley, Harbin, Van Dee, Bischoff, Wilson, Eccleston
EXCUSED:	Paul Heider

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:04 AM

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 12, 2022 10:00 AM (MINUTES)

Cortland County SPCA



County Report • May 2022 (5/1/22 - 5/31/22)

Impounding and Boarding

		# of Days	Cost
Canine	Impounded - Day 1	8	\$240.00
	Boarded Current Month	169	\$845.00
	Total Canine	177	\$1,085.00
Feline	Impounded - Day 1	18	\$540.00
	Boarded Current Month	823	\$4,115.00
	Total Feline	841	\$4,655.00
Other	Impounded - Day 1	0	\$0.00
	Boarded Current Month	0	\$0.00
	Total Other	0	\$0.00
Total Impounding and Boarding		1018	\$5,740.00

Cortland County Humane Law Enforcement Report
May 2022 (5/1/22 - 5/31/22)

Town of Cincinnatus

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	0

Animal Cruelty:

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Dispositions:

Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Cortlandville

Complaints This Month	6
Complaints YTD	18

Animal Cruelty:

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	2
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	1
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	2
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Dispositions:

Completed	2
Compliance Order	1
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	1
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	1
Pending Investigation	1
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Two dogs in vehicle - Notice to Comply given to owner. 3rd party report of cat hoarding - SNAP is assisting with vet care & vaccinations for five remaining cats. Injured Sea Gull - picked up and transported to Cornell. Dispatch called for assistance with injured dog - cancelled dog returned to owner. Cat hoarding - pending.

Town of Cuyler

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	1
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	2
Complaints YTD	5

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	1
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	1
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Kitten hit by car, un-owned, needs medical evaluation - SPCA picked up kitten and transported to shelter for intake. Owner believes someone shot or poisoned her dog - necessary advice rendered, owner will advise SPCA of necropsy results.

Town of Freetown

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Harford

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	1
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	7

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	1
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Injured wild turkey, cannot fly - necessary advice rendered regarding DEC.

Town of Homer

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	1
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	8

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	1
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Two dogs left in apt for 48+ hours - owner was at hospital with family member, necessary advice rendered regarding frequency of food/water.

Town of Lapeer

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	1

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town/Village of Marathon

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	1
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	4

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	1
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Complainant states deceased cow in pasture - unable to locate.

Village of McGraw

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	5

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Preble

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	1

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Scott

Animal Cruelty:

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month

0

Complaints YTD

1

Dispositions:

Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Solon

Animal Cruelty:

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month

0

Complaints YTD

5

Dispositions:

Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Taylor

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	0

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Truxton

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	1
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	3

Dispositions:	
Completed	1
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: Cat hoarding - approximately 12 cats are feral and cannot be handled. Turned over to SNAP for TNR.

Town of Virgil

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	2

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Willet

Animal Cruelty:	
Dog/Cat Abandonment	0
Dog/Cat Abuse	0
Dog/Cat Neglect	0
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0
Other Neglect/Cruelty	0
Injured Animal/Wildlife	0
Inadequate Shelter	0
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	0

Dispositions:	
Completed	0
Compliance Order	0
No Violation	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care	0
Animal Brought to SPCA by Citizen	0
Referral/Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Unable to Locate	0
Pending Investigation	0
Charges/Arrest	0

NARRATIVE: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Complaint Totals this Month:	12
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After Hour All Calls this Month:	25
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Complaints YTD:	62
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After Hour All Calls YTD:	69
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Cooperative Extension Report

May/June, 2022

Financial and Consumer Education/Parenting Education

Barbara Henza

Community Energy Engagement Program (CEEP)

I will be working with Karim Beers, CCE Tompkins County to wrap up all activities for this program during the month of June. Final calls will be made to consumers who indicated they were interested but have not acted yet, reports will be prepared, and all equipment will be taken to CCE Tompkins as it was purchased under their contract's budget.

Parenting/Parents Apart Class

A Parents Apart class was held on May 14th with two attending, one via zoom as they were from Rockland County. There were five registered in total. Two came to the building but could not get in and did not see the sign on the door with instructions to call. Our next class will be in July, and they asked to be registered for that class.

Cortland Works Career Center

The Credit for Job Seekers has four classes scheduled for the month of June. The attendance at the classes was very small in May resulting in two classes being canceled. Energy education will continue at this class until the end of June when the NYSEDA CEEP program sunsets. The programs will still be available but CCE Cortland will no longer be involved in the outreach efforts for them.

Poverty Stoplight-Move Forward

Work on this effort has been delayed to the month of June. The program has received an extension to the end of September to complete this effort.

Family Economics Resource Management (FERM) Program Work Team

The FERM PWT will holding its inservice on June 1 and 2 on the Cornell campus. The focus of this year's inservice will be Managing Family Resources. Topics covered will be consumer fraud prevention, credit updates, youth/family finances, reducing food waste, financial literacy, health insurance and resource sharing. The FERM PWT has received funding from Cornell to cover the cost of this event.

Records Management/Human Resources

I will be assisting with the hiring process for 4-H Camp Owahta during the month of June. I will also start reviewing the human resource files to identify those that are either at or beyond their disposition date and will use that information to update our master record of prior employees.

4-H Youth Development

Rebecca Ireland-Perry

June:

- Most of the month will be spent getting ready for the fair—collecting animal non-ownership and entry paperwork, making sure we have judging sheets and judges available for all project areas in the 4-H building-- all the details of fair!
- In June we will have the pullorum testing for poultry (if allowed to enter at fair, still waiting on final ruling from Ag & Markets) plus rabbit tattooing for animals coming to fair.
- Work on finishing renovations in the 4-H building—have one more wall to cover with the rough cut lumber. Also need to paint the display stands, and figure out a secure way to display the farm exhibits the youth bring in.

July:

- Fair! July 5th-9th come down and see it all in action!
- Then we will be working on all the paperwork necessary to get the animals and exhibits to State Fair in August.

Agriculture

Dana Havas

CCE Cortland Ag has been busy developing programming, talking with farmers, and collaborating with other community and state partners to develop a more robust agricultural community here in Cortland County.

Over the past month CCE Cortland Ag has hosted and taken part in a variety of ag-related programming and other such initiatives with the intent of building a more sustainable Cortland Ag community. For a full list of upcoming and past programs, since Jan. 2022, see the bulleted items below.

April/May Agriculture Programming: May workshops (Cortland-specific & statewide collaborations) that Dana was involved in (as an organizer, moderator, and/or presenter), include:

- April 23rd – Wool Skirting Workshop
- May 2nd – Wool Pool Organizer Conversation
- May 4th – 4-H Market Sale Campaign Kick-off
- May 5th – Ag-Journalism Intern Presentation
- May 7th – 4-H Market Sale Visit to Quails Custom Meats
- May 10th – Meat Price Workshop with Matt LeRoux

Funding Opportunities/Projects: I am excited to announce that besides submitting a proposal for NYS Farm-to-School that would focus on building a more robust Farm-to-School supply chain in CNY (collaboration with four other counties), Dana submitted a USDA-FMPP proposal for ‘Creating more sustainable direct to consumer market channels in Cortland Co.’ has convened a county wide team to develop a ‘Cortland Ag-Youth Workforce’ program, and is engaged in a potential project with Main Street Farm’s & Coffee Mania’s South Ave Land and other community partners that will involve composting, community gardening, and grow-a-row if it were to come to fruition.

Interns: In addition to events CCE Cortland Ag is managing quite a few other projects that will benefit Cortland farmers and the agricultural community. Every semester we hire a Journalism intern from SUNY Cortland – this semester it is Hannah Gropper, a SUNY Cortland senior. Hannah has completed her semester and is now graduated from SUNY Cortland. She wrote an article on women in agriculture which will be published in the Cortland Standard. Because of this internship Hannah is now a freelance journalist with the Cortland Standard. Another previous intern and 2022 SUNY Cortland graduate, James, recently reached out to share the impact of his internship experience:

“I cannot stop thinking about our time together for CCE and learning about some of the amazing work that farmers do for not only Cortland, but for the entire country as a whole.”

Youth: Finally, it is youth programming season and CCE Cortland Ag is busy preparing for AgStravaganza 2022 where ~400 Cortland County fourth graders are invited to come to the Cortland Fairgrounds for a day filled with hands-on agriculture education. At the same time, we are also busy planning for the Cortland County Jr Fair Market Sale project - this past month the market sale youth visited Quails Custom Meats and have gathered to produce a marketing campaign.

Events	Date (Start date)	Collaboration code
Past Educational Events		
Ag-Journalism Intern Presentation	05/05/22	
Wool Pool Organizer Conversation	05/02/22	AF
Wool Skirting Workshop	04/23/22	
Annie’s Projects : Marketing Series 4-part series	04/05	CCE
Silvopasture Gathering	04/13/22	
Preparing for Shearing – Alpaca Edition	04/05/22	AF
Ag-Teacher Meet-n-Greet	03/30/22	AF
Leasing for Solar Development 4-part series	03/22	Ag-S
Conservation Tillage Coffee Hour	02/15/22	
Accessing Wool Pools	02/08/22	AF
Preparing for Shearing	02/01/22	AF
Preparing for, Identifying, and Accessing Public Funding	01/27/22	Meat
Scheduled Educational Events		
Securing Financing to Start a Farm	06/TBD/22	CCE

Rotational Grazing Pasture Walk		06/11/22	
Representative Visit to Cortland Jr Fair		07/07/22	CASPN
Ag in Our School Social		07/08/2022	FFA
Legal Consideration with Solar Development series	4-part	07/22	Ag-S
Growing a Hedgerow - webinar and walk		10/22/22	
Branding your Farm series		fall 2022	
Four County Farm Trail		fall 2022	CCE
Ag Solar In Service (for CCE Educators)		fall 2022	Ag-S
CNY Farm Sustainability Conference		Winter 2023	CCE
Past Youth Events			
4-H Market Sale- Marketing Series series	3-part	05/04/22	
4-H Market Sale- Processing Series series	2-part	04/28/22	
CNY 4-H Livestock Rodeo series	2-part	spring 2022	CCE
Ag Literacy programming	weeklong	03/22/22	CCE
Scheduled Youth Events			
Beef Rodeo (part of CNY 4-H Livestock Rodeo)		06/04/22	CCE
AgStravaganza series	2-part	06/08/22	
4-H Market Sale		07/08/22	
Interns/Projects/Presentations		Date (Start date)	Collaboration code
Internships			
Ag-Solar Network Intern		06/2022	Ag-Solar
Processing Mapping Intern		04/2022	Meat
Ag-Journalism Intern	4 internships since inception	01/2021	
Cortland County Ag Oral History Intern		01/2021	Cortland
NYS Processing Review Intern		01/2021	Meat

Projects		
Cortland County Ag Oral History hold on	01/2021	Cortland
Narratives for Utility Scale solar Development	01/2022	Ag-S
Solar Grazing Curriculum	03/2022	Ag-S/L-PWT
Solar Development Flow Chart	01/2022	Ag-S
Solar Glossary	01/2022	
Processor Map & Database	01/2021	Meat
Cut flower listserve (development and maintenance)	10/2021	CF
Community Garden Map	01/2022	
Presentations/Reports/Publications		
Wool Skirting: preparation & Considerations	04/23/22	
Identifying your Target Customer	04/12/22	
A review of NYS Wool Pools	02/08/22	
Grants		
	award date	Collaboration code
CCE Cortland Lead		
NYS F2S	2019	Cortland
NYS F2S (submitted Dec 2021)	waiting	CCE
USDA-FMPP (submitted May 2022)	waiting	CCE
External Grants (Sub-contractor)		
SVHC USDA-LFPP (Branding)	2021	SVHC
USDA Climate Smart Commodities (submitted May 2022)	waiting	CCETC
Teams		
	membership type	Collaboration code
Youth Ag Workforce Development	facilitator	Cortland
CASPN	co-facilitator	Cortland
Hunger Coalition	member	SVHC/Cortland
Food Policy committee	member	SVHC/Cortland
Cortland Food Project	member	SVHC/Cortland
Animal Fiber Work Team	facilitator	CCE
Livestock Program Work Team	member	CCE
Meat processor work team	facilitator	CCE
Ag-Solar work team	facilitator	CCE
Cut Flower Work Team	facilitator	CCE
Cortland Ag Teachers Conversation	facilitator	CCE

Codes:**AF – CCE Animal Fiber Work Team****Ag-S – CCE Ag-Solar Work Team****Meat – CCE Processor Work Team****CCE – other CCE Associations****Cortland – various Cortland Co. partners****L-PWT – CCE Livestock Program Work Team****CF – Cut flower work team****CASPN -Cortland Ag Service Provides Network****FFA – Cortland Ag Teachers****CCE Cortland Lead Grants**

- Farm-to-School – Building a more resilient F2S Supply Chain (NYS-F2S)
- Creating sustainable & resilient direct to consumer market channels in NYS Southern Tier (USDA-FMPP)

CCE Cortland grant sub-contractor

- SVHC USDA-LFPP (Branding Sub-contractor)
- Payment for Ecosystem Services Project (waiting on funding with CCE Tompkins)

Indirect Education / Outreach Activities (2022):

- Mailchimp Newsletter (344 subscribers)
- Facebook posts (659 subscribers)
- 8 Press Releases (NYS Morning Ag Clips)
- 2 articles posted to CCE Livestock webpage
- Radio session on WHXC about ag-teacher meet-n-greet (03/25)

Continuing Education/Professional Development

- National Extension Energy Summit (May 2022)
- NY FarmNet Training (April 2022)
- Web-soil Survey Training (March 2022)
- Sheep Production – Cornell Small Farms Course
- Access Capital for Farmers – Cornell Small Farmers Course (01/2022 – 02/2022)
- Web Soil Survey Training (03/22/2022)
- Annie's Project Facilitator Training (11/2021)
- Regional Navigator/Farmland Navigator Training -farmland access (02/2021)

In addition to the various programs listed above, the CCE Ag team makes themselves (Dana) available for consultations and appointments for farmers throughout the Cortland Community. If you have any questions or comments on anything mentioned here, please feel free to reach out to Dana Havas, Ag Team Leader (dmh353@cornell.edu) or (607)391-2664)

Cortland Small Dairy Support Fay Benson

Current/Ongoing Educational Programs:

- Grazing Course Freeport ME. For NRCS is being rescheduled for September
- Final preparations for Southern New England Soil Health Tour. Read article at: <https://www.morningagclips.com/regenerative-pastures-vegetable-patches-and-corn-fields/>
- First week of June will take time off
- Second week of June will be preparing trailer and demonstrations for the upcoming tour.
- June 20th – 29th will be first six trailer events.

Completed Educational Programs:

- May 10th - AMG meeting presentation on programming

- May 11th – Grazing plan developed for Ryan Murray’s heifer pasture. Preparing grant to support it. Marathon NY
- May 24th - Completed weekly scouting alfalfa fields for Dairy Team
- May 26th – Feeding pad design developed at Remembrance dairy, Trumansburg NY

Meetings Attended:

- May 4th –SCNY Dairy Team Meeting
- May 5th - CCE SUNY Cortland Journalism Intern Final Presentation
- May 6th – Zoom meeting with PA Association of Sustainable Ag (PASA) on NEDBIC grant
- May 10th – Groton Ag Advisory meeting

Additional report information:

The NEDBIC project to increase dairy grazing, has 6 members in the cohort. The members’ farms are in: Allegany County (1), Lewis County (2), Cortland County (2), and Tompkins County (1)). We began last September and held discussion meetings to help members understand the opportunities and pitfalls of transitioning to grazing. I have made at least two visits to each member’s farm. Part of the discussions were on what project on each member’s farm would aid them in the transition. My responsibilities include writing up the project and seek funds to aid with the cost of that project. This has been a large part of my time during the past month. I have one project completed and have collected the information and measurements for two additional projects. Grants need to be completed by June of 2023.

4-H Camp Owahta

Chris DeLage

4-H Camp Owahta has begun its pre-season maintenance in preparation for field trips and our summer program. We have requested a \$5,000 grant from the town of Cortlandville to fix our Longhouse porch and our Seneca cabin. We will be using a composite decking material to extend the life of this porch, and to reduce maintenance costs. We will be helped in replacing the doors by the Harrier Running Club.

We have also applied for a large grant from the Boeheim Foundation, requesting a tractor with attachments. This will free up our maintenance staff from having to spend many days clearing

and leveling trails by hand. Our trail system is a beloved camp area, as it is where we connect campers with nature and wildlife.

4-H Camp Owahta has secured a \$2,000 donation to our scholarship fund from the Kings Daughters Foundation. These funds will help send 7-10 Cortland County campers to camp, and we intend to apply to other organizations to grow our ability to give financial aid. There is tremendous demand for summer childcare assistance in this County.

Finally, 4-H Camp Owahta is in the process of hiring our summer staff! We have secured the top key positions such as Cook, and Aquatics Director. We are still looking for a Nature area director, and for additional counselors. Any interested applicants can contact owahta@cornell.edu.



Cornell University Cooperative Extension South Central New York Dairy & Field Crops Team

Monthly Program Progress Report: April 2022

Program Area: SCNY Dairy & Field Crops Team

Program Goal(s): Environmentally Sound Crop Production & Management

Janice Degni

Small Dairy Support through appropriate technology and market opportunities

Fay Benson

Dairy Management Education to Improve Profitability and Sustainability

Betsy Hicks

Farm Business Management

Mary Kate MacKenzie

Educational Events Organizing (in Process)

- Area Advisory Committee Meeting
- Alfalfa Heights monitoring for targeting first cutting dates for high quality feed
- Seed Corn Maggot traps –pest monitoring – a statewide project
- Pasture Walks throughout the region this summer
- Train the Trainer HR workshops

Current/Ongoing Educational Programs:

- NE Dairy Business Innovation Center (NEDBIC) “Dairy Grazing Cohort” Working with five farms on their plans for increasing their ability to graze on their dairy farms.
- Lining up soil health tours and events for trailer Currently 11 events scheduled.
- NEDBIC grant on study of organic dairy heifers is beginning 10 of 12 farms have signed up across the state.
- Started Alfalfa Measuring Project, Every Tuesday beginning April 26th.

Educational Events Completed

- April 1st SCNY Dairy Team Advisory Meeting, Dryden, NY
- April 5th Organic Dairy/Crop Producer’s Meeting, Cortland Grange
- April 12th NY Certified Organic Crop Meeting
- April 26th Pasture Visit, Town of Ithaca
- April 28th (2) Farm visits – Crogan, NY
- April 30th Soil Health Trailer to Tioga for regional Master Gardeners Training
- Dairy Grazing Apprentice Graduation, Missy Bennet, Tioga County (See success story)
- April 14 Dairy Women’s Group Meeting – Outreach for Dairy, Beth Meyer w/ American Dairy Association North East, 16 people
- April 20 DAP Lameness Peer-to-Peer Discussion Group, virtual, 9 people
- April 12 – Beef x Dairy in NY – NYSCHAP presentation at CU Vet School

Phone/Email Inquiries/Consultations

- Dairy Profit Team meeting (Tioga)
- FV - TSF Project w/ NMSP Program (Onon)
- Whey Street NMSP Disc (Cort)
- Request to evaluate 2021 new seeding accidentally killed and w/ heavy weeds (Cort)
- FV – Forage and Pasture Planning (Onon)
- Value of Hay (Cort)

Baleage that didn't ferment (Tioga)
 Custom Rates (Tioga)
 Value of Sheep and Goat Manure (Tompkins), Value of horse manure (Tioga)
 Soybean weed control (Broome)
 Pasture evaluation and recommendations (2-TO)

Phone/Email Inquiries/Consultations (Continued)

CARES Act Farmworker Housing Grants (1)
 Employee onboarding (2)
 Farmer School Tax credit
 custom rates
 DPM- Dairy Profit Monitor lameness numbers – TI
 Spanish resources for lameness – ON
 CO organic crop meeting – CO
 neighbor relations –TI
 catching up –CH
 mixing feed –TI
 Exit Survey for DAP program (Onon)

Farm Visits/Zoom Meetings

Apr 12 - business planning (2)
 Apr 14 - Dairy Profit Team (4)
 Apr 21 - DFBS (1)
 colostrum protocol training - TI
 farm vision meeting - TI
 profit team meeting - TI
 pasture planning (beef) w/ Dana – CO
 pasture planning (beef) – CA
 profit team meeting – BR
 pasture planning (beef) – TO
 pasture planning (dairy) - CO

Collaborations

- Dairy Farm Business Summary & Discussion Groups (PRO-DAIRY)
- Lean Management website (PRO-DAIRY)
- Onboarding Dairy Farm Employees (Cornell Ag Workforce Development)
- Antibiotic Decision Making Research – w/ C Georgakakos, poster for conference in May
- DAP Peer-to-Peer Discussion Group w/ Lindsay Ferlito of NCRAT funded, focused on Lameness in freestall Dairies, enrolling 5 dairies to participate from our region, 3 months of recording data, comparing numbers with group averages

Success Story: Fostering a Dairy Start-Up through the Dairy Grazing Apprentice Program and Master Grazer

Missy Bennet signed on as an apprentice with the Dairy Grazing Apprentice Program. Her mentor was Rob Moore of Nichols NY. As part of her pay the Moore's gave her heifer calves. She also bought them as she could afford to. Near the end of her apprenticeship she rented a barn and moved all her animals there. Her animals were bred to begin milking just before her apprenticeship ended with the Moore's.

The Dairy Grazing Apprentice Program is the only approved apprenticeship program approved by the Department of Labor for agriculture. The requirements for graduation are to complete 3700 hours of on the job training under an approved Master Dairy Grazer, participate in 300 hours of related education, most of which is online. When Missy completed her 3,700 hours of on the job training she still had some of her on-line courses to finish. As you can imagine she was very busy with her work at Moore's and beginning her own dairy. Her graduation was delayed for three years till she completed the courses. In April of 2022 she graduated. She and her daughter are now milking more than 90 cows with a contract with Organic Valley and amazingly they have no long term debt.

Success stories like this are rare but are still possible. As the Education Coordinator for DGA in NY, Fay Benson visits with each apprentice every two months to check on their and the mentor's satisfaction with the arrangement. Close to 50% of the apprentices don't graduate. This seems high but is very similar to the other national trade apprenticeships such as the electricians, carpenters, or bricklayers. Fay is also in charge of filling any gaps in the education each apprentice needs to work towards their goals. New York has had four apprentices complete the training and three are on grazing dairies and one went back to college to get a masters in food policy.



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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

June 2, 2022

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) – We submitted ten proposals to Round 6 of the Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) Program for nearly \$2 million in funding to support the installation of 24 best management practice systems on 14 farms for projects that total over \$2.6 million.

Best management practice (BMP) verification and reporting are underway for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and NY Watershed Implementation Plan progress. We will be visiting seven randomly selected farms to evaluate all installed BMPs for proper operation and maintenance and recertify that they meet the original intended purpose and water quality benefit. An additional six farms with practices installed and reported in our database, but not previously selected for review, will also be evaluated. Those farms have practices that are currently within their lifespans that need to be inspected and recertified before they expire. At least half of our fourteen CAFO operations will be visited and all BMPs evaluated and recertified. Three other farms have self-installed and reported practices requiring verification. In addition, all practices completed in 2021 must be documented and reported into the watershed database. This includes annual practices like acres of conservation tillage, acres of cover crops, and acres of nutrient management, and the number of animals treated with precision feed management which require reports from all farms.

We have secured over \$95,000 for cover crop implementation this fall. We will be advertising the availability of funds soon and accepting requests for assistance from operators. New and additional farms and acres of cover crops will be the priority for funding, with some support for continued or ongoing cover cropping practices expected.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Stormwater Management –We have continued assisting the City with the solar farm project on Locust Ave.

Stream Restoration and Culvert Rehabilitation – The Town of Solon has begun work on their culvert rehabilitation projects starting with the Stramba Road sites. We are also coordinating FEMA funding for the Town. The designs for Gee Hill and Curtis Road in Virgil are nearly complete. We are also evaluating the Tone Rd site for potential assistance. Evaluation and planning for ARP projects is ongoing.

Forestry – Tree inventory work has begun at Dwyer Park, and will continue for several weeks, as the initial step in the development of a Community Forest Management Plan for the property. We are working with the City on developing a plan for the Waterworks property. The NYSDEC forester will be providing support and SWCD will be preparing planting plans to reforest appropriate areas, especially along the riparian corridor.

Skaneateles Lake 9E Planning - Staff is participating on the Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) for this project. What is a Nine Element (9E) Plan? A 9E Watershed Management Plan is a type of clean water plan

that identifies a community's water quality concerns and a strategy to address these concerns. 9E Plans are developed by people who live and work within the watershed with support from local and state agencies. The Town of Skaneateles, with support from the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) and WAC, will complete this plan, which will address nutrient loading and Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) control, as well as identify measures to address water quality issues throughout the entire watershed to sustain Skaneateles' natural resources and the primary drinking water source for the City of Syracuse.

Current WAC activities are focused on finalizing the draft vision and goals. The first round of public meetings will introduce the Nine Element framework, the project schedule, and the draft vision and goals for the lake and watershed. Both an in-person meeting and a virtual (Zoom) meeting are being offered.

- In-Person: Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 PM at Lourdes Camp, Ten Mile Point Road, Skaneateles, NY
- Virtual: Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 PM, via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAud-mvrTkpH9EJL30NOq67vpE-62wCCO6V> (Note: Pre-meeting registration is required to attend the Zoom meeting)

Public participation is vital to this planning process. Please consider attending to learn more and to provide your input.

Septic Maintenance Workshops – Over 40 participants attended the workshops held this spring. We have already begun processing the \$100 rebates provided to participants for septic system maintenance activities completed in Cortland County.

Hydroseeding – We have supplies for hydroseeding on-hand and are available to assist communities with this erosion control and soil stabilization practice. Recently cleaned road ditches, road banks, and other disturbed municipal and right-of-way areas with exposed soil are good candidates for this best management practice. There is no charge for this assistance.

PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

Staff is involved in planning the Legislative visit to the Cortland County Jr Fair. We continue to submit weekly newspaper articles to the Cortland Standard.

The **Cortland County Envirothon** was May 11th at Camp Owahta with 8 teams from four county schools participating in this environmental competition for high school students. The Marathon Olympians team was the winner for the first time, beating the New Visions team by only 1 point, and represented Cortland County at the State Envirothon on May 25th and 26th at Hobart and William-Smith Colleges. They competed against 34 other strong teams from across NYS including numerous previous state winners, and placed 11th, missing the top ten by only 1 point.

The **Cortland County Water Festival** is a celebration of our water and water resources, and the festival is back live this year at the Cortland Water Works! The Soil and Water Conservation District along with the City DPW, County Health Department, and numerous other local agencies and organizations are sponsoring the event on **Saturday, June 4 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**. There's something for everyone, whether young or young at heart – horse drawn wagon rides through the waterworks property to learn about local geology and the aquifer, testing your water knowledge playing water trivia, or making bubbles with the kids. There are plenty of kid's games and activities with prizes and give-aways. Get your face painted and take home a balloon – it's all free and open to the public.

ADMINISTRATION

We are still seeking applicants for our Conservation Aide, Conservation Assistant, Principal Account Clerk and Fiscal Officer positions.