

AGENDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 AT 10:15 A.M.
(Legislative Chambers)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rondinaro—Chair, Lausell, Howell, Blowers-excused, Fagan.
ALSO PRESENT: Timothy O’ Hearn, County Administrator
STAFF ADVISOR/MINUTES: Stacy Husted, Clerk

- I. WATKINS GLEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Rebekah Carroll, President
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- II. CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION – Philip Cherry, Executive Director
 - A. Report attached.

- III. SCOPED – Judy McKinney-Cherry, CEcD, Director
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- IV. PLANNING - Kristin VanHorn
 - A. Report attached.

- V. SOIL & WATER – Jerry Verrigni
 - A. Nothing submitted.

- VI. TRANSPORTATION – Tim O’Hearn
 - A. Nothing submitted.



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TO: Schuyler County CDNR Committee
FROM: Phil Cherry, Executive Director, CCE Schuyler
RE: September Update
DATE: September 19, 2018

Operations and Governance

- I will be attending the Executive Leadership Conference at Cornell next week where we're expecting to get some training in open meeting and FOIL laws and an update on the changeover from our old accounting system to a new one, slated for early next year.
- We are beginning to plan for our annual meeting, tentatively planned for November 28. We have secured Dr. Keith Tidball, Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) to be our guest speaker. EDEN has been following up with CCE's in the region in the aftermath of the floods this past month and it will be great to have him speak about EDEN at our meeting.

Ag and Natural Resources

- Reports coming out of the TBEX Farmers Market were very positive. I do not believe sales were that strong, but that didn't seem to matter to the vendors I spoke to. All of the farms and vendors expressed strong appreciation for the opportunity to present their goods and were very pleased to be able to participate in the event and showcase our area. Several of them were contacted that evening and asked for follow up appointments and special interviews with bloggers so we're hoping they got some good exposure for their farms and Schuyler county and the Finger Lakes at large.
- We are conducting a webinar this Thursday for forestry professionals on forest vegetation management strategies. Brett will be an instructor and is a part of the Arnot Forest Vegetative management team.
- We just learned that our bid to have Schuyler County be the host of the 2019 annual gathering of the Eastern Forest Managers has been approved. We will host this meeting in the fall of 2019, with an expected attendance of ~ 40 foresters from ~ 20 universities around the East Coast.

4-H Youth Development:

- Our 4-H Cloverbud Club began meeting again in September and gained five new children to our existing group. The group is learning about nature, and used the CCE Teaching Garden newly designed Head Start Garden as their outdoor classroom. Our Cloverbud families will also be working with Dr. Tamar Kushner's lab at Cornell on a new project that explores academic motivation; the children will play games and answer a short set of questions with students who work in the research lab.

- Our 4-H program has started a fall related cooking series and is continuing with our 4-H Shooting Sports program. This fall we are hosting classes on hunter and trapper safety with John Olin and Jerry Harnas.
- We will be hosting a 4-H Open House event on October 9 as one way to reach out to families in our community who have not participated in our programs. Lisa Shrout, 4-H Program Educator will have activity sampling stations for youth to try out as well as an interest survey to gain insight on what projects we should offer.
- Mel Schroeder will be providing training in late September on Creating Spaces in 4-H Youth Development where all Youth Can Thrive for leaders and administrators involved with 4-H. Most of this training shares the successes that we have had at Hidden Valley 4-H Camp. We have been asked by other land grants for presentations, and to host trainings via ZOOM. Will be working on a podcast and putting together a best practice model for the future.

Hidden Valley 4-H Camp

- We have contracted with CCE Genesee for some of Shawn Tiede's time between now and the end of the year to help with a new staffing structure for next year. Shawn is the NYS 4-H Camp Specialist and is intimately familiar with Hidden Valley and all 4-H camps statewide and will bring a great perspective as we focus on administrative tasks related to our camp for next year. These tasks will include our staffing plan, programming, NYS Department of Health guidelines, the Counselor in Training (CIT) Program, and recommendations for staffing next summer.
- Wines in the Valley will take place on Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.; we hope to see many of you there. We will have a silent and live auction; fall harvest dinner and all funds raised will be used to support our local Camp Scholarship fund.

REACH 21st Century Programs at Odessa Montour and Watkins Glen

- Both programs wrapped up summer sessions on August 19th and are slated to start for the fall session on October 9. Watkins Glen has a target of 60 students and will also run special offerings to reach additional students, and Odessa Montour has a target goal of 50 students this year. Both Afterschool programs are in their second year and the focus is on students receiving tutoring, enrichment and recreation with a goal of a minimum of 30 hours throughout the year, with a next level goal of 90 hours. These hourly benchmarks are set by the NYS Department of Education.

Parenting Education

- Our Family Play and Resource Center will continue to host Wednesday Play group at the Center. We are often at capacity during the playgroup, and have begun to sign out an additional Conference Room to host an art or science activity.
- The FPRC has hosted a weekly event at Havana Glen Park in cooperation with the Montour Falls library throughout the warmer months. The Center has recently seen a surge of attendance with the addition of Peanut Butter and Jelly lunch and play on Thursdays at the park, and is considering adding a fall nature stroller group that meets at the Human Services Complex to continue an outdoor play day.

- Our Parent Educator Home Visitor, Paula Goodrich, is currently providing in home education to 17 families and has a waiting list. A new strategy of family team meetings that include the Department of Social Services will start in October for families that have received intensive education for at least 2 years with no progression. We need to formalize a closure structure for families, and also provide an opportunity for families that are on the waiting list.

Energy Programs

- Katherine met with NYPA to establish potential funding and technical support available to replace the Odessa-Montour school district heating system. The fuel oil system is inefficient and the most expensive form of space heating. Recent changes in State policy make the school district eligible for substantial financial and technical assistance as well as resources for energy education if it chooses to install a solar PV array using the NYPA K-Solar resources and electrify its heating system.
- We are working to schedule some time to meet with Ken and David to talk about EV charging station locations and the utility tracking proposal floated some months ago. We will also be discussing the resolution we brought up last month to allow for benchmarking of County facilities in support of Clean Energy Community designation.
- We are working to find a date to host a NYSERDA-led solar PV workshop for the Schuyler County legislature and municipal officials in October or November. Katherine has been working with the Town of Dix on proposed updates to its solar zoning law and solar PILOT law in order to enable two possible large solar PV projects totaling 70 MW in the Town. A workshop would be helpful in answering officials' questions and posturing those projects for success. We will be reaching out to you to try and find the right date.
- Following the recent flooding in Hector and elsewhere, and following on her initiative to involve CCE in disaster planning, Katherine was appointed to the Cornell EDEN (Extension Disaster Education Network) program work team. She will be reaching out to County officials and agencies to schedule a presentation concerning the range of educational resources related to agricultural and residential natural disaster prevention and response, as well as other forms of community support, that EDEN can provide.

Up-Coming Events and workshops

<http://cceschuyler.org/events>

Family Play and Resource Center (FPRC)

Playspace open to the public, free of charge as a space for parents and caregivers to find community, support, information, and resources. Daytime Hours-Tuesday-Friday- 10AM-2PM and evening hours on Tuesday 3PM-6PM. Checkout the September events happening at the FPRC:

Tuesday evenings- Arts and Crafts time

Wednesday- Weekly play date, music, art, bubbles, garden time and more.

Thursdays- Picnic in the park

Friday- Play time!!

Forest Professionals Training Webinar- September 20th- on forest vegetation management strategies.

Master Forest Owners Training at Arnot Forest Sept 24-28

4-H Cloverbuds: Join us on 10/13, and 11/11 from 10:30AM-11:45AM in Room 120 of the Schuyler County Human Services Complex to explore the Fall season through science, art, and cooking! The cost is \$15 for all three sessions.

Time to go Nuts: Tuesday Oct 2nd from 6-8PM. Are you growing Walnuts, Chestnuts or Hazelnuts? If not, it is "Time to go Nuts". These nuts, and many others, are a great source of dietary fiber and provide a wide range of essential nutrients in our daily diets.

Tim Levatich Woods Walk: October 6th there is a "woods walk" at the Levatich Tree Farm in Brooktondale.

Silvopasture discussion - October 7th at Glen Angus Farm with 20 permaculture students.

Pawpaw 101: The Story of America's Forgotten Fruit

October 13, 2018, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Andrew Moore A writer and gardener from Pittsburgh, PA, is author of *Pawpaw: In Search of America's Forgotten Fruit*, a 2016 James Beard Foundation Award nominee in the Writing & Literature category. Andy will be available to sign his book at the lecture.

Wines in the Valley- October 20th 5-9pm. Fundraiser to benefit the Hidden Valley 4-H Camp scholarship fund!

Clubs

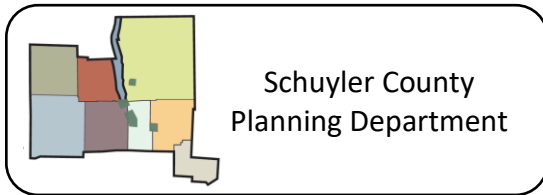
Schuyler County 4-H STEM Club

Meetings every other Tuesday. 4:30p-6:00pm in room 120 of the Human Services Complex in Montour Falls. Ages 8-17. Activities involve canning, robotics, cooking, planting and science.

4-H Photography Club

Fun and interactive sessions for youth 8 to 17 years old. Held at the Human Service Complex, Montour Falls. Call for details.

Alpaca Club-Meets every 3rd Saturday 9:30am to 11:30am. Open to children 8 to 17 years old. Children learn about alpacas and get hands-on experience taking care of them and teaching them agility exercises.



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To: Community Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee, Schuyler County Legislature
From: Kristin VanHorn, AICP
Date: September 18, 2018
Subject: September Report

Planning Commission – September 13

- #18-009a – Village of Watkins Glen Area Variance, Seneca Cheese Co. (29 N Franklin St) – APPROVED
- #18-011 – Village of Watkins Glen, Zoning Update Review - APPROVED
- #18-012 – Village of Watkins Glen Site Plan Review, Salubria Apartments (109 N. Franklin St) - APPROVED

EMC – September 12

- Continued talking about recycling issues, Seneca Lake quality, and are considering writing a letter to the Village of Watkins Glen about the change in paint color at the Walmart.

Agriculture Farmland Protection Board – No Meeting

- Purchase of Development Rights – Barber Farm
 - September 18, met with Zack Odell (Finger Lakes Land Trust) and David Barber to assist with the Barber Farms Application for The Dairy Initiative Application questions.

General Planning Efforts

- Town of Hector
 - Continue working with the Zoning Committee on the creation of a potential zoning law for the town
 - Assisted with the facilitation Public Input Workshop in Searsburg on September 18th,
 - Additional workshops will be held on Sept 19th in Burdett and September 27th
- Town of Reading
 - Attended Public Hearing on Proposed Land Use Law changes
 - Provided assistance with the SEQR documents.
- Village of Watkins Glen
 - Continue to assist the Village Planning Board with the development of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance to be included in their zoning law, as well as addressing ongoing zoning issues with the bulk density table and design guidelines.
 - Attended Village Board Meeting on September 17th
 - Attended Village Planning Board on September 19th
 - DRI:
 - Attended LPC Meeting Sept 5th
 - Worked on developing the Admin Plan for the HCR Grants, met with working group August 29th
 - Began developing RFQ for Clute Park Redevelopment

- FLX Gateway CDC
 - Worked on 2019 budget
 - FLX Works
 - Worked on ARC Grant Application for the purchase of equipment
- Glass Barge Event
 - Continued working with the Glass Barge Committee on the logistics for the event.
 - Assisted Buildings and Grounds and Liz Salamendra on Vendor Layout and Setup
- Village of Montour Falls
 - Attended meeting with FEMA about to the Montour Falls Levee and Flood Risk Resiliency project.

Standing Committees

- Attended SCOPED Board Meeting (September 4)
- Attended FLX Gateway Community Development Corporation (September 4)
- Schuyler County IDA (Sept 12)
- Coordinated Transportation Committee (September 12)
- STC Regional Planning Board (September 13, September 20)
- Water Quality Coordinating Committee (September 20)