<u>TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER</u> <u>LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA</u> <u>October 4th, 2022</u> 1:00 PM

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes of September 6th, 2022
- FINANCIAL
 - o Economic Development
 - o Planning
 - o Sustainability Management
- OLD BUSINESS
 - o Reports
 - o Grants
 - o Economic/Community Development
 - o Land Bank
 - o Workforce Development
 - o Planning
 - o Sustainability Management
 - o IDA
 - o Misc.
- NEW BUSINESS
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- PERSONNEL
- RESOLUTIONS
 - o J01-Adopt Ag Districts new SEQR Short EAF
 - o J02-Adopt Ag Markets SEQR Cooperative Agreement
 - J06-Authorization to Accept IDA-ARC Grant Funds and Modify EDP Budget

- J11-Site Host Agreement with New York Power Authority (NYPA) For the EVolve NY Program
- o J25-Transfer Sale of Properties to TCPDC
- PROCLAMATIONS- N/A
- ADJOURNMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING I INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY I LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING September 6, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Barbara Roberts, Ron Ciotoli, Dennis Mullen, Dale Weston

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Ellen Pratt

Guests: T Hanson, CCE Executive Director, Theresa Staats, CCE Finance Manager

Committee Chair, Legislator Barbara Roberts, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Legislative Chair, Marte Sauerbrey, was not in attendance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney – Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of August 2, 2022

Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the August 2, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the August 2, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Weston. All were in favor.

II. FINANCIAL

The 2022 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

A. Economic Development

- Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- B. Planning
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- C. Sustainability Management
 - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reports
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension, T Hanson Monthly report was previously emailed. Ms. Hanson introduced a new member of her staff, Theresa Staats, Finance Manager.

Ms. Hanson reported attending the Agritourism Conference with Becca Maffei, Tourism Director, in Burlington, Vermont. This was an international conference sponsored through Finger Lakes Farm Country, adding it was a valuable conference.

Ms. Hanson reviewed her monthly report, highlighting; success of the County Fair, a \$600K multiyear USDA grant awarded, outcome of the KK&P Ag Value Chain Study, as well as highlights from the Agriculture Resource Group Meeting.

- 2. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly report previously emailed.
- 3. Tioga County Tourism No report.

Legislator Mullen reported the Waverly Music Fest was outstanding; indicating Ms. Maffei did a great job.

- 4. Recycling/Sustainability, Ellen Pratt In keeping with staff reporting; Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Pratt, Sustainability Manager. Ms. Pratt reviewed her monthly report previously emailed, highlighting the following:
 - Hazardous Waste Program with Broome County Tioga County residents can take their hazardous waste and electronics to Broome County's facility from April to November.
 - Continues to look for a contractor to have a household hazardous waste facility in Owego or somewhere centrally located for residents 65 years or older; those that can't get to the Broome County facility. Finding it not economical at this time.
 - NYSDEC Grant received covering a percentage of 2021 salary and benefits for Ms. Pratt, the Recycling Coordinator for Tioga County.
 - Working with Irene Radigan on educational outreach videos; the State will reimburse the County 50%. Recently went to Taylor Garbage; toured the facility for video footage, also working on "Don't Be This Guy" promotional series.
 - Working on getting EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Stations installed in Tioga County. Resolution listed below looking for authorization to enter into an agreement with NY Power Authority for the Evolve NY Program and for the annual insurance payment to come out of the Refuse and Garbage Budget for installation of EV charging stations in the Village of Owego.

A general discussion followed with many questions regarding the County's financial responsibility and maintenance of the EV charging stations. Because the chosen location is in the flood zone, there were inquiries on insurance coverage and deductible payments. It was decided to pull the resolution this month until all questions can be answered and bring it forward next month.

B. Grants

- 1. Status Ms. Tinney reported on the status of grants the ED&P Department is involved in:
 - a. Potential (15)
 - b. Pending (18)
 - c. Active (44)

d. Completed (0)

Ms. Tinney reported Ms. Ortu provided assistance to CCE for the \$600K USDA grant that was awarded.

- C. Economic/Community Development
 - 1. Village of Owego
 - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration Project is ongoing.
 - b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration Lights have been installed and baskets have been hung as part of this project.
 - c. OPRHP EPF Grant- Owego Police Department ED&P applied for this grant on behalf of Village of Owego. Administration of this grant will begin for improvements to the Police Station. ED&P will provide support and guidance through this process.
 - 2. Village of Waverly
 - a. NY Forward application ED&P providing assistance on this "mini" DRI application on behalf of Village of Waverly. This is a new program the state has put out; 2M - 4.5M award. Application deadline is in September.
 - b. Economic Analysis Report- Completed and final report adopted by the Village. Ms. Jardine provided assistance through this process.
 - 3. Village of Candor
 - a. NY Main Street administration This project is ongoing; a Land Bank application that ED&P provided assistance with on for 2 buildings on Main Street in Candor.
 - 4. Town of Nichols- Broadband- ConnectALL
 - a. Build began August 1st East River Road and West River Road is nearing completion and they are starting to connect to homes; project is moving quickly.
 - b. ED&P is providing marketing/social media assistance. There will be another public meeting on September 22rd at the Fire Hall. A map of broadband levels of service in Tioga County was on display; showing served, underserved and unserved areas.
 - 5. Municipalities
 - a. Snowmobile Grant is in process.
 - b. Sweeper/Vacuum truck status
 - 1. Continue to work on Shared Services Agreement between Village of Owego, Town of Owego, Village of Nichols and the County.

Chair Roberts reported the truck is up and running. It was only a loose wire causing a problem; a new computer was not needed.

- c. Recruitment Website A website to assist our local employers with information on school districts, crime rate, available homes; information someone might look for when relocating to Tioga County.
- 6. REAP Continuing as usual.
- 7. Leadership Tioga Class continues with Ms. Ortu as the facilitator.
- 8. Chambers of Commerce Great connections with the following Chambers:
 - a. Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce- Provided assistance with the golf tournament.

- b. Tioga County Chamber of Commerce- Providing assistance with the formation of the Foundation Group.
- D. Land Bank Ms. Woodburn attended the following:
 - 1. NYLBA- Rural Land Bank Committee meeting.
 - 2. NYLBA- Monthly Board meeting.
- E. Workforce Development Mr. Lanning has set up and attended the following:
 - 1. Talent Supply Table first meeting
 - a. Program Coordinator Subcommittee meeting.
 - b. Intergovernmental Subcommittee meeting.
- F. Planning
 - 1. Village of Waverly NY Forward application Provided assistance, as mentioned earlier.
 - NYS Department of Ag & Markets- SEQR process; resolution listed below.
 a. Set Public Hearing September 22nd.
 - b. Adopt customized SEQR EAF
- G. Sustainability Management Ms. Pratt reported earlier:
 - 1. September E-Bulletin to Tioga County Employees.
 - 2. NYSDEC Recycling Coordination/Education Projects Grant for 2021 Sustainability Manager position received reimbursement for \$31,150.28.
 - 3. Hazardous Waste Program
 - a. Electronics/Hazardous Waste paid to Broome County \$17,981.50
 - b. Electronics/Tioga County Towns paid \$1,641.60.
- H. IDA
 - 1. Owego Gardens This project is ongoing.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
- B. Grants
- C. Economic/Community Development
 - 1. Broadband Map On display earlier.
- D. Presentations made this month:
 - 1. Kiwanis- Ms. Ortu presented on Community Development.
 - 2. Rotary- Ms. Pratt presented on Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations.
 - 3. Kiwanis- Mr. Lanning presented on Education Workforce Development and the Owego Apalachin School house project.
- E. Land Bank Ms. Woodburn completed the following:
 - 1. WBNG interview regarding the RFP's that went out for the Temple and Liberty Street properties.
 - 2. Land Bank Initiative- Funding opportunity through the State; three years/\$300,000.00. We have been awarded for Phase 1 for \$100,000.00. Looking forward to future opportunities for phase 2 and phase 3; \$100,000.00 for each phase.
- F. Workforce Development Mr. Lanning is working on the following:
 - 1. Eduready 360 demos A job search software to help schools connect students with available jobs.

- 2. Tioga County Jr. Chamber Program
- ARC Grant MOU County/IDA Originally the Education Workforce Development Coordinator position was set up to be paid by the Hooker Foundation; \$100,000.00 per year for 3 years to cover salary, fringe and program expenses. The program would then be assessed after 3 years with the hope of continuing. The Hooker Foundation agreed with the caveat that if another funding opportunity became available, this would alleviate some money to use for other programs. ARC has been identified as another source. The IDA applied for and has been awarded \$75,000.00 to offset the funding from the Hooker Foundation. The application was made in the name of the IDA because initially the position was going to go through the IDA, however, it ended up going through the County. The Legislative Chair, Marte Sauerbrey, wanted a clear agreement on how the ARC money was going to flow. With the assistance of Mr. DeWind, the County Attorney, a Memo of Understanding has been made between the County and the IDA specific to the Hooker Foundation and ARC funds and how the funds are going to flow. Mr. DeWind has reviewed and approved the agreement. Ms. Tinney is bringing this agreement forward for this committee's awareness and approval. Going forward ED&P will split the cost of salary, fringe and expenses for payment from Hooker Foundation, 50%, and ARC, through the IDA, 50%. The committee was in support to move forward with this agreement. For the complete Legislature approval it was decided to bring this forward at the Law Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th.

G. Planning

- 1. 239 Reviews (4)
 - a. County Case 2022-021: Town of Berkshire, Site Plan Review (Labrador Lumber)-Unanimous approval.
 - b. County Case 2022-022: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit (Albanese Apartments)- Unanimous approval.
 - c. County Case 2022-023: Town of Owego, Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit (Barton Solar Farm)- Unanimous approval.
 - d. County Case 2022-2024: Town of Owego, Flood Plain Special Use Permit (Catskill Shed Company) Unanimous approval.
- H. Sustainability Management
- I. IDA
- J. Misc.
 - 1. State Lead Responses Responded to 2 leads this month.
 - 2. New Office Door decal proposal Ms. Tinney displayed the front door design for the new office that ED&P is going to move to.

V. PERSONNEL- N/A

VI. RESOLUTIONS

 I01-Designation of Tioga Co. LDC DBA Tioga Co. Tourism as Authorized Tourism Promotion Agency for 2023

- I03-Set Public Hearing for Adoption of NYS Agriculture Markets New Ag District SEQR Short EAF
- 106-Set Public Hearing For Restore NY River House Confectionery Mercantile Project
- 107-Set Public Hearing for Restore NY Tioga Trails Project Appoint TCLDC as County TPA

• 110 -Authorize Submission of FEMA HMP Update Revised Grant Application After reviewing the above resolutions, Ms. Tinney asked this committee for support to move the resolutions forward: vote on the resolutions follows:

> Legislator Roberts - yes Legislator Mullen - yes Legislator Ciotoli - yes Legislator Weston – yes

The following resolution was pulled due to unanswered questions; will be presented next month:

 I34-Site Host Agreement With New York Power Authority (NYPA) For The Evolve NY Program

VII. PROCLAMATIONS- N/A

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Sampson

Administrative Assistant Economic Development



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TOTAL Planning	254,662	0	254,662	181,259.99	.00	73,402.19	71.2%
TOTAL General Fund	254,662	0	254,662	181,259.99	.00	73,402.19	71.2%
TOTAL EXPENSES	254,662	0	254,662	181,259.99	.00	73,402.19	



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TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	260,460	0	260,460	119,642.98	13,755.55	127,061.22	51.2%
TOTAL General Fund	260,460	0	260,460	119,642.98	13,755.55	127,061.22	51.2%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	-28,000 288,460	0	-28,000 288,460	6,355.70 113,287.28	.00 13,755.55	-34,355.70 161,416.92	



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REFERRED TO: AG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ED&P LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 ADOPT AG & MARKETS NEW SEQR SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Economic Development & Planning is the administrator of the NYS Agricultural Districts Program pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law; and

WHEREAS: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (Ag & Markets) is improving the SEQR process associated with unlisted modifications of Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS: Each County can adopt the new SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form after the required public hearing; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature has held this public hearing and heard no opposition; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby adopts the Ag & Markets new SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form.

REFERRED TO:	AG LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
	ED&P LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 ADOPT AG & MARKETS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SEQR RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS: Tioga County Department of Economic Development & Planning is the administrator of the NYS Agricultural Districts Program pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law; and

WHEREAS: NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets (Ag & Markets) is improving the SEQR process associated with unlisted modifications of Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS: After the required public hearing, the Tioga County Legislature adopted Ag & Markets' new SEQR Form; and

WHEREAS: Ag & Markets has also developed a cooperative agreement to establish procedures to eliminate the overlap and duplication in comment and review, and it is in the best interest of Ag & Markets and the COUNTY to create uniformity in SEQRA processes within the context of Article 25-AA for certain actions related to Agricultural Districts within the County; and

WHEREAS: As a result of this agreement all SEQR activities related to Agricultural District modifications will be undertaken in a coordinated review between Ag & Markets and the County, with the County being Lead Agency and Ag & Markets being an Involved Agency; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Attorney has reviewed and approved this cooperative agreement for Tioga County adoption; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby adopts the Ag & Markets Cooperative Agreement for SEQR purposes related to Agricultural District modifications and hereby authorizes the Chair to sign said agreement.

REFERRED TO:	ED&P COMMITTEE
	FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF IDA/ARC GRANT FUNDS AND MODIFY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

WHEREAS: Tioga County Economic Development and Planning (TCEDP) was approved by Resolution #231-21 to create the Education Workforce Coordinator position that will be funded by way of grant funds and Resolution #33-22 to authorize the appointment of Sean Lanning to the position of Education Workforce Coordinator and Resolution #116-22 to authorize the acceptance of administrative service funds and to modify the Economic Development budget; and

WHEREAS: TCEDP is to provide the Education Workforce Coordinator with salary, fringe benefits, administrative services, office space and equipment necessary for the performance of the Workforce Development Program (WDP); and

WHEREAS: The Hooker Foundation (HF) has agreed to provide funds for this position by way of a grant in the amount of up to \$100,000.00 annually over three (3) years to offset all expenses associated with the newly created position and its program expenses; and

WHEREAS: Additional grant funds by way of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the amount of \$75,000 have been awarded to the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency (TCIDA) for the period beginning in July 2022; and

WHEREAS: The ARC grant funds require a fifty percent (50%) match, which the Hooker Funds will be so designated up to \$75,000.00; and

WHEREAS: The TCIDA has entered into a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with Tioga County to provide the ARC funds to the County in support of the WDP; and

WHEREAS: The amount requested to be paid by the ARC starting in July 2022 is not to exceed \$75,000 until the funds are exhausted; and

WHEREAS: Appropriation of funds and budget modifications require Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That funding be appropriated as follows:

To: A6422 412891 Other General Gov Income (ARC)	\$75,000.00

From: A6422 540487 Program Expense (WDP) \$75,000.00

And be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the acceptance of up to \$75,000.00 from the Tioga County Industrial Development Agency/Appalachian Regional Commission to provide 50% of the cost of salary, fringe benefits, office space and equipment for the performance of the duties of the Education Workforce Coordinator; and be it further

RESOLVED: The ARC appropriations be re-established for the remaining unspent balance as of year-end; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Legislature or duly authorized representative (including County Treasurer and/or Budget Officer), is hereby authorized to make any transfers of funds required within the Economic Development budget. REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 SITE HOST AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY (NYPA) FOR THE EVOLVE NY PROGRAM

WHEREAS: The number of Electronic Vehicles (EV) purchased is increasing in Tioga County as well as across the country, and it has been found EV charging stations can be a tourist draw; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Sustainability Manager reached out to New York Power Authority (NYPA) EVolve NY program to suggest five (5) locations within Tioga County that fit the program criteria; and

WHEREAS: NYPA requires the County to enter into a Site Host Agreement to participate in the EVolve NY program; and

WHEREAS: It is the objective of the New York Power Authority's EVolve NY Program to provide the public with easy-to-find options, that are also within walking distance of food, shopping, restrooms and shelter, throughout the state for quickly recharging EV's; and

WHEREAS: NYPA has identified Tioga County's Courthouse parking lot in the Village of Owego as an ideal location for the EVolve NY program; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County's Courthouse parking lot has 70 spots that are rarely used and said parking lot is open to the public; and

WHEREAS: NYPA would install and maintain four (4) Fast Charging EV stations at no cost to Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: The County would maintain the parking lot in their usual manner such as snow removal and any required lawn maintenance; and

WHEREAS: NYPA is covering most risks associated with the charging stations but is requiring that the County cover losses due to flooding as the charging stations will be located within a flood plain; and

WHEREAS: The EV stations can be insured by the County's Inland Marine policy at an additional premium; and

WHEREAS: The Village of Owego is willing to pay the County \$500 annually which will cover the cost of this additional insurance premium for the duration of the NYPA ten (10) year Site Host Agreement; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the County will enter into a MOU with the Village of Owego for the offset cost of providing insurance and siting the units for the duration of the NYPA ten (10) year Site Host agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Legislative Chair or their designee to sign the Site Host Agreement upon approval by the County Attorney.

REFERRED TO:	FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE
	ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 AUTHORIZE THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES FROM TIOGA COUNTY TO THE TIOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS: The County has been approached by The Tioga County Property Development Corporation, which has made an offer to purchase properties acquired by Tioga County for nonpayment of taxes in the Villages of Newark Valley and Owego; and

WHEREAS: Tioga County has agreed to sell and transfer the following properties in the Villages of Newark Valley and Owego, NY within Tioga County to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation for One Dollar (\$1.00) each "as is"; and

WHEREAS: These acquisitions include the following properties:

58 Whig Street	Village of Newark Valley, NY	#64.15-2-10.10
10 Watson Avenue	Village of Newark Valley, NY	#64.15-2-56
247 Main Street	Village of Owego, NY	#128.08-4-41
94 Spencer Avenue	Village of Owego, NY	#128.08-3-37
437 Front Street	Village of Owego, NY	#129.05-4-12

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Chair of the Tioga County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to sign and record on receipt of \$1.00 each, a Quit Claim Deed conveying the properties transferred to Tioga County located in the Villages of Newark Valley and Owego to the Tioga County Property Development Corporation.



Tioga County Tourism September 2022

DRI Wayfinding Sign Project

Branding is almost complete. The committee will be meeting soon to finalize the design. The next steps will be meeting with the village board and reviewing actual samples, as well as reviewing the site plan that is in progress.

Agritourism Conference

Becca attended the International Agritourism Conference in Burlington Vermont to represent Finger Lakes Farm Country. T Hanson from Tioga CCE and two other tourism and CCE representatives from Yates County also attended. There were agritourism and farm professionals from all over the world attending. Becca attended a few very informative workshops, including two marketing workshops. Finger Lakes Farm Country was featured in a presentation by Arlene Wilson from Yates County CCE and in a booth exhibit. It was highly regarded as an innovative program.

Department of Labor Event

The Department of Labor will be visiting Owego in October for the annual day out. This event has occured in the past and has brought over 100 people to the Village downtown to shop and dine. Lori and Becca will be working with them to organize the day and also send information to attendees prior to the event to let them know what opportunities are available in and around the Village.

Village of Owego Marketing Campaign

TCT and Village of Owego business owners have been working on a campaign for the Village of Owego. Details are being finalized.

Amish Safety Signs

TCT has partnered with CCE to distribute safety signs around the county in areas that have Amish farms. They are available to for delivery or pick-up at the Visitor Center.

Recruitment Website

Brittany Woodburn and Becca are finalizing content for the website. The layout of the website is being finalized as well for an optimal use experience. Video and photogrpahy from the shoot in July should be available shortly and will belong to TCT to use for this and other Team Tioga projects.

Southern Tier Paddle Trail/Waverly Access Point

TPA's in the ST Paddle Trail footprint have met to move this project forward. A strategic plan is being developed. It will include the Tioga Paddle Trail as well as the Waverly Water Access Point

project, which has partnered with Cornell University's Design Connect Team to create a master plan under the leadership of Abbey Ortu from ED&P. TCT is supporting both of these efforts.

Southern Tier Beverage Trail

This project, which is a craft beverage trail throughout the Southern Tier that is funded by a grant through NYS, has revived after a hiatus due to covid. Currently, a passport is being developed and T-shirts for participating businesses are being printed for distribution. Farmhouse Brewery and Waterman's Distillery are the participants in Tioga County.



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September 2022 CCE Agricultural Highlights

Prepared for Tioga County Legislature Update

Cornell University Food & Agriculture Research

- T attended the Executive Leadership Conference 9/21-23 in Geneva, NY. All the directors of associations across NYS toured AgriTech and the Cornell Food Venture Center.
 - Apple, grape and cherry tree historical and culturally-important specimens from around the world are curated on the 400 acre AgriTech property. Opportunities to trial robotic and/or drone-based pest mgmt. and crop disease diagnosis exist for Tioga County farmers.
 - Farmers who would like to investigate taking a value-add product to market are able to consult with the Food Venture Center on recipe scaling, production and packaging. A new NYS product, Spare Tonic, was recently launched with the help of the Food Venture Center. It uses acid whey as a key ingredient, which is the food waste from Greek yogurt manufacturing, and creates a probiotic drink.

Hilltop Community Farm Beginning Farmer Incubator RFP

- Prepared RFP application for both vegetable and small ruminant livestock beginning farmers. Land tenure of awarded applicants will begin Spring 2023.
- Requested \$50K from Tioga Downs Fdn to support farm infrastructure for a military veteran incubator farmer. This amount matches the increased request to the county appropriation and will help offset the needed \$168,500 in farm equipment, irrigation and deer fencing.

Respectfully submitted,

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