MINUTES
CAYUGA COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
October 6, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Chambers of the County Legislature on the sixth floor of the County Office Building.

The minutes from June were approved without change.

Presentation: The "P" Project, Weeds Watch Out, and Other Environmental Programs Offered Through Cornell Cooperative Extension
Presented by: Kelly Fallone, Cornell Cooperative Extension

The goal of the P-Project is to reduce the amount of external phosphorus reaching Owasco and Cayuga Lakes. The P-Project is a collaborative program led by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County and conducted in partnership with the organizations of the Cayuga County Water Quality Management Agency. Funding is provided by the Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA).

Weeds Watch Out! (W2O!) is an education and outreach program that will attempt to thwart the spread of invasive aquatic plant species into, within, and from the Oswego River Basin, a sub-basin of Lake Ontario. W2O! will establish strong inter-watershed relationships in the Oswego River Basin to effectively address current and future invasive aquatic plant issues in a coordinated manner. Funding is provided for this program from the EPA Great Lakes Grants Program, EPA Great Lakes National Program Office, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Other programs that were discussed were the FLEP: Forest Land Enhancement Program which trains individuals to steward and maintain their forest resources. CCE also does a number of solid waste programs focusing on recycling and composting. These include the following programs: Earth Day Electronics and Propane Tank Collection, Tire Round Up, Trade-A-Tree, Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHW), Composting/Vermicomposting, Ag Pesticide Collections, and Printer Cartridge Recycling.

There is also a component for youth environmental education which includes: Conservation Field Days, Watershed Watch, 4-H Environmental Science Club, and Conservation in Small Spaces.

For more information contact Kelly Fallone at CCE at 255-1183, ext.225

Presentation: NYS Office Of Parks And Historic Preservation: Historic Sites GIS Website
Presented by: Amy D'Angelo, Cayuga County Planning Department

SHPO has recently added new features to their website that will allow the user to navigate the archeological sensitivity database through the use of GIS. The benefit of this is that it is much easier to determine if a location is within an area noted for archeological sensitivity. This website will be useful in determining archeological and historical sensitivities in the SEQR process.

The web address that takes you to the first of two disclaimers that you have to agree in order to enter the site is: **nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo/disclaimers/disclaimer_gis.htm** If you want the full directions, please contact Amy D'Angelo at 253-1276 to get a copy of the handout.

Local Status Reports:

Village of Cayuga/Town of Aurelius – Mr. Harris stated that they are underway with the joint comprehensive plan. They have hired the engineering firm, Barton and Loguidice, to oversee this project and expect to have the first scoping session 11/4 and the visioning later in November. They are currently working on a strategic plan and then will move from there into the comprehensive plan. Based on the visioning, they will develop a survey to distribute Town-wide.

Town of Fleming – Mr. Moor mentioned that the Town has received an informal request for a 38 parcel subdivision near Veness Brook. It is still in the discussion stage. Waterline 6 in Fleming and Springport, that services the houses impacted by the contaminated wells, is proceeding well. The water tower should be constructed soon.

Town of Cato – Mr. Lloyd stated that the Town has been going back and forth with a PDD. This PDD was never filed with the County so they may be able to have it voided. Looking to amend PDD provisions to make PDDs subject to periodic review.

Town of Ira – Ms. Southard discussed the major subdivision in the Town that is near the Town of Victory border and has sparked 20 -25 residents per meeting. The residents have treated each of the planning board meetings as hearings and are becoming disruptive. As a result they have suspended the public comment portion of the meeting until the meetings stop being disrupted.

Town of Moravia/Village of Moravia– Ms. Weaver stated that the waterline between the Town and Village is creating difficulties. Failing bridges in Moravia are starting to be addressed.

Other Matters:

Ms. D'Angelo notified the group of an upcoming training on incorporating stormwater provisions into local laws on October 20th and an informational meeting on the Finger Lakes Water Resources, Agricultural, and Open Lands Conservation Project on November 1st.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2005 at 7:00 pm, in the Chambers of the County Legislature on the sixth floor of the County Office Building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.