



Agriculture, Planning & Environmental Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045

<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

~ Minutes ~

Thursday, September 12, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
Kris Valentine Behnke	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Remote	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County, NY	Grants Administrator	Present	
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County, NY	Planning Director	Present	
Melissa Potter	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Manager	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Jason DeRaiche	Cortland County, NY	Safety Officer	Remote	
Shawn Murphy	Cortland County Soil & Water	Resource Conservationist	Remote	
Kim Cameron	Cortland	Resident	Present	
Doug Schneider	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Jessica Leet	Cortland County, NY	Executive Assistant	Present	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Aug 8, 2024 10:00 AM

RESULT: ACCEPTED

2. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Special - Aug 22, 2024 3:30 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Member - Cortland County Planning Board

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 9/26/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	William McGovern, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
AYES:	Cleland, Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Behnke, Harbin
EXCUSED:	Sandra Price

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Member - Cortland County Planning Board

WHEREAS, the term of Planning Board member expired June 30, 2024; 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

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 is hereby appointed to the Cortland County Planning Board for the term as provided below:

Name	Address	Municipality	Term Expiration
Daniel Haynes	2181 Washington Street, Cortland, NY	Town of Virgil	6/30/2028

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Planning Department Monthly Report

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

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 10:53 AM



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10:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 AM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	10:11 AM
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kris Valentine Behnke	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present	10:15 AM
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
David Rutherford	Cortland County, NY	Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension	Present	
Amanda Barber	Soil & Water Conservation District	Executive Director	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Morgan Spaulding	Cortland County, NY	Grant Administrator	Present	
Kim Cameron	Cortland County, NY	Planning Board Member	Present	
Alicia Stevens	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Coordinator	Present	
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County, NY	Planning Director	Present	10:13 AM
Melissa Potter	Cortland County, NY	Mobility Manager	Present	10:13 AM
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present	
Doug Schneider	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Late	10:47 AM
Nicole Anjeski	Cortland County, NY	Director of Public Health	Present	10:51 AM
Lisa Perfetti	Cortland County, NY	Public Health Director	Present	10:51 AM
Chris Jankus	Cortland County, NY	GIS Planner	Present	
Nicole Compton	Cortland County, NY	Paralegal	Present	

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MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Jun 13, 2024 10:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SPCA Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Soil & Water August Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Planning Department Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was MOVED by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Cleland, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session for discussions regarding matters which will imperil public safety if disclosed, with Melanie Vilardi, Trisha Hiemstra, Savannah Hempstead, Rob Corpora, Melissa Potter, Andrea Herzog, Nicole Anjeski, Lisa Perfetti, and all legislators present permitted to stay in the room. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 10:51 a.m. to 11:12 a.m., at which time on motion of Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. McGovern, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session.

RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Reject Bid for Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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	Next: 8/8/2024 12:00 PM
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MOVER:	William McGovern, Committee Member
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SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
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AYES:	Cleland, Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Price, Behnke, Harbin
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ON MOTION OF HARBIN**RESOLUTION NO.****Reject Bid for Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System**

WHEREAS, Cortland County advertised and received bids for Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System, with the Provisions of Fixed Route and Demand Responsive Public Transportation; AND

WHEREAS, the County received one bid from the following:

Transdev North America, Inc. dba First Transit, Inc.
720 East Butterfield Road, Suite 300
Lombard, Illinois 60148

; AND

WHEREAS, based upon evaluation of the bid it has been determined that it is in the County's best interest to reject all bids; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby formally rejects the bid proposal received for the Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System, with the Provisions of Fixed Route and Demand Responsive Public Transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 11:13 AM

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Special

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Thursday, August 22, 2024

3:30 PM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Committee Chair Beau Harbin

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Kris Valentine Behnke	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
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	
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County, NY	Planning Director	Present	
Laurie Leonard	Cortland County, NY	Personnel Officer	Present	
Victoria J. Monty	Cortland County, NY	County Attorney	Present	
Jeri DuVall	Cortland County, NY	Chief Assistant County Attorney	Present	
Brooke Kemak	Cortland County, NY	County Clerk	Present	
Nicole Anjeski	Cortland County, NY	Director of Public Health	Present	
Katee Padbury	Cortland County, NY	Health Department	Present	
Lisa Perfetti	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Public Health Director	Present	
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	

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Ronald J. Van Dee	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Keith VanGorder	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Jessica Leet	Cortland County, NY	Planning Department	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	3:48 PM
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	3:52 PM
Todd McAdam	Cortland Standard	Reporter	Present	
Christopher Tuff	CENTRO	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Present	
Jackie Musengo	CENTRO	Vice President of Human Resources	Present	
Bruce Fong	CENTRO	Vice President of IT	Present	
Steve Koegel	CENTRO	Vice President of Communications & Business Planni	Present	
Bren Daiss	CENTRO	Sr. Director of Service Planning	Present	

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Resolution Authorizing Cortland County to Become a Participating Member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)

Mr. Heider MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to add "or such other date as the parties may mutually agree" after September 30, 2024 in the second to last WHEREAS clause and first RESOLVED clause; Mr. McGovern SECONDED THE MOTION; and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 8/22/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

SECONDER: William McGovern, Committee Member

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

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution Authorizing Cortland County to Become a Participating Member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has considered the potential benefits to its citizens of becoming a member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (hereafter "CNYRTA"), also known as Centro; AND

WHEREAS, it is the intention of Cortland County that its citizens continue to have access to and receive affordable and reliable public transportation through the County's membership in the CNYRTA system, as authorized under Title 11-D of the Public Authorities Law; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County may elect to become a participating member of CNYRTA by resolution adopted by a majority of the membership of the County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, the current contract for public transportation services with First Transit, Inc./TransDev will terminate on or about September 30, 2024, and CNYRTA has been identified as a suitable and effective partner to ensure the continuation of these essential services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Title 11-D of the New York State Public Authorities Law, the Cortland County Legislature hereby elects to become a participating member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Cortland County's membership in the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority shall become effective following the filing of a duly certified copy of this resolution with the Authority, the Secretary of State, and upon the mailing of certified copies of this resolution to the County Clerks of Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Jefferson, Madison, Cayuga, and Cortland Counties; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Cortland County Legislature, upon approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements, documents, and instruments necessary to formalize the County's partnership with CNYRTA for the provision of public transportation services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, in coordination with the Department of Planning, is directed to oversee the transition process from First Transit, Inc./TransDev to CNYRTA and to ensure that public transportation services continue without interruption during this transition period; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to CNYRTA, the New York State Department of Transportation, and any other relevant parties.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Resolution Terminating Contract with First Transit, Inc. Dba TransDev, for the Operation of the Public Transportation System

Mr. Heider MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to add "on or before" before September 30, 2024 in the last WHEREAS clause; Mr. McGovern SECONDED THE MOTION; and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 8/22/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: William McGovern, Committee Member

SECONDER: Paul Heider, Committee Member

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

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution Terminating Contract with First Transit, Inc. Dba TransDev, for the Operation of the Public Transportation System

WHEREAS, Cortland County entered into a contractual agreement with First Transit, Inc., currently dba TransDev, in 2015, entrusting the operation of the public transportation system to their management with the goal of providing reliable, efficient, and cost-effective public transit services to the

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residents of Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, the contract between Cortland County and First Transit, Inc. does not have a defined end date, but instead allows either party to terminate the agreement at the end of any contract quarter, provided that written notice is given; AND

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, Cortland County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of its public transportation system, seeking to ensure that the County receives the most cost-effective and high-quality service for its residents; AND

WHEREAS, First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, in response to the RFP, submitted a proposal that included a substantial increase in costs compared to the current contract, thereby placing an additional and unsustainable financial burden on County taxpayers; AND

WHEREAS, First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev was the only company to provide a proposal in response to the RFP; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature, after reviewing the proposal and considering the financial impact on the community, has determined that these increased costs are not in the best interest of the County; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has decided to exercise its right under the contract to terminate the agreement with First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, effective September 30, 2024, or such other date as the parties may mutually agree; AND

WHEREAS, this termination will allow the County to explore alternative options for the continued provision of public transportation services that better align with the financial constraints and service needs of the community; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the contract between Cortland County and First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, for the operation of the public transportation system is hereby formally terminated effective September 30, 2024, or such other date as the parties may mutually agree; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Cortland County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to provide written notice of termination to First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, in strict accordance with the terms outlined in the contract, thereby ensuring that all contractual obligations and legal requirements are met; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall distribute copies of this resolution to First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, and all relevant County departments and agencies, as well as to any other stakeholders involved in the public transportation system, to ensure comprehensive communication and compliance with the termination process; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature shall identify and secure a suitable alternative for the operation of the public transportation system that meets the County's service standards and budgetary requirements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Create Various Temporary Transit Positions - Planning Department

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RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 8/22/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

SECONDER: William McGovern, Committee Member

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

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Create Various Temporary Transit Positions - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of transitioning to a new transportation vendor to better serve its residents and manage taxpayer funds more effectively; AND

WHEREAS, during this transition, the County remains committed to providing uninterrupted and reliable transportation services for all County residents; AND

WHEREAS, the Agricultural, Planning and Environmental Committee recommends the creation of many various temporary transit positions to cover the time period between transportation providers; AND

WHEREAS, this approach has been deemed necessary to avoid any service disruptions that could adversely affect County residents while also minimizing the financial burden on taxpayers; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following temporary positions be created with approval to fill effective midnight on August 22, 2024:

- Seventeen (17) full-time Bus Drivers (\$18.4165-23.3107/hr, non-competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- Three (3) part-time Bus Drivers (\$18.4165-23.3107/hr, non-competitive class, no benefits)
- Eight (8) part-time Bus Aides (\$15.6579-19.8190/hr, non-competitive class (PJC), no benefits)
- Two (2) full-time Bus Dispatchers (\$20.8680-26.4136/hr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- Two (2) full-time Transit Maintenance Technicians (\$23.0509-29.1766/hr, non-competitive class (PJC), insurance benefits only)
- One (1) full-time Transit Maintenance Manager (\$25.5703-32.3653/hr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- One (1) full-time Transit Road Supervisor (\$18.9861-24.0315/hr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- One (1) full-time Transit Safety Manager (\$25.5703-32.3653/hr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- One (1) full-time Transit Office Manager (\$22.7222-30.2433/hr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)
- One (1) full-time Transit General Manager (\$66,481-88,486/yr, competitive class, insurance benefits only)

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Cortland County Budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

INCREASE:

A359900 - Appropriated Fund Balance \$573,195.45

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A56305.51005 FT Personal Services	\$309,051.52
A56305.51010 PT Personal Services	\$ 52,045.29
A56305.58020 Retirement	\$ 43,267.20
A56305.58030 FICA	\$ 27,623.91
A56305.58040 Workers Comp	\$ 13,275.00
A56305.58060 Health Insurance	\$117,173.48
A56305.58062 Dental Insurance	\$ 541.44
<u>A56305 58065 Vision Insurance</u>	<u>\$ 117.60</u>
Total:	\$573,195.45

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Authorizing the Cortland County Legislature to Enter into Agreements with First Transit, Inc. Dba TransDev

Mr. McGovern MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to strike "effective September 30, 2024" in the first WHEREAS clause; Ms. Price SECONDED THE MOTION; and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 8/22/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Sandra Price, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Paul Heider, Committee Member
AYES:	Cleland, Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Price, Behnke, Harbin

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorizing the Cortland County Legislature to Enter into Agreements with First Transit, Inc. Dba TransDev

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature previously adopted a resolution to terminate its contract with First Transit, Inc., dba TransDev, for the operation of the public transportation system; AND

WHEREAS, the County is in the process of transitioning the operation of its public transportation services to Centro; AND

WHEREAS, there may be a need to maintain or adjust public transportation services during the transition period to ensure continuity of service for county residents; AND

WHEREAS, TransDev has the expertise and capability to provide necessary public transportation services during this period; AND

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to ensure that public transportation services remain uninterrupted and reliable during the transition to Centro; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, to enter into any necessary agreements with First Transit, Inc. dba TransDev to provide public transportation services during the transition period; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Authorizing an Agreement with JM Murray Center, Inc. for Cortland County to Provide Transportation Services

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 8/22/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member
AYES:	Cleland, Eccleston, Heider, McGovern, Price, Behnke, Harbin

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorizing an Agreement with JM Murray Center, Inc. for Cortland County to Provide Transportation Services

WHEREAS, JM Murray Center, Inc. (“JM Murray”) plays a vital role in supporting individuals with disabilities in Cortland County and surrounding areas, offering a wide range of essential services that promote independence, skill development, and community integration; AND

WHEREAS, the effective delivery of these services depends in part on the availability of reliable and efficient transportation, enabling clients to access programs, medical appointments, employment opportunities, and other critical activities; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is committed to supporting organizations like JM Murray, which contributes to the well-being and quality of life of County residents, and the County recognizes the importance of providing transportation services that meet the specific needs of JM Murray and its clients; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County possesses the necessary resources, personnel, and infrastructure to provide such transportation services in a manner that aligns with JM Murray’s operational requirements and enhances its ability to serve its clients; AND

WHEREAS, this agreement will foster a collaborative relationship between Cortland County and JM Murray, facilitating the delivery of essential services to some of the most vulnerable members of the community; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with JM Murray Center, Inc. for Cortland County to provide transportation services for JM Murray; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this agreement shall commence on a date to be specified in the contract and shall include terms and conditions necessary to ensure the provision of consistent, safe, and efficient transportation services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed agreement, to JM Murray Center, Inc., and any other appropriate parties to ensure proper administration and implementation of this agreement.

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 4:04 PM

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ON MOTION OF BEAU HARBIN, COMMITTEE CHAIR**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1****Appoint Member - Cortland County Planning Board**

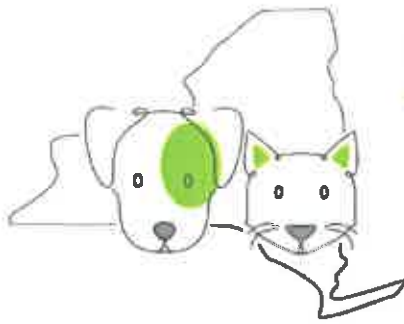
WHEREAS, the term of Planning Board member expired June 30, 2024; AND

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

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 is hereby appointed to the Cortland County Planning Board for the term as provided below:

Name	Address	Municipality	Term Expiration
Daniel Haynes	2181 Washington Street, Cortland, NY	Town of Virgil	6/30/2028



CORTLAND COUNTY SPCA

879 McLean Road
Cortland, NY 13045
(607) 753-9386
www.CortlandSPCA.org

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(8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Impounding and Boarding (excluding Article 7/Local Ordinance - Dog Control)

		# of Days	Cost
Canine	Impounded - Day 1	2	\$60.00
	Boarded Current Month	169	\$845.00
	Total Canine	171	\$905.00
Feline	Impounded - Day 1	36	\$1,080.00
	Boarded Current Month	1387	\$6,935.00
	Total Feline	1423	\$8,015.00
Other	Impounded - Day 1	0	\$0.00
	Boarded Current Month	0	\$0.00
	Total Other	0	\$0.00
Total Impounding and Boarding		1594	\$8,920.00

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

*Prior month(s) - entered after previous month report

Town of Cincinnatus

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 3

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Cortlandville

Complaints This Month 9

Complaints YTD 58

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	2	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	3	1
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	2	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	1
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	3
Unable to Catch/Locate	2
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	2
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Tenant evicted/moved out and left cat behind - cat picked up and transported to shelter for intake. Seven cats (three being pregnant) abandoned in filthy crates on SPCA front porch - all cats taken in for impound and assessment and Sheriff Dept. notified to be on the lookout for vehicle viewed on security camera. Dog abandonment/drop off, very thin, has been seen wandering area for several weeks looking for food, live trap set, dog captured and transported to shelter for intake/assessment - dog was not claimed, is now in adoption trial.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Cuyler

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 5

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Freetown

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 6

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Harford

Complaints This Month	0
Complaints YTD	18

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Homer

Complaints This Month	2
Complaints YTD	17

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	1	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	1
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	1
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	1
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of two cats possibly abandoned - necessary advice rendered per if the cats are actually abandoned.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Lapeer

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	4

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	1	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	1
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Two loose pigs on complainant's property - SPCA located pig owner, who retrieved them.

Town/Village of Marathon

Complaints This Month	1
Complaints YTD	14

Animal Cruelty:

*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	1	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	1
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Seizure upon arrest, dog with owner in vehicle - SPCA picked up dog and transported to shelter for safe keeping.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Village of McGraw

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 6

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Preble

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 5

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Scott

Complaints This Month 1

Complaints YTD 5

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	1	
Unable to Care For	0	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	0	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	1
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Report of dog left outside on a chain without food/water and shelter - SPCA has previously been to location and allegations are completely unfounded. Appears to be a harassment issue with dog owner.

Town of Solon

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 12

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Taylor

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 3

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Truxton

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 1

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Cortland County SPCA - Humane Law Enforcement Report

August 2024 (8/1/24 - 8/31/24)

Town of Virgil

Complaints This Month 0

Complaints YTD 10

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

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

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	0
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	0
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: No complaint responses for animal cruelty this month.

Town of Willet

Complaints This Month 2

Complaints YTD 16

Animal Cruelty:*Prior
Month(s)

Dog/Cat Abandonment	0	
Dog/Cat Neglect or Abuse	0	
Unable to Care For	1	
Displaced Animal/Person	0	
Dog/Cat Sick or Injured	1	
Other Neglect or Cruelty	0	
Inadequate Shelter	0	
Hot/Cold Vehicle	0	
Loose Farm Animal/Public Safety	0	
NY AGM 377 Dead Animal/Disposal	0	
NY AGM 373-4 Seizure	0	
Wildlife Sick/Injured	0	
Humane Education	0	

Dispositions:

Completed/Follow Up	1
Notice to Comply	0
Compliance	0
No Violation/Unfounded	0
Animal Picked Up/Impound	1
Unable to Catch/Locate	0
Animal Transported for Medical Care/DOA	0
Owner Surrender	0
Safe Keeping	0
Necessary Advice Rendered	0
Referral/Turned Over to Appropriate Party	0
Open/Pending Investigation	0
Tickets/Charges/Arrest	0

Narrative: Sick/Injured cat - transported to shelter for intake/assessment by complainant. Follow up to cat hoarding case - SPCA transported several more cats to shelter for intake.

Complaint Totals this Month: 16

Complaints YTD: 183

After Hour Calls this Month: 5

After Hour Calls YTD: 61



Strategic Development Plan

- Preliminary Draft is currently under review
- Consultants are making necessary adjustments and edits
- First draft for is anticipated to be ready for the public comment period mid-October.



Further updates will be provided as we prepare to propose the first draft to the public.

Administration

Housing Study

- Collaborating with BDC/IDA (*Brendan O'Brian present to discuss*)

CNY Regional Planning Board

- Ongoing conversation in relation to NYS Municipal Infrastructure Program for middle mile broadband build out

Southern Tier 8

- IRT – DOD reviewing applications (expect to hear by late fall/early winter)
- Sustainability Group
- CEDS
- Opportunity Zone Collaboration
- Work on Planning Committee Regional Strategies
- Regional Portal - <https://www.so-tier.com/>

Snowmobile Grant

- 2023 – 2024 Phase III completed
 - Received NY State Payment
- 2024-2025 Phase II completed

Education and Outreach

- Attending the NYSAC Fall Seminar

GIS

ESRI Online Portal

Link: <https://cortland-county-gis-portal-cortlandplanning.hub.arcgis.com/>

Data Projects

- Addressing spread sheets updating

Mapping Projects

- On-line address assignment process – testing
- Code enforcement maps
- Conservation Easement information
- County wide inactive directory
- 911 fire district maps
- Abutter App for code related public service announcements

Mobility

Cortland Transit Service Updates

- Continuing to work with TransDev until transition to Centro – April 1st, 2025
- There has been no disruptions in service
- Weekly route schedule – tracking service

Education & Outreach

- TC3 Events

RTAP Funded Conference

- 2024 Walk Bike Symposium – September 17-18, 2024

Cortland County Planning Board Meeting

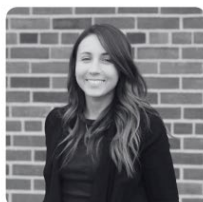
GML 239 Reviews: (5 Returned for Local Determination)

- Town of Homer – 4706 McDonald Rd. – Home Occupation
- Town of Virgil – 2166 Washington Ave.- Keeping of domestic animals
- Town of Preble – Short Term Rentals – Local Law
- City of Cortland – 4 Monroe Heights – Demolish vacant residence, rebuild two-family structure
- City of Cortland – 172-174 Homer Ave. – Redevelop existing strip mall into mixed use building, with two multi-family residential building and community center, totaling 61 units

OUR TEAM:



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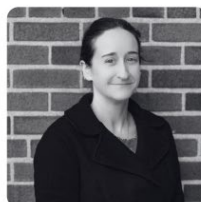
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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT - SEPTEMBER

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

September 4, 2024

AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) –Planning assistance continues with several new ag producers requesting technical assistance. We continue to evaluate projects for the CAFO-ENMP grant program with another new inquiry this week. Our staff manned the booth and displays at the NYS Fair last week. We were able to answer questions about the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program and other SWCD programs and assistance.

Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP) –We continue engineering design work for grants funded in Round 28 and 29 including test pits and soil investigations with our engineer last week. Construction oversight of the Round 28 project that includes a covered barnyard continues. Staff are on-site regularly to monitor progress and perform engineering construction checks.

Climate Resilient Farming – One of the Round 6 projects for stream corridor stabilization in Lapeer is complete. Project designs for other work funded in Rounds 6 and 7 are in process.

COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD) – Some additional weed harvesting was completed on the lake last week. We are working to determine preferred specifications for the weed harvester we will be purchasing. Winter/spring procurement is expected so we will be ready to begin harvesting as early in the spring as is warranted by weed growth.

AIS Spread Prevention –We will still have stewards staffed regularly at Skaneateles Lake, Tully Lake and Little York Lake for the next few weeks. We will also continue outreach efforts and will be attending the Union Fair, NYSFOLA regional conference and several other events this month.

Buffer Stewarding- staff are wrapping up assessment and maintenance of nearly 150 acres of previously planted buffers at over 50 sites in the county.

Skaneateles Lake Watershed and Skaneateles Lake 9E Plan – NYSDEC recently announced \$42 million for work in the Eastern Finger Lakes region. Cortland staff participated in the press conference held August 23rd in Skaneateles to celebrate this boost to SWCDs in the 11 county region. Funding will be distributed to the Districts and will be used to support best management practices for water quality in the watershed, including Skaneateles Lake and Cayuga Lake watersheds.

Stream Restoration and Culvert Rehabilitation – The final project planned for 2024 construction in Virgil Creek watershed will begin next week at the upper Holler Rd site. The lower Holler Road project is complete and awaiting final seeding. We continue to work on a permit and culvert size for a replacement project in Freetown. The county highway has been working on the Brackel Creek project the past few weeks. These are ARPA projects.

Forestry –We have applied for funding to plant trees and install fencing to keep deer away in the City waterworks. Fencing will remain in place until the trees have become established and are large enough to withstand browse. We expect to move the fence and re-use it in another location at that time.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS

The Conservation Field Days will be held September 19 and 20, 2024. Sixth graders from Cortland City, McGraw, Homer, St. Mary's, and DeRuyter schools will be attending.

The 2024 River Cleanup will be held September 28th. Groups can register to clean up their favorite waterbody or waterway. We will provide collection materials to registered groups and dispose of trash collected.

ADMINISTRATION

The SWCD proposed budget has been prepared and our request submitted to the county. We are looking for approximately a 2% increase this year to support operations.