



# PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 14, 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 Committee meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM on October 14, 2025.

Members Present: Supervisor(s) David Phillips, Todd Campbell, John Pruett, Christopher Vastola, Mark Venuti, William Wellman, Andrew Wickham.

Others present in addition to committee members:

- Chris DeBolt, County Administrator
- Nathan Thomas, Assistant County Attorney
- Calra Jordan, Sustainability & Solid Waste Director
- Regina Sousa, Sr. Planner
- Ryan Davis, Economic Developer
- Michael Wojcik, Sr. Fiscal Manager
- Betsy Landre, Sr. Planner
- Megan Webster, Soil & Water Director
- Tracey Burkey, FLVC V.P. of Destination Development
- Carolina Taylor, FLVC PR & Communications Manager
- Tom Harvey, Planning Director, via Webex
- Jared Simpson, BOS Chairman
- Nancy Yacci, City of Canandaigua Supervisor
- William Namestnik, Town of Hopewell Supervisor
- James Kennedy, City of Geneva Supervisor
- Peter Ingalsbe, Town of Farmington Supervisor, via Webex
- Kristin Voss, BOS Clerk
- Jeff Green, Casella Engineer
- Dave Shaw, Reporter
- Mary Gates, Finance Director, via Webex
- Kaitlynn McCumiskey, Sustainability Assistant, via Webex
- Linda Phillips, Sr. Planner, via Webex

### 2. Approval Of Minutes:

Supervisor Christopher Vastola motioned to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2025 Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor William Wellman. The motion passed.

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

### 3. Team Agency Updates:

Megan Webster showed photos of Conservation Field days that were held at the 4-H Bristol Hills camp in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension. This is the 40th year of the field days.

They had 6 schools attending with a combined total of 560 students. They had 28 stations for the students with 60 instructors. She then showed photos of projects they just completed in the Town of Geneva, Town of Canandaigua, and the Town of East Bloomfield. Megan also reviewed a few of their Ag Non Point Source Round 30 grants that they were awarded.

#### **4. Casella:**

Jeff Green provided the following update on landfill operations:

- The new gas infrastructure project has been completed.
- They are wrapping up year-end stormwater and leachate management.
- They had 590 participants at the Household Hazardous Waste event.
- There are no new DEC landfill inspection reports.
- They haven't had any exceedance readings at the site.
- With the new gas wells hooked up, the gas plant is registering more gas coming into the plant.

#### **5. Sustainability & Solid Waste Management:**

Ms. Jordan talked about the Local Solid Waste Management plan. They have made a few minor changes. Mostly typos and correcting businesses that are not in Ontario County. She will send out the new version prior to the Board meeting. Barton & Loguidice will be at the Board meeting for the presentation on the plan and for public comment.

Carla Jordan presented a resolution entitled, "Approving the Release of the Ontario County Draft Local Solid Waste Management Plan and Opening of the Associated Public Comment Period".

Supervisor William Wellman motioned to approve the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Andrew Wickham. The motion passed.

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

Carla Jordan let the committee know that the Town of Hopewell is requesting up to \$50,571 in municipal assistance funding for the replacement of a compactor. The department budgets \$40,000 every year for municipal assistance. Generally the requests for these funds are kept to \$5,000 or less. We have had a few municipalities that have been provided funding for amounts higher than \$5,000. Currently, for 2025, no requests have been made for this funding and there is enough to cover the full \$50,000 ask as some of the events this year come in under budget. This would be supported by the current local solid waste management plan and, if the committee agrees to provide more than \$10,000 in funding, she would bring a resolution next cycle to approve the funding.

Supervisors Vastola and Pruett support providing the funding to the Town of Hopewell. Supervisor Venuti doesn't feel that this is the type of project that we should be funding. The funding should support new waste diversion methods. Supervisor Campbell believes that this funding should be used for new projects, not replacing equipment. Equipment replacement should be part of their town budget. Supervisor Wickham stated that if we only budget \$40,000 in funding a year we shouldn't

exceed that amount. Supervisor Phillips noted that the Town of Manchester received funding a few years ago to upgrade their weighing system to an automated one. Discussion ensued, and the Committee approved Ms. Jordan to bring a resolution to provide the Town of Hopewell with municipal funding up to \$40,000.

## **6. Tourism:**

Carolina Taylor and Tracey Burkey talked about the hosting opportunities that they have had recently. They also showed photos of the global fan tour that they did with people from Australia, England, Ireland, Germany, and Canada. They started out at New York Kitchen, then over two days went to the Lake House, Hotel Canandaigua, Brewery Ardennes, New York Beer Project, Simply Crapes, Sonnenberg Gardens, and Ganondagan.

## **7. Economic Development:**

Ryan Davis provided the following department update:

- Save the date for December 1st. Locate Finger Lakes and EDC will hold a Rural County Energy Summit to be held at Hobart and William Smith Colleges .
- The Phelps Local Planning Committee will hold their last meeting tonight for the NYS Forward funding application.
- The new Community Developer will be starting mid-October.
- The strategic plan is coming along. They hope to have it ready by the end of November or beginning of December.
- The IDA continues to be busy

Ryan Davis presented a resolution entitled, "Resolution of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors Approving the Issuance of Certain Bonds by the Genesee County Funding Corporation".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola 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, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

## **8. Planning Department**

Betsy Landre presented a resolution entitled, "Authorizing Contract with Canandaigua Lake Watershed Council to Fund Excavator Use for Watershed Stabilization Projects FLOWPA SFY2024-25 Funding".

Supervisor Christopher Vastola 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, Andrew Wickham. No: Supervisor(s): None. Abstain: Supervisor(s): None.

## **9. Unfinished Business:**

Approved Minutes

There was no unfinished business to be brought before the committee.

**10. Next Meeting Date And Time:**

November 3, 2025 at 12:30 PM

**11. Adjournment:**

On a motion of Supervisor Todd Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Mark Venuti, the Planning & Environmental Quality Committee meeting was adjourned at 01:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristin A. Voss, Clerk