

Key Accomplishments and successes from 2025

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- ✓ Implementation of the CDBG Microenterprise Grant Program
- ✓ Grant funding secured for the Owego Apalachin CSD/BOCES Satellite Facility
- ✓ 81 North Avenue, Owego Rehabilitation Project Completed by TCPDC
- ✓ The Tioga Fresh Mobile Café project is to be completed in January 2026
- ✓ Paint Collection Event hosted by Tioga County Sustainability
- ✓ Masterplan for George Smith Park in the T. of Berkshire nearing completion
- ✓ Established structure for TC ED&P staff to provide administrative support for TCIDA

Major challenges or constraints experienced in 2025

Federal funding uncertainty in 2025 significantly impacted TC ED&P, TCIDA, and TCPDC operations, causing grant program and project delays, disruptions, and planning difficulties due to sudden federal freezes, policy shifts, and agency staffing reductions.

Ongoing priorities and goals for 2026

- TCIDA submission and award of a FAST NY grant application to conduct predevelopment studies for the potential acquisition and development of industrial land in the Lounsberry area
- Award of an additional \$218,750 in grant funds and implementation of expanded CDBG Microenterprise Program
- Completion of rehabilitation projects at 121 Providence Street, Waverly and 247 Main Street, Owego by TCPDC
- Request for proposal to be issued by Tioga County Sustainability to select a consultant to update Tioga County's Debris Management Plan
- Identify and secure funding to implement the masterplan for George Smith Park in the Town of Berkshire
- TCIDA will engage an engineering firm to conduct a preliminary engineering study to assess the physical and regulatory requirements, environmental and safety constraints of constructing a parallel recreational trail alongside the Owego and Hartford Line (OHRY) in Northern Tioga County through awarded OPRHP EPF funding.

Programmatic Highlights and Major Initiatives

- ✓ **Lockheed Martin Corporation PILOT application approved by TCIDA:**
Lockheed Martin Corporation will be renovating and modernizing 70,000 square feet of building 080 of the Owego Campus. The newly renovated facility will be used for helicopter integration and supporting flight operations. The estimated \$51 million project will bring 100 new FTE manufacturing jobs.
- ✓ **Implementation of the CDBG Microenterprise Grant Program:**
Tioga County was awarded \$212,500 in microenterprise funds to subgrant to existing and new small businesses that have 5 or fewer employees with up to \$35,000 in grant funding. Six businesses were awarded and two projects were completed in 2025. The remaining projects will be completed in 2026.
- ✓ **Grant funding secured for the Owego Apalachin CSD/BOCES Satellite Facility:**
ED&P assisted OACSD with securing \$1.8 million in ARC and Congressionally Directed Spending grant funds for building renovations to help renovate the OA maintenance building that is currently being used as a BT BOCES satellite campus. The additional funding will allow BOCES to expand programming and provide future adult education training program opportunities.
- ✓ **81 North Avenue, Owego Rehabilitation Project Completed by TCPDC:**
The redevelopment of this mixed-use masonry building in downtown Owego included the full rehabilitation of two 2-bedroom apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors that showcase preserved historic character, and 990 square feet of commercial space on the 1st floor that is leased to a local business.
- ✓ **The Tioga Fresh Mobile Café project is to be completed in January 2026:**
ED&P assisted Catholic Charities Tompkins/Tioga with implementing a \$243,533 CDBG award to purchase and outfit a mobile food truck through JP Food Trucks to launch the Tioga F.R.E.S.H. program. The mobile food pantry will be delivered in January 2026, with operations beginning shortly after.
- ✓ **Paint Collection Event hosted by Tioga County Sustainability:**
Tioga County Sustainability, in partnership with GreenSheen, hosted a Paint Collection Event, offering free disposal services to county residents. The event successfully collected and properly disposed 22,027 lbs. of latex paint and 2,816 lbs. of oil-based paint.
- ✓ **Masterplan for George Smith Park in the Town of Berkshire is nearing completion:**
ED&P assisted the Town of Berkshire in implementing a \$50,000 grant from ARC to develop a master plan for George Smith Memorial Park improvements. The Steering Committee selected Barton & Loguidice to develop the Park Master Plan, and the project is scheduled for completion in January 2026. IT improvements, computer updates and a new town website were also funded through the ARC grant.

Staffing Trends

ED&P has nine full-time staff. The Community Development Specialist and Housing Development Specialist positions were filled in the 3rd quarter of 2025, and the newly created Administrative Coordinator position will be filled in the 1st quarter of 2026.

Budgetary Considerations

None currently.

Partnerships

ED&P continues to partner with businesses, state and federal government agencies, local municipalities, and non-profit organizations to implement projects and major initiatives.

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