

District Manager's Report – 04/12/13 - Joe Driscoll

1. **Grant and Project Update**

- **Round 17:** Trinkle, Horton, Austin – Engineering work in progress or completed. Construction likely late spring.
- **Round 18:** Trinkle, Houser – Engineering work in progress, construction likely this summer.
 - Houser – Issues to be discussed.
- **Round 19:** Stewart (Twin Brooks), Thomas (Red Top), Swezey, Hoyt – Plan of Work meeting held with Bob Brower on 04/05. Plan of Work in progress, due on 05/20.

NYS-DEC / Empire State Development Corp. Funding for Post Irene Mitigation, Salem/White Creek – The Washington County DPW is seeking bids on rock and other materials for the project, to comply with the State Women and Minority Owned Business policies (MWBE's). We hope to begin construction later this spring.

2. **2013 Tree & Shrub Program**

This year's pre-order tree sales are as follows: 129 orders, totaling \$10,732.81 / compared to 120 orders for \$12,656.00 in 2012.

We will have additional cash sales during and after distribution, which is April 26 & 27.

3. **Aerial Rye Cover Crop Funding Update**

At the March CWICNY meeting I made the CWICNY Board and DEC personnel aware that Washington Co. SWCD had a strong interest in this project and would like to promote efforts to secure funding for the project. Fred Dunlap from DEC (Ray Brook) indicated that there was a pot of Lake Champlain money which may be available for such purposes. Clinton and Essex counties are also interested.

4. **New County GIS Website and Training**

The Washington County Real Property Tax Service office recently updated their website which we use extensively for map making and tax parcel identification information. The availability and quality of information now available is a big improvement.

The District technical staff met with Heather (the County's GIS person) last week to become better familiarized with the new system.

5. **Employee Training Plans** – Developed these with each SWCD employee.

6. **Other Field Work and Technical Assistance**

- Washington Co. DPW – 1 culvert replacement, 2 stream bank stabilization sites
- Reafield Farm, Jackson – CNMP, CAFO information
- Doc Rymph/Harry Booth, Easton – C/T stream cleanout, permit
- Town of Jackson Highway Dept., Skellie Road – Battenkill issue
- Town of Dresden Highway Dept. – Lake Champlain Water Chestnut Harvesting
- Stewart Ziehm – Pond cleanout, USFWS wetland

7. **Meetings / Events Attended**

- Whitman Feeds, Grower Meeting – CCA Credits – 03/13
- Champlain Valley Grazing Symposium – CCA Credits – 04/01
- Washington Co. Highway Association Meeting – Cambridge – 04/04
- No-till Drill Reactivation – Fairgrounds/Service Center – 04/05

8. **Meetings / Events Scheduled**

- Municipal De-icing Practices Forum – Lake George – 04/17
- Tree & Shrub Distribution – Washington Co. Fairgrounds – 04/26 & 04/27