



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 11, 2025, Time: 12:30 PM
74 Ontario Street, Committee Room 213, 2nd floor
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Committee Members

David Phillips, Chair
Todd Campbell
John Pruett
Christopher Vastola
William Wellman
Andrew Wickham
Mark Venuti

1. Call To Order:

The Planning & Environmental Quality meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM on August 11, 2025, by Chair David Phillips.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. Absent: . Necessarily Absent: Supervisor(s) Andrew Wickham. A quorum was present.

Others present in addition to committee members:

Jared Simpson, Chairman of the BOS
Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
Alissa Bub, Deputy County Administrator
Holly Adams, County Attorney
Peter Ingalsbe, Supv., T. of Farmington, via WebEx
Jim Kennedy, Supv, City of Geneva
Mary Gates, Dir., Finance
Nellie Puma, Deputy Dir., Finance
Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner, SSWM
Jeff Green, Casella
Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sustainable Assistant, via Web Ex
Ryan Davis, Dir., Economic Development
Michael Wojcik, Sr. Fiscal Manager

Tom Harvey, Dir., Planning
Betsy Landre, Sr. Planner
Linda Phillips, Sr. Planner
Julie Barry, Assoc. Planner, via WebEx
Tim Jensen, Assoc. Planner, via WebEx
Thomas Lyon, Sr. Planner, via WebEx
Kate Ott, Dir., Public Health, via WebEx
Megan Webster, Dir., Soil & Water
Diana Thorn, Secretary/Treasurer, Soil & Water
Mo Tiball, Dir., Cornell Cooperative Ext.
Alicia Quinn, FL Visitor's Connection
David Shaw, Reporter, Finger Lakes Times
Cindy Abraszek, Conf. Secretary to the County Administrator
Diane Foster, Deputy Clerk of the Board

2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025, Planning & Environmental Quality meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

3. Team Agency Updates:

Mo Tidball presented the 2026 proposed budget for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the CCE budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Todd Campbell. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Mo Tidball gave the following updates regarding grants:

- ~ The transportation to the fair grant went well. They had approximately 240 new youths that came to the county fair.
- ~ They are starting the rooted in learning grant, which is farm to school.
- ~ They will continue to look for grants.

Megan Webster presented the Soil & Water Conservation District and noted the following:

- ~ They lost a water resource technician, but added a district conservation technician.
- ~ An increase in the equipment line due to purchasing vehicles through the state marketplace.

Supervisor Mark Venuti motioned to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Chris DeBolt noted that the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Soil & Water budgets will be reflected in the administration budget under team agencies.

Megan Webster gave an update on the 2025 Projects, presented with photos as well as providing a link to the five -year strategic plan update for their aid program.

The following projects were noted:

- ~ WRC Implementation Funding - Drainage Stabilization to Wilson Creek in the Town of Seneca.
- ~ WRC Implementation Funding - Drainage Stabilization to Flint Creek in the Town of Gorham.
- ~ Water Retention Projects - Slowing the storm in East Bloomfield and Farmington
- ~ Nutrient Management Projects on 10 farms
- ~ Small Farm Nutrient Management and Barnyard Runoff Management

4. Casella:

Jeff Green gave the following updates:

- ~ Things are progressing as planned, the landfill planned activities are going well.
- ~ They are doing routine watering to keep the dust down.
- ~ They continue to have construction anticipated beginning at the end of this month for their landfill gas, starting with drilling and connecting some of the landfilled gas pipework.
- ~ Ongoing site management, with a significant amount of annual seasonal mowing.
- ~ No new current activities.

5. Sustainability & Solid Waste Management:

Regina Sousa gave the following updates:

- ~ With the Strategic plan, they're working through draft pieces of the plan that Barton & Louguidice has provided. They received the first version of the alternatives' analysis list, which they will be

reviewing internally in the next few days, and then discussing with the working group at their upcoming meeting.

~ Carla Joran, Regina Sousa, and Barton & Loguidice met with the NYS DEC to make them aware of the timeline for the new plan. NYS DEC requested an update in October.

~ The survey and the poll are still up on the website and will be available through the end of the month.

~ Registration is open for the next mattress event in the Town of Victor on August 23rd.

~ On August 18th, registration will open for both their next Tire Recycling event on September 6th in the Town of Hopewell and the Rigid and Bulky Plastic collection event on September 13th at the Landfill.

Supervisor Vastola asked if they could consider extending the survey.

6. Economic Development:

Ryan Davis gave a follow-up on questions that arose at a previous presentation on energy capacity. He said he would be giving this presentation on Energy Capacity to the developer roundtable on August 13th, hosted by Economic Development, Senator Helming and the Chamber of Commerce. He is striving to gather substation-level data for future utility construction and planning. Current circuit capacity issues exist in specific areas like Phelps and downtown Geneva. Ontario County faces a system-wide capacity issue affecting residential and business development. The county's energy capacity challenges impact growth potential and development strategies. They can advocate and make the request to the utilities through their other elected members. Stakeholder engagement aims to address energy demand concerns with developers and utilities. He is trying to illustrate demand.

Ryan Davis, along with Michael Wojcik presented the proposed 2026 budget for Economic Development. The following nightlights were noted:

~ This increase is due to adding a Community Developer position.

~ Contractuals' are decreased because they put all the Strategic Plan dollars in last year's budget.

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the proposed budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Todd Campbell. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

7. Planning Department

Linda Phillips presented a resolution entitled, "Appointment of Lisa Grefrath as Town of Hopewell Representative to the Ontario County Planning Board".

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Tom Harvey presented the proposed 2026 budget, with the following highlights other than the

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mandatory changes:

- ~ Matches for local grants
- ~ Initiatives in response to the Code Enforcement Officer working group proposal.
- ~ Increase in contractual expense due to the match of \$12,500 for a county-wide brownfield inventory.

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve the Planning Dept. budget s as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Tom Harvey presented the CIP budget for Planning, noting it is only the payments for the leased vehicle for code enforcement.

Supervisor Todd Campbell motioned to approve the CIP as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Betsy Landre, along with Michael Wojcik, presented the Aquatic Weed Control Budget for 2026, noting the following:

- ~ The aquatic vegetation harvesting program on Honeoye Lake has been a long-term Ontario County-sponsored program funded by a Finger Lakes Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA) grant. They are state funds that come through the Environmental Protection Fund that get appropriated every year. The grant has been increasing over the last few years, which allows them flexibility in taking care of the aging equipment. The state funding pays for approximately 75% of the cost of the programs, and the Towns of Canadice and Richmond chip in for the other half.
- ~ The budget is based on actual costs of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- ~ Worker's Comp and Disability is a county cost.

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to approve the Aquatic Weed Control budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti. The motion passed.

Yes: Supervisor(s): David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

Tom Harvey informed the committee of a resolution that was walked in to Health and Human Services regarding \$6,500 to hire G & G Consulting and Grant Writing to put together a Community Development Block Grant application for \$750,000 to assist the Geneva Housing Authority, who is our Section 8 administrator, to renovate some of their homes in the City of Geneva and to schedule a mandatory Public Hearing on September 11th for the public input on the communities needs. He said the Geneva Housing Authority could not apply themselves directly. If awarded, it will be handed off to Economic Development to administer.

8. County Administrator:

Alissa Bub gave an update on the quarter 2 of 2025 status report on the ARPA Grant. There are 19 of the 53 grants that are fully complete, which is 36% are complete, 54% of the grant awards are dispersed, and they all have to be spent by the end of 2026. They are not worried about any of the awardees not completing their awards.

Alicia Quinn of Finger Lakes Visitors' Connection said she will be presenting their budget at the September 2nd Committee meeting. She will be discussing their operation and marketing plan for their fiscal year. When she joined the organization, she said they were going to be contracting with Val Knoublauch to oversee the virtual museum project. She said that has since changed and Alicia Quinn will be overseeing the project. She said 26 signs out of 81 signs are complete, other than the QR codes.

9. Executive Session:

There was no executive session.

10. Next Meeting Date And Time:

September 2, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Supervisor Pruett made a brief statement, summarizing that the landfill (Seneca Meadows) does represent some challenges to the safety of our people. It involves our watershed, our air quality, and is concerned about adding a seven-story building on top of the existing landfill. He said the portable water for the Village of Seneca Falls had to be stopped twice due to contamination in their water system. He believes that is part of our Public Safety. He would like one of two things; to put together a letter, in the spirit of the committee, where we have something that is acceptable, or at the very least, submit a letter requesting to be an interested party to the DEC. He said if there is enough at the committee today, he would like to bring it up in a future committee.

Mark Venuti said he would be interested in moving forward.

Todd Campbell said he would be willing to entertain putting it on a future agenda, maybe after they do the first round of budget review, since they sometimes get a little longer. The idea of at least requesting to be an interested party. That's a little more palatable, rather than a letter of opposition. The rest of the Committee agreed with that suggestion.

11. Adjournment:

On a motion of Supervisor Todd Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Christopher Vastola, the Planning & Environmental Quality meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane R. Foster, Deputy Clerk to the Board