District Manager's Report – Joseph Driscoll – 11/14/14

1. **Grant and Project Status** – NYS Ag Nonpoint Source

- Round 20 – Plan of Work was submitted to Albany in August, and we are still waiting on the funding contract (contract start date was already established). Red Top Farm has a completed design and has begun construction.

- Round 19 – Southern Champlain Basin Farmstead Source Control

    - Twin Brooks Farm (Hartford) – Silage leachate collection and VTA completed and certified; semi-final payment made; engineering payment pending.

    - Red Top Farm (Granville) – Silage leachate collection and VTA completed and certified; semi-final payment made. All documentation complete.

    - Swezey View Farm (Granville) – Barnyard roof design complete. Several construction quotes are in; one looks favorable and within budget. Farmer financing now being sought.

- Round 18 – Upper Hudson CAFO Farmstead Compliance

    - Brotherhood Farm (Easton) – Revised design completed and contractor selected. Significant progress on ag waste storage excavation this month; concrete work also underway.

    - Trinkle Farms (Cambridge) – Silage leachate VTA completed and certified; payment made. Remainder of project feed storage pad on hold due to wollastonite issue. Project delayed until 2015.

- Round 17 – Hoosic Walloomsac Farmstead Source Control

    - Trinkle Farms (Cambridge) – All work completed and functioning.

    - Horton Farms (Cambridge) – Silage leachate collection design finalized. Bob Kalbfliesh and Olga Vargas conducted soils investigation on 08/11 to determine feasibility of VTA. It appears soils mapped as Hoosic (HOB) may be allowable for VTA. Final decision lies with engineer. Project construction delayed until 2015.

    - Lincoln Hill Farm (White Creek) – Awaiting design modifications from Derek Gardner of BAK Engineering. Construction anticipated for 2015.

2. **Aerial Rye Cover Field Day – Champlain Basin/Mettawee Valley**: Aerial rye cover was flown on by helicopter to a total of 260 acres on the following farms which border the Mettawee River – Walker Farms, LLC, Parker's Dairy/Village of Granville, Redtop Farm, Kilpatrick Family Farm, Toolite Farm and Quarrydell Farm on August 27th.

   On October 23rd we coordinated a cover cropping field day focused on the aerial rye fields and results. Fourteen attended, including two farmers, two CCE specialists and several other interested people from SWCD and NRCS.

   We completed the final report and funding invoice on this project and submitted to LCBP.

3. **Korb Gravel Mine – Town of Cambridge**: Mining plan and reclamation plan for gravel pit expansion permit completed and mailed to DEC in Warrensburg for review. They will be billed for the plan when it is approved by DEC.

4. **Other Field Work and Technical Assistance**:

   - Robert Palyo – Hebron – Wetland disturbance permit
   - Bill Lundy – Hartford – Drainage layout/wetlands
   - Richard Locke – Granville – Manure runoff
   - Bill Boice – Easton – Pond site evaluation
   - Paul Miller – Hartford – Pond level change

5. **NYACD Annual Meeting (Utica 10/22 & 23)**: Corrina and I attended the statewide annual meeting of the NY Association of Conservation Districts in Utica on October 22-23. Former State Soil & Water Executive Director, Dave Pendergast was the keynote speaker.

   I was pleasantly surprised with the NYACD Commendation Award for 32 Years of Service.

6. **Important Upcoming Dates**:

   - 11/20 – CWICNY, Westport
   - 12/31 – My Last Day