

Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District News

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\$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITY \$

ROUND 18 PROJECT REQUEST

In the coming months we will be writing proposals for funding under **Round 18** of the *Ag Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program*. Any farm interested in being included in funding proposals under Round 18 for implementation of agricultural conservation practices are urged to contact our office at 315-568-4366 to discuss eligibility and potential projects you may have by **November 10th**. Participation in Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) is a requirement for any farm applying.

Some examples of potential projects for funding would be:

- Silage Lechate
- Manure Management
- Laneways
- Erosion Sediment Control
- Rotational Grazing
- Water Systems
- Ag Mixing Facilities, ect..

Call our office with any other ideas you may have.

More information on AEM can be found on our website at www.senecacountyswcd.org or at

www.agmkt.state.ny.us/SoilWater/aem/index.html.



Conservation programs were authorized by Congress under the 2008 Farm Bill to provide funding and technical assistance to landowners who voluntarily implement conservation practices. These practices improve natural resources and wildlife habitat on privately owned agricultural land and forestlands.

Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) focus is to preserve, protect and restore wetland areas. Wetland protection will improve wildlife and migratory bird habitat, provide flood water retention, open space and aesthetic values. To be eligible the land must be previously converted wetland areas and must be restorable to wetland functions and values.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities, or improving maintaining and managing existing conservation activities. Approved applicants will be provided financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance natural resources on their land.

The Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) focuses on improving Irrigation Efficiency and High Tunnel installation. A primary goal of the program is to assist agricultural producers in mitigating risk through production diversification or installation of conservation practices.

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2010 Dishwasher Detergent and Nutrient Runoff Law

On July 15, 2010 the Dishwasher Detergent and Nutrient Runoff Law was signed into law by the Governor. This law will improve water quality in New York by reducing phosphorus runoff into the State's water bodies. It will also reduce costs to local governments and private entities required to remove excess phosphorus from storm water and wastewater, and will improve recreational and other uses of the state's waters.

Dishwasher Detergent Provisions

- Sale of dishwasher detergent containing phosphorus for household use is prohibited beginning 8/14/10.
- Sale or distribution of dishwasher detergent containing phosphorus for use at commercial establishments is prohibited beginning 7/1/13.

Fertilizer Provisions - Beginning 1/1/12

- Use of fertilizer containing phosphorus on non-agricultural lawns and turf is restricted to when a new lawn is being established or when a soil test indicates additional phosphorus is needed.
- Application of any fertilizer for non-farm use is prohibited between December 1st and April 1st.
- Application of any fertilizer within 20 feet of a water body or on paved surfaces is restricted.
- Retailers must display fertilizer that contains phosphorus separately from phosphorus-free fertilizer and must post signs notifying customers of the terms of the law.

This provision DOES NOT impact agricultural fertilizer or fertilizer for gardens.

Additional information about the new requirements can be found at

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67239.html>

Training Opportunity

N.Y.S. D.E.C. Endorsed 4 Hour Erosion and Sediment Control Required Training

When: November 18, 2011

Where: Canandaigua, NY

Cost: \$85 per person, non-refundable

Contact: Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District
Office(585)396-1450 ask for Edith Davey or P.J. Emerick

Information on this can also be found on our website

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The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) offers funding assistance in the form of Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) to be developed by a Technical Service Provider (TSP); include Agricultural Energy Management Plans, Certified Nutrient Management Plans, Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition Plans, Grazing Management Plans, Integrated Pest management Plans, Irrigation Water Management Plans, Nutrient Management Plans, and Oil Spill Prevention Control Plans. Funding is also available for Best Management Practices that address resource concerns associated with the Local Focus Areas of Livestock Waste, Cropland and Grazing. Additional EQIP funding categories are available for Resource Concerns on private forestland through Forestry Initiatives to improve productivity and forest health, Oil Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure and Certified Organic and Transitioning to Certified Organic producers.

The **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** focuses on improving habitat for at-risk shrub-dwelling birds and establishing and enhancing grassland habitat for declining bird species, pollinators, and other wildlife.

Applications for EQIP, CSP, AMA, WRP and WHIP are competitive and ranked based on national, state, and locally identified resource priorities, and their overall benefit to the environment. Interested landowners can apply for all programs at their local USDA-NRCS office. For sign-up details or additional conservation program information contact Ron Vanacore USDA-NRCS @ 315-568-6346 ext. 191 or visit

<http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/>

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