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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA
October 7, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

1. **Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   - September 2, 2026

4. **Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey**
   - Monthly Report

5. **Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger**
   - Monthly Report

6. **County Historian**
   - Budget Transfer Request

7. **County Administrator**
   Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. Agreement

8. **Unfinished Business**

9. **New Business**

10. **Good of the Order**

11. **Adjournment**

Revised: 10/6/2026 9:54 AM

Allegany County SWCD October 2026 Resource Management Committee Report

- Stream Projects:
  - Belfast Genesee River Stabilization Project – Preparing bid documents
  - County Road 48 Stabilization Project – Both Army Corp and DEC permits have been approved. Planning to complete during the Summer of 2027
  - Town of Independence –Still continuing to work with FEMA to get funding obligated. All permits have been approved except for the Army Corp permit for Harrigan Gully Road. The Army Corp anticipates that approval in the 1 to 2 weeks.
  - Town of Willing – Waiting on FEMA to issue final approval for the project.
  - Sun Valley – The campground is currently working on the project.
  - Garwoods/Canaseraga Flooding – Some work has been completed.
  - Alleghany Hills Golf Course – Working on designs and permits to stabilize some sections of the streambank that are eroding towards the golf course.
  - Cuba Lake Dredging – A new proposal has been submitted to the DEC to avoid needing a wetland permit.
  - Rushford Lake Dredging – Waiting for the Lake drawdown so we can complete the survey of the area needing dredged.
- Ag Projects:
  - Fencing projects in the Towns of Granger and Scio have been completed.
  - Farms are starting to plant cover crops as crops are being harvested.
  - Construction of a pack barn in the Town of Scio is partially completed.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County

Horticulture & Master Gardener

- **Soil pH Clinic at the Fassett Garden** on September 2nd in Wellsville
- **Ask a Master Gardener at the Alfred Farmers Market** on September 13th in Alfred
- **Sustainable Landscapes Lunch & Learn** on September 16th
- **Master Gardeners at the Cuba Garlic Festival** on September 19th & 20th in Cuba
- **Test Your pH Soil Clinic** on September 26th at Tinkertown Hardware
- **Happy Gardening Club: Harvesting & Preserving** on September 30th in Almond
- **Easy Composting (online)** on October 16th
- **Grow A Moss Garden** on October 17th in Belmont
- **Happy Gardening Club: Fall Cleaning & Winter Preparation** on October 21 in Almond
- **Fall Gardening & Winter Preparation (online)** on November 6th

4-H

The Allegany County 4-H Program had a successful State Fair experience, with many members representing our county in both the Youth Building and Animal Science departments. We are especially proud of member **Collin Wilson**, who received a **Best in Show rosette** for his outstanding cutting board!

The Barn Yard Buddies 4-H Club welcomed **Patricia Eshelman**, who introduced members to the *Produced in New York* cooking contest and helped them prepare for this fun opportunity. The annual contest will take place on the first Saturday in November.

As we wrap up the current 4-H year, we are also gearing up for a new year beginning October 1. We are thrilled to have **three volunteers interested in forming new 4-H clubs**, creating exciting opportunities for youth throughout the county. We have many new programs and activities planned, including projects focused on 4-H Youth Building exhibits and the launch of our new **4-H Shooting Sports program**!

Farm to School / Ag in the Classroom

The 2026-2027 Harvest of the Month calendar is finalized. This month has been all about starting up the program for the year and making sure everything is set for each school. There are four school districts, not six, participating this year- Andover, Scio, Belfast, GVCS. I've redrafted the F2S program offerings to clearly reflect the programs and services I can offer to schools, drawing from both past work and current projects that can be readily adapted to meet the needs of different schools. I believe our F2S program is sustainable, unique, and on point with its mission with what is outlined. At my meetings with schools, I present this document to see what other projects they want to get into. I am keeping my eye open for funding opportunities.

Administration

- Building plans and associated work
- Executive Leadership Conference, Ithaca, NY 9/29-30
- Conferral of Title and County Accreditation
- Regional Executive Director meetings
- Chusid Symposium on Place 2026. Palmer Opera House 10/2

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Organic Dairy Pasture Walk – Centerville, 28 people turn out for discussion of pasture management, soil health, and how they play into creating a more productive pasture systems for cows.

Farmer Neighbor Dinner – Lake Lodge – 100 attendees for the annual dinner. Matt Havens was recognized for his 38 years of service as Regional Soil Scientist with Natural Resources Conservation Service. Sara & Jeremy Hatch, Emary Springs Farm were recognized as a 10-year Dairy of Distinction

Upcoming fall events:
Beginning a successful Small Farm Business for Veterans – 9 registered.
Air Pruned Raised Beds: Overwintering/Harvesting Tree Seedlings – Rushford, October 9th
Ginseng Workshop – Rushford, October 29th

Highlight topics addressed 1-on-1 with farms: soil testing, regulations for selling ag products, grants, weed management, planting/terminating cover crops, grazing plan, seed development. Working with 2 aspiring farmers; 4 beginning farmers from prior months.

Residential Questions: soil & water testing, forest management, planting trees, bee/hornet control, insect ID.

HARVEST OF THE MONTH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER | CORN

OCTOBER | APPLES & PEARS

NOVEMBER | POTATOES

DECEMBER | WINTER SQUASH

JANUARY | CABBAGE

FEBRUARY | HONEY & MAPLE SYRUP

MARCH | ANIMAL PROTEINS

APRIL | GARLIC & ONIONS

MAY | SALAD GREENS

JUNE | DAIRY

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ALLEGANY COUNTY FARM TO SCHOOL

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Allegany County Farm to School program connects schools with local agriculture through food, nutrition, and hands-on learning. The program aims to increase access to local foods, provide opportunities for student leadership, reduce food waste, promote sustainability, strengthen school gardens, and support schools in creating lasting, community-centered food systems.

SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMS

- **Harvest of the Month**
    - Meals & Tastes Tests
    - Monthly Lessons & Activities
    - Ambassador Program
        - "NY Food Champions" is a leadership initiative where students become official local food advocates, leading monthly harvest promotions and taste tests. While performing these tasks, students wear their official clip-on NY Food Champion badges as their leadership uniform. At the end of the year, the classroom's collective efforts are recognized, and each student receives their official NY Food Champion Award Certificate to take home.
            - Field Trips
                - Apple Orchards
                - Dairy Farms
                - Small-Scale Farms

- **Food Scraps Recycling**
    - Cornell Weigh and Sort
    - Cafeteria Sorting Stations & Compost Systems Planning & Support
    - Ambassador Program
        - "The Green Team" is a group of students who manage cafeteria sorting stations and assist with the compost system or unit. They also work together to find and implement solutions to reduce waste and increase recycling through advocacy and action for school and at home (student leaders supporting waste reduction and composting.)
            - Field Trips
                - Transfer stations
                - School/University Composting sites

CAFETERIA ONLY

- **Local Food Procurement**
    - NY Thursdays
        - Promote NYS foods through school meals, creating regular opportunities to feature local products in the cafeteria on one or more Thursdays each month.
    - Local Food Purchasing/Preservation Plans
        - Develop a plan to increase local food purchasing while supporting preservation, storage, and year-round availability of locally produced foods.
    - Local Salad Bar
        - Expand salad bar programs as a Farm to School strategy that increases opportunities for schools to purchase and serve local food.
        - Salad Bars to School Grant

- **Sustainability Initiatives**
    - Reusable food ware
    - Bulk Milk dispensers
    - Compostable plastics transition

- **30% NYS Initiative**
    - To encourage school districts to use more New York State farm products, this initiative increases the reimbursement schools receive for lunches from 5.9 cents per meal to 25 cents per meal for any district that ensures at least 30% of their lunch costs are made up of eligible New York products. School districts that have reached the 30 percent threshold will receive additional reimbursement in the following school year.

CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

- **Ag Literacy Week (2nd)**
    - A statewide agricultural literacy initiative that connects students with New York agriculture. CCE Allegany Farm to School Educators and community volunteers visit classrooms to read an agriculture-focused book and engage students in activities and discussions about farming, food, and agriculture in New York.

- **Seed to Salad (K-4)**
    - A gardening project that engages youth in growing salad gardens of their own. This is an adaptable project that can be used as a classroom

project from February to June or as an 8-week project during after-school program.

- **Farm to School Dinner (5th)**
    - Students will plan, prepare, and host a farm-to-table meal (i.e., lunch or dinner) to be served to the entire 5th grade or another school audience. The meal may be a simulated event or an actual meal prepared and served. This experience could also be incorporated into a fundraiser.

- **NY Ice Cream Challenge (MS/HS)**
    - Students will develop their own ice cream recipe, identify their target audience, create marketing materials for their flavor combination, and learn about the dairy processing industry in their community.

SCHOOL GARDENS

- **Garden Planning & Support**
    - Garden design, crop planning, soil testing, and technical guidance tailored to school spaces and assistance securing supplies, tools, seeds, soil, and donations.

YOUR LOCAL PARTNER IN SCHOOL INNOVATION

The CCE Allegany Farm to School Educators serve as experienced, creative partners dedicated to helping schools implement various projects related to local food procurement, sustainability, and school garden projects. Educators also offer grant writing and resource assistance, helping schools identify funding opportunities and connect with resources.

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Historian's Office

TO: Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator/Budget Officer
-and-
Jenna L.Kelley, County Treasurer/Deputy Budget Officer

PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS:

BUDGET:

From Account No.	To Account No.	Amount
A7510.201-Office Equipment	A7510.429 -Gen. Gov Contracts	1,000.00

Total $1,000.00

Dept. Authorization: _____ Dated: _____

Co. Admin/Budget Officer Authorization C. M. Knapp Dated: 9/4/2026

Committee Authorization: _____ Dated: _____

Submit this form to County Administrator/Budget Officer to authorize individual departmental transfers or funds within any personal services, equipment or contractual expenses appropriation account in amounts of less than $5,000.00 per transaction. All other transactions must have Committee of Jurisdiction approval.

MEMORANDUM OF EXPLANATION
For Services Agreement Renewal

COMMITTEE: **Resource Management** **DATE:** **October 7, 2026**

Requesting a resolution for services agreement renewal with the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. that expired on March 31, 2026 (Resolution #258-25). The services agreement is necessary for state aid pass through funding from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) to Allegany County and then to the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. to develop and maintain snowmobile trails in Allegany County.

Requesting the term of the agreement be three years commencing on April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029, following the state's fiscal cycle.

Requesting the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute the services agreement with prior review and approval of the terms and conditions by the County Attorney.

FISCAL IMPACT: A7185.3089.00 AC Snowmobile Assoc. St. Aid - $176, 104

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER, CONTACT:

Carissa M. Knapp, County Administrator
NAME AND TITLE

585-268-9216
TELEPHONE NUMBER