



**Cortland County Ag,  
Economic Development,  
Planning & Environment  
Committee Meeting  
~ Minutes ~**

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**Thursday, August 13, 2026**

**11:00 AM**

**Room 302**

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Committee Chair McGovern.

**Roll Call**

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| <b>PRESENT:</b>        | Legislator Reed Cleland, Legislator Paul Heider, Legislator Jason Prentice, Minority Leader Sandra Price, Legislator Mitchel Eccleston, Legislator William McGovern |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>         |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>        | Legislator Beau Harbin                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Ashley Millard         | Deputy Clerk of the Legislature                                                                                                                                     |
| Michael Ponticiello    | County Administrator                                                                                                                                                |
| Terra Adams            | Deputy County Administrator                                                                                                                                         |
| Melissa Potter         | Mobility Manager                                                                                                                                                    |
| Trish Hiemstra         | Director of Planning                                                                                                                                                |
| Kelly Guy              | Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension                                                                                                                 |
| Lillian Jensen         | Mobility Coordinator                                                                                                                                                |
| Dan Considine          | Cortland Standard Reporter                                                                                                                                          |
| Morgan Spaulding       | Grants Administrator                                                                                                                                                |
| Nicole Compton         | County Attorney Executive Assistant (Remote)                                                                                                                        |
| Jessica Leet           | Planning Executive Administrative Officer (Remote)                                                                                                                  |
| Melanie Vilardi        | Executive Director of the IDA (Remote)                                                                                                                              |

**Approval of Minutes**

- June 11, 2026 - Ag, Economic Development, Planning & Environment Committee Minutes**

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED</b> |
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**Resolutions**

**ON MOTION OF WILLIAM MCGOVERN**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.**

**Local Law H of 2026 - A Local Law Authorizing 12 and 13 Year Old Licensed Hunters to Hunt Deer with a Firearm or Crossbow During Hunting Season with the Supervision of an Adult Licensed Hunter**

WHEREAS, by Local Law No. 5 of 2024, the Cortland County Legislature authorized Cortland County to participate in the temporary program established pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935, permitting licensed hunters ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow under specified conditions; AND

WHEREAS, subsequent New York State legislation has extended the authorization for counties to participate in such program through 2028; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature desires to continue Cortland County's participation in the program and extend the County's authorization consistent with State law through 2028; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the Cortland County Legislature as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent**

The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Cortland County to permit 12 and 13 year old individuals to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunities in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget, included a pilot program, allowing the opportunity for young hunters, ages 12 and 13, to hunt deer with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a county authorizes such action within their municipality. In 2023, the New York State Legislature extended the authorization through 2025. In 2025, New York State Legislation enacted and extended the authorization through 2028. Cortland County is passing this local law as hunting is a valued tradition for many families, and this new opportunity allows experienced, adult hunters to introduce the value of hunting to the next generation. Furthermore, teaching young people safe, responsible, and ethical hunting practices will ensure a rewarding experience for the youth, while providing quality food to families and contributing to important deer management population control practices.

**Section 2. Pilot Program Authorization**

Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ECL 11-0935, Cortland County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for young hunters, ages twelve (12) and thirteen (13) years, to hunt deer with a firearm, to include rifles, shotguns, and muzzle-loaded firearms or crossbow through 2028.

**Section 3. State Requirements to Adhere Once Authorized**

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

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

required to wear fluorescent orange or pink clothing while engaged in hunting to an extent and covering so designated pursuant to the law, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State of New York; and

- All licensed twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old hunters shall remain at ground level while hunting deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzleloader; and
- Notwithstanding any State or Federal Law to the contrary, this local law shall not authorize the hunting of bear by twelve (12) and thirteen (13) year old with a firearm or crossbow.

#### **Section 4. Local Law Filing Requirements**

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

#### **Section 5. Severability**

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

#### **Section 6. Effective Date**

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

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED (6 TO 0)</b>                                                                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Legislator Reed Cleland                                                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Legislator Mitchel Eccleston                                                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Reed Cleland, Paul Heider, Jason Prentice, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston, William McGovern |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | None                                                                                         |
| <b>EXCUSED:</b>  | Beau Harbin                                                                                  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   |                                                                                              |

#### **Action Items**

#### **Monthly Reports**

1. **Cornell Cooperative Extension Monthly Report**

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>COMPLETED</b> |
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2. **Soil & Water Conservation District Monthly Report**

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>COMPLETED</b> |
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### 3. Department of Planning & Economic Development Monthly Report

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>COMPLETED</b> |
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#### Discussion Items

##### 1. Appointment to the Planning Board

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>COMPLETED</b> |
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#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

## Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County

*Kelly Guy: Executive Director*

### Highlights:

- Hired Andrew Scheldorf as new Urban Agriculture Educator
- Cortland County JR Fair
- Transportation Grant Events at Fair
- Twin Oak Dairy Pasture Walk
- Programming at 4-H Camp Owahta

**On the Horizon:** Planning for Annual Dinner, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Murder Mystery Fundraiser November 13<sup>th</sup>

### South Central Dairy and Field Crop Program

*Janice Degni: Regional Field Crops Specialist, Betsy Hicks: Regional Dairy Specialist*

Betsy Hicks, Janice Degni, summer intern, Pilar Gamage and Cortland County Dairy Ambassadors all interacted with various youth groups and summer camps to make fresh butter at the Cortland County Fair. Deli containers with heavy cream were handed out to 200 students to churn their cream into butter by shaking the containers for 2-3 minutes. Crackers were provided for tasting and enjoying the fresh butter. In that activity students could make a connection between the foods they eat and agriculture.

June 17 – an on-farm tour featured, **“Optimizing Management of Manure Bedding Solids”**, hosted by Belltown Dairy in King Ferry. This event showcased practical findings from a NY Farm Viability Project that Evaluated the sustainable use of Manure Solids as dairy cattle bedding. The separated manure solids are recycled within the fam.

The tour included an overview of the solids separation process at Belltown, and a walk through of the facilities using the solids as bedding for lactating dairy cows. Twenty attendees from industry and local farms learned about the research findings from the project that were shared along with a discussion of best management practices for successful outcomes using manure solids bedding. The project is a collaboration between PRODAIRY, CCE SCNY Dairy and Field Crops Team, and participating farms throughout NYS.

### **July 28. On-Farm Research Demonstration Trials: Managing the Water hemp Invasion in Corn and Soybeans.**

This twilight meeting featured combinations of herbicides at two timings and their effect on controlling these difficult to control weedy plants.

Glyphosate-resistant (GR) weeds including water hemp are an increasing concern for NY field crops. Growers and Industry representatives will have an opportunity to tour and observe effective pre-emergence and post-emergence applied herbicides for controlling water hemp in

Enlist soybeans and Roundup Ready corn. Dr. Vipin Kumar, Cornell weed scientist, will lead the tour through the small plot treatments and discuss the impact of these integrated herbicide strategies, with multiple modes of action, from a resistance management standpoint.

#### July 17. **Twin Oaks Dairy Silvopasture Walk, Truxton**

Those who joined the Pasture Walk learned about how they are incorporating trees into their dairy grazing systems (aka silvopasture)!

- They shared their history of their rotational grazing system for dairy and heifer cows
- They explained their farm's motivations for planting trees into pastures, lessons learned, and plans for the future
- Two silvopasture plantings: one planted in 2021 including 20ft tall black locusts and one newly planted this spring were toured
- Experts explained how and why silvopasture could benefit a grazing operation

#### 4- H Team

*Rebecca Ireland-Perry: 4-H Team Leader, Abby Thomas: 4-H/Agriculture Educator*

#### **Highlights:**

A Successful 4-H Cortland Junior Fair:

The 2026 4-H Cortland Junior Fair was held in July and was a resounding success, showcasing the talents, hard work, and dedication of our local 4-H youth. The fair brought together families, volunteers, and community members in a week filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit.

Key Highlights:

- **Outstanding Youth Participation:**  
Over 150 4-H members participated in a wide variety of events and exhibits, including livestock shows, project exhibits, and creative arts. Each project displayed the dedication and personal growth that 4-H aims to instill in youth.
- **Animal Shows and Auctions:**  
The livestock shows were a major highlight, with strong turnout in categories including cattle, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. The Livestock Auction drew strong community support and raised significant funds for participating youth.
- **Exhibits and Projects:**  
Hundreds of exhibits were on display, from sewing and photography to woodworking

and horticulture. Judging was conducted by local volunteers who provided helpful feedback and encouragement to all participants.

- **Volunteer and Community Engagement:**  
This year's fair would not have been possible without the efforts of numerous volunteers, including parents, club leaders, alumni, and local businesses. Their time and energy helped make the fair a safe, welcoming, and enriching experience for everyone involved.
- **Special Events and Fun Activities:**  
Highlights included the dairy cattle clipping contest, animal costume contest, Jr Iron Chef contest, Grand Master Showman contest, and many other special 4-H and FFA contests on Saturday. These events helped build camaraderie and created lasting memories for both youth and families.

#### Recognition and Awards:

Numerous awards and ribbons were presented throughout the fair, recognizing excellence in project work, showmanship, citizenship, and leadership. A full list of winners will be available in our next Clover Dispatch and highlighted on our Facebook page.

NYS Fair: Over 80 exhibits (not counting animals) from our 4-H Youth Building were selected to go on to the NYS Fair, covering areas such as baking, art, crafts, horticulture and many more. If you are attending the fair, please stop by the 4-H Building and see all the wonderful work of our Cortland 4-H members.

#### On the Horizon:

With this year's fair behind us, planning has already begun for 2027! We're excited to build on this year's success and continue offering opportunities for youth to Learn by Doing.

#### Camp Owahta

*Rachel Bortin: Outdoor Recreation*

#### Director Highlights:

- Staff are still going strong through week 5, one more week left!
- Campers are enjoying the addition of all the following activities/programs are camp:
  - Theater production every week. Last week we had a play written and directed by a 14-year-old camper
  - Low Ropes Course has been successful, we have done a few elements such as the Full House, Nitro Swing, Lord of Ring, Wild Woosey, Whale Watch, Mohawk Iron Workers Walk
  - Campers have loved going out in row boats, kayaks (single and double)
  - Taking Care of the Chickens and Goats
  - Snuggling Sir Smores our camp bunny

- Harvesting beans from the garden
  - Fishing. Campers have made their own fishing poles with string and fishing line and caught fish
- Our two interns this summer are doing a FANTATISC JOB! We post a Blog post on Facebook every week and post 2-3 times on Instagram. We have grown our Instagram following by 40+ followers this summer!
- We have been successful in cooperating all our delicious and gorgeous vegetables from our CSA through Freetown Food Forest within our main meals and our salad bar. Campers have enjoyed the new addition of the salad bar and seem to be eating more fruit and vegetables than in past summers.
- Some of our camper favorite all-camp programs have been; Night Swim, Night Hike, Capture the Mattress, Karaoke
- Every day overnight campers compete for the "cleanest" cabin to win the "Golden Egg!". The cabin who has the most wins at the end of the week, can sign their initials on the wood plaque in the Mess Hall. Shout out to our staff person, Ash for wood burning our beautiful new plaque!



## Cortland County Soil and Water Conservation District

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### SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT – July 2026

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

July 9, 2026

#### **AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION**

**Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP)** – We are working on compiling and completing necessary paperwork and documentation to close out the grants for Ruschmann and Randall. Ullrich construction is still underway. The Park Round 29 manure storage estimates were over budget and we are working with the farm and USDA-NRCS to explore options.

**Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)** – Shawn is still working on the closeout of Round 18.

**Climate Resilient Farming** – New Hope View silage leachate control and irrigation project is still over-budget, but more manageable with the different pump. We have requested additional funds through the USC Water Quality Program in order to maintain the same cost share percentages. The Hollenbeck project design is being completed as a training project through the Eastern Finger Lakes Coalition as time allows. The Hicks and Hall extensions were approved.

Chesapeake Bay watershed BMP verification was completed June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING**

**Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD)** – We completed primary and dockside aquatic invasive species (AIS) removal/harvesting. We will be working on secondary harvesting next week per permit requirements.

**AIS Spread Prevention** activities are underway at all the lakes and launches. Our boat stewards have been at Skaneateles Lake full-time and also present at Tully Lake and Little York Lake on holidays and weekends. We installed a new AIS spread



prevention sign at Melody Lake. The Song Lake harvesting permit is still under review and the Tully Lake application has just been submitted. Cincinnatus Lake has reached out to us for possible support in developing a lake management plan targeted at invasive species and vegetation control. This will likely be an ongoing project starting later this summer or fall.

### **Upper Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay Watershed**

– We are making a field visit with the consultant engineer for the Trout Brook Project. We are working on a grant application to support the construction of a salt storage building in the Town of Lapeer. A Pasture Walk will be held at Twin Oaks Dairy focusing on their silvopasture projects. We are delivering materials and will begin the culvert replacement on Ferber Rd in Freetown. The Fish Hill Rd project in Willet will be delayed due to manufacturing delays with the culvert. A late September delivery is expected. We have several other stream sites to evaluate and begin surveying/design work. The Freetown Salt Storage Project has been awarded and the building has been ordered.



**Finger Lakes Watershed** –We are coordinating a ½ day Legislative Tour of the watershed on August 27th to showcase some of our projects. We have several stream sites to evaluate and we are beginning surveying/design work. The FL-LOWPA anniversary event will be August 7<sup>th</sup> at Onondaga Lake State Park.

**Landfill Environmental Monitoring** - Monitoring for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is complete and reports are being compiled. We compiled the leachate results for recent sampling and sent to county landfill staff for submission to the wastewater treatment plant. We submitted information to the county consultant regarding the PRR for Towslee landfill. We are evaluating the new West Side landfill permit for new monitoring requirements.

**Stormwater Management** – there have been numerous Cortlandville projects for review the last few months. We are also working to complete the Cortlandville report on the 2024 maintenance program and collecting new reports for 2025 maintenance. We have requested a meeting with the town to review the stormwater program and roles.

### **CONSERVATION EDUCATION/PROGRAMS/ADMINISTRATION**

We have filled the Natural Resources Conservationist position - Forestry Technician and he will begin on August 3rd.

The 2025 Annual Report is ready for distribution.



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### SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT – August 2026

From: Amanda Barber, SWCD Manager

August 4, 2026

#### **AGRICULTURE AND PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION**

**Agricultural Nonpoint Abatement and Control Program (AGNP)** – We have state close outs for the Ruschmann and Randall grants scheduled. Ullrich construction is still underway. Murrys are still waiting for the new pump to arrive – the estimated delivery date is now in September. The Park Round 29 manure storage project is still on hold. The farm has requested Dairy Acceleration Program funding for the redesign costs which would provide some additional AGNP funds for the implementation cost excess. We will be reviewing the riparian buffer estimate with the landowner and plan to complete that project this fall.

**Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)** – Closeout of Round 18 is underway.

**Climate Resilient Farming** – We have requested funds through the USC Water Quality Program to fill gaps in funding for the New Hope View silage leachate control and irrigation project. The Hollenbeck project design is being worked on as time allows. Mikochik fencing and planting are complete along with annual monitoring and maintenance. We are still waiting for payment after the Brown-Owego Creek project closeout. Merrills Creek closeout is next, followed by Parker-Hunts Creek.

A new cover crop cost-share program called ***Farmers For Soil Health*** is available statewide offering \$35/acre payments. We are actively encouraging farms to sign up. The administrative process is not simple so we are providing assistance to the farms with sign up and documentation. ALL required information must be provided by August 31<sup>st</sup>. We are asking landowners to register online AND contact us so we can assist them in meeting deadlines. The program website is <https://farmersforsoilhealth.com/>

A Pasture Walk was held at Twin Oaks Dairy focusing on their silvopasture projects. We will be completing a new project this fall. The silvopasture planting in September will serve as a regional training for SWCD employees.



## **COMMUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING**

**Little York Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (LYLPRD)** –Lake and dockside aquatic invasive species (AIS) removal/harvesting have been completed as requested by Little York Lake Preservation Society/Lake District and Song Lake Association. Tully Lake is next. The new wetland permit requirements and process created some delays, though we appreciate NYSDEC support and efforts to move our applications through the review process as quickly as possible. Proximity to wetlands for harvesting and disposal/dumping sites was an issue. Since the review process takes some time, additions/changes to harvest areas based on current vegetation growth/mass were not easily accommodated. Providing documentation of adjacent landowner permission and the question of whether or not permission was required (since the lake is not owned/deeded to shoreline owners) also was an issue. We are actively working with DEC on the permit application process for next year to address and minimize these problems.

**Upper Susquehanna and Chesapeake Bay Watershed** – Design work for the Trout Brook Stream Corridor Stabilization Project is underway. The culvert replacement on Ferber Rd in Freetown is complete and the road is back open. We have begun work on a culvert replacement project and permit on Griggs Gulf in Harford.

We completed four CFA grant applications last week. We submitted a WQIP application for a salt storage structure in Lapeer, a NPS Planning Grant for an assessment project in collaboration with Tioga and Tompkins County SWCD to complete the Upper Owego Creek watershed stream assessment, as well as two design projects; one for two streambank stabilization sites and another for two culvert replacement projects. The proposed work is in Lapeer and Harford areas.

**Finger Lakes Watershed** –We are coordinating a ½ day Legislative Tour of the watershed on August 27th to showcase some of our projects. We have begun surveying of stream and culvert restoration sites, including Van Donsel Rd in Virgil, and are beginning designs for 2027 implementation. The Town of Scott has requested assistance with road and road ditch stabilization on Vincent Hill Rd. We are beginning planning and design work.

**Landfill Environmental Monitoring** - We have an RFP out for data validation for the 2026 Quarter 3 monitoring and have received updated pricing for the new West Side landfill permit monitoring. Quarter 3 monitoring field work will be completed this month.

**Stormwater Management** – there have been numerous Cortlandville projects for review the last several months. We have completed the Cortlandville Stormwater Maintenance Summary report on the 2024 maintenance program. We have begun compilation of the 2025 Summary Report as 2025 maintenance reports continue to come in from owners/operators. We hope to meet with the town soon to review the stormwater program and roles.

**AIS Spread Prevention** - Our boat stewards are active on a regular basis at Skaneateles Lake, Tully Lake and Little York Lake. We have tabled at local festivals, fairs and farm markets conducting outreach and education.

The **Water Chestnut Spread Prevention Project** in the Oneida Lake Watershed and Three River System was kicked off at two locations with outreach events and hand-pulls at the Oneida

Creek inlet to Oneida Lake in Canastota and Muskrat Bay in Brewerton. Staff represented Cortland County at both events supporting outreach and education as well as invasive species removal efforts. We have also collected existing informational materials and developed some new outreach graphics for the partnership. These are being utilized as signs, stickers and logos. See below.



## CONSERVATION EDUCATION/PROGRAMS/ADMINISTRATION

The 2026 Conservation Field Days will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Owahta. Planning is underway.

We have filled the Natural Resources Conservationist position - Forestry Technician. Jason Diaferio started on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and comes to us with federal and private landowner program experience. He most recently worked with Pheasants Forever and USDA-NRCS in Pennsylvania.

The SWCD 2025 Annual Report is posted on our website. You can view or download [here](#).



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**August 2026**

### Administration

- June 17<sup>th</sup> – **DEC Office Geothermal Tour**
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – **CFA Workshop**
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – **BLE Workshop**
- October 16<sup>th</sup> – **APA, Upstate NY Planning Conference**



- **Housing Needs Assessment**
  - Working Group
- **Tracking Dashboard**
- **Housing Workgroup**
- **Micron Steering Committee**

### Snowmobile Grant



New York State  
Parks, Recreation and  
Historic Preservation

- **2026 – 2027: Phase 2** Due 9.1.26

### Grants & Initiatives



Department  
of State

- **Brownfield Opportunity Grant** – AWARDED – awaiting contract



Empire State  
Development

- **County Infrastructure Grant Program** – Submitted



- **Marathon Substation Modernization Project:** (\$7-8M Total project)



**NYSEDA Resilience** – *Selected\_Passed 1 of 3 rounds*  
(\$2,594,400)



Appalachian  
Regional  
Commission

**ARC IJA** – *Selected\_Passed 2 of 3 rounds*  
(\$900,000)



**ARC POWER** – *Application Submitted*  
(\$1,000,000)



## Regional Partnerships



- Clean Energy Programs
- Vacant Rental Properties (VRP)

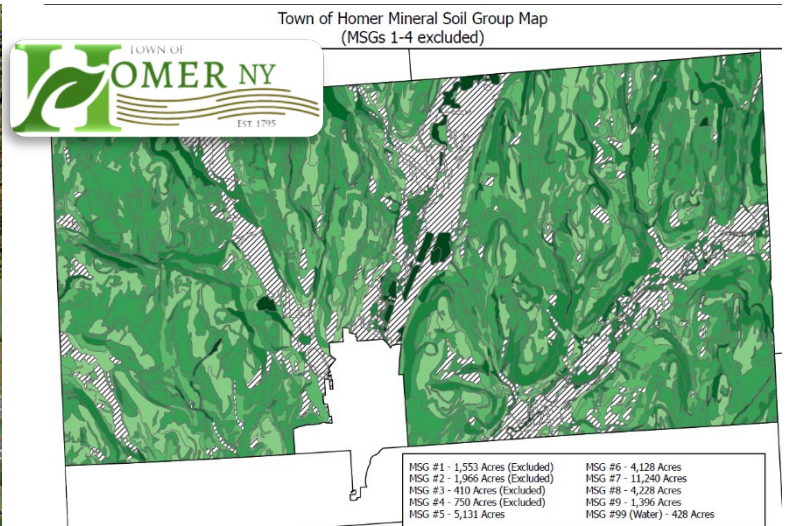
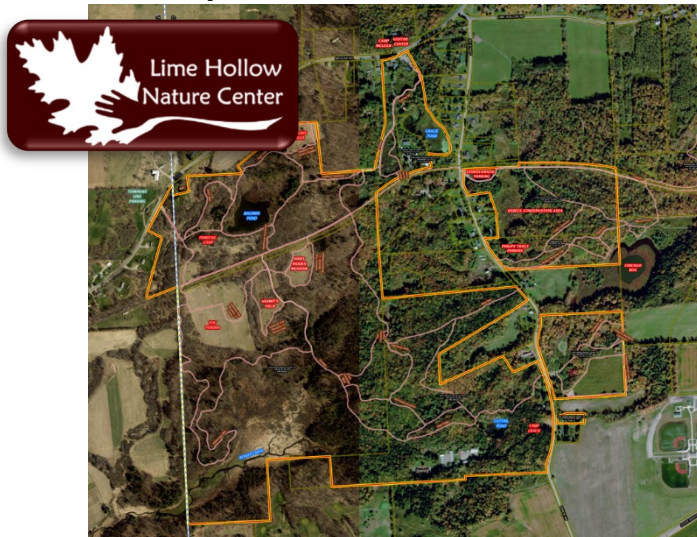


- ARC Workshop/Applications
- Sustainability Group
- Housing Initiatives

## GIS

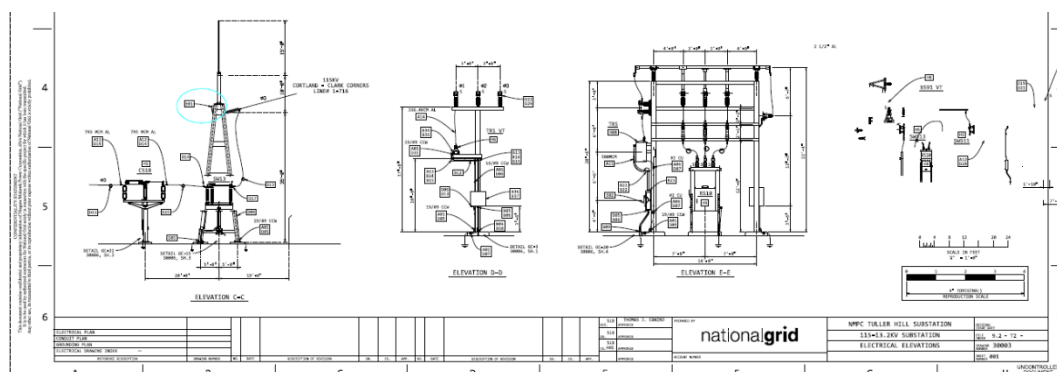
| Cortland County's ArcGIS Applications                     | April<br>Total<br>Views/usage | May<br>Total<br>Views/usage | June<br>Total<br>Views/usage | July<br>Total<br>Views/usage |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <a href="#">GIS Portal (Website Hub)</a>                  | 7,888                         | 11,879                      | <b>7,480</b>                 | <b>10,605</b>                |
| <a href="#">Instant App (Parcel Viewer)</a>               | 1,383                         | 1,257                       | <b>1,220</b>                 | <b>1,328</b>                 |
| <a href="#">Workspace (Parcel Viewer)</a>                 | 1,414                         | 1,423                       | <b>1,309</b>                 | <b>1,373</b>                 |
| <a href="#">E-911 and Postal Addressing (Website Hub)</a> | 194                           | 145                         | <b>182</b>                   | <b>269</b>                   |
| Abutter Map (Parcel Viewer Tool)                          | 46                            | 49                          | <b>69</b>                    | <b>51</b>                    |

## Featured Maps:



## Cortland County Planning Board

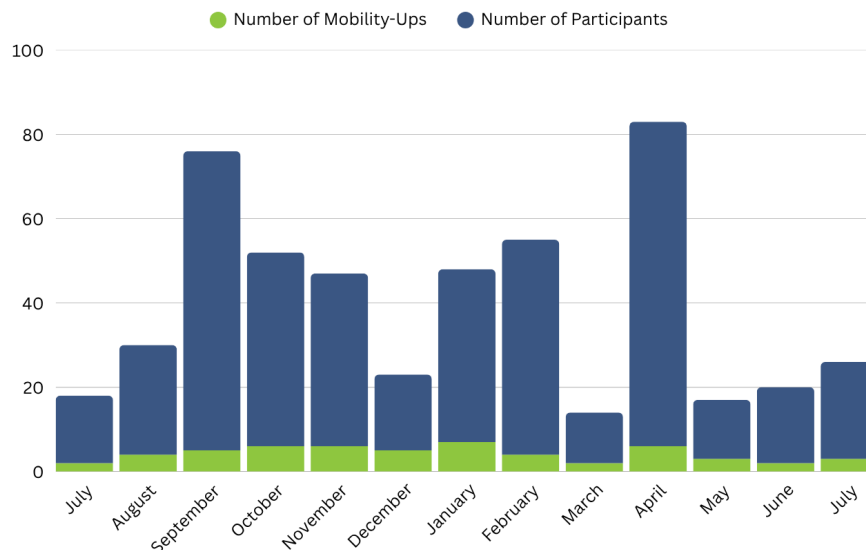
- **GML 239 Reviews** (June & July)
  - 18 Returned for local determination
  - 6 Staff Reports
- **Featured GML's**
  - Town Virgil – National Grid
    - Applicant is seeking to replace an existing substation with a new substation that will be built adjacent to the current station.



## Mobility Management

- ❖ Centro Operations
  - Installation of New Fareboxes
  - Finalizing Bus Stop Locations
  - Open House Saturday, August 22 – *Hiring Event*
- ❖ Connectivity Subcommittee
  - Ongoing coordination with the Health Department on walk audits, sidewalk Inventory and GIS Mapping in progress
- ❖ Collaboration & Grants
  - Awarded Local Road Safety Plan Grant
  - Cornell University Design Connect Application for Route 13 Corridor – *Fall 2026*
  - Collaboration with Experience Cortland on the Ice Cream Trail
  - Collaborating with ATI on Age Friendly Grant and CAPCO on ITN America Technology
  - CNY Community Foundation Participatory Budgeting Meetings
- ❖ Travel Training
  - Case Management and development of custom travel plans and paratransit service applications for individual riders
- ❖ Education & Outreach
  - Attended Walk, Bike & Roll Conference June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Attended 6 Job Seekers Workshops in July and August
  - Facilitated 9 On the Move Sessions in July and August
- ❖ Mobility Meet-ups Program
  - Completed 60 meet-ups, serving 413 participants (*Graph Below*)

**Total Number of Mobility Meet-ups and Participants Served**



## OUR TEAM:



Trisha Hiemstra, PE  
Director  
of Planning



Melissa Potter, MPH  
Mobility  
Manager



Jessica Leet  
Executive  
Administrative Officer



Chris Jankus  
GIS  
Planner



Scott Hourigan  
GIS  
Planner



Lillian Jensen  
Mobility  
Coordinator

**ON MOTION OF KEVIN FITCH**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**Appoint Member to the Cortland County Planning Board**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Cortland County Planning Board establish attendance requirements for members and provide for the removal of a member when those requirements are not met; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws, a vacancy has been created in the Planning Board position currently held by Paul Dries: 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; AND

WHEREAS, James Reeners has been recommended for appointment to fill the remainder of the existing term by the Chair of the Legislature; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Paul Dries be and hereby is removed from the Cortland County Planning Board in accordance with the attendance provisions of the Cortland County Planning Board Bylaws; AND BE IT FURTHER

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

| Name          | Address                             | Municipality     | Term Expiration |
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| James Reeners | 14 Hickory Lane, Cortland, NY 13045 | City of Cortland | 6/30/2027       |