

District Manager's Report – Corrina Aldrich – 09/08/2017

Grants-

Round 17 and Round 18 Tim gave us a check for what was owed to the district for engineering overpayment and also a check to forward to Dana Chapman for a final payment; we are now waiting to have copies of the canceled checks from him to complete our documentation.

Round 19 Ben and Scott met with Dave to go over fencing minimum requirements; Dave will work on.

Round 20 Walker Farms in Fort Ann called and asked about latest dates for planting due to the lateness of the corn season with rain and lack of maturity this year.

Round 21 Permit submitted to DEC and Army Corps for Hoosic River Bank Project; received word that more information was needed on the plan view and a cross section view was requested as well. Working on these items, but don't foresee that work will begin this season.

Round 22 Woody Hill has started construction and the liner has been delivered. One complication has occurred at this point with some very hard shale showing up above the floor grade in the northeast corner of the pit. Ellsworth and Aaron Weiss have been conversing on what will be required to get this issue addressed so no damage will occur to the liner. The 65% of BMP installation funds for Woody Hill have been vouchered for and have been received by the District.

Spoke with Larry Bailey about archeology study and moving ahead with engineering plans for the Silage Leachate Systems.

Round 23 Received official notification from the State Committee and Plan of Work has been submitted and approved by the September 1st deadline. Now we wait as the rest of the process plays out at the state level.

Have started discussions with CAFO Planners and Farmers regarding Manure Storage Funding, RCPP Champlain funds, and AgNPS Round 24 to gauge interest and fit farms where they have the best opportunity for successful funding. We will be meeting with Donner Carr at Fullerton Dairy on September 12th to do a farm site visit and discuss funding potential.

Part B It is that time of year when we need to submit a new project proposal by November 1st and it needs to be approved by the Board. I asked for ideas from the Ag Planning Committee at the county. Sara Idleman mentioned doing a project at Greenwich Beach. It would have to fit under the Part B guidelines but we may be able to work on some storm water exclusion, or non-point source protection at the site. I will need to follow up with Sara to see what she has in mind. We are open to other suggestions as well.

State Funds Part C Moving forward with Lenny Austin project. Will talk with Mark St. Jacques on Fairgrounds Stormwater needs - dry wells, rain gutters, and they are having issues with high nitrate water tests so may be looking for ways to try and address this issue in the future. Ordered 10 more of the large sediment basins from Utopia; they will be utilized in Dresden on Pike Brook Road and in Putnam. We are waiting for the revised engineering plans for a smaller version of the sediment basins from Dave Reckhan in Essex County.

AEM Bob submitted annual report.

RCPP/RCD Quarterly report for beginning of this year completed and submitted; have talked with a few farms about using the T/A funds available for having a CNMP done, have not had anyone come in to signup though.

RCPP/VT Heritage Hill and Fullerton Dairy have signed up. Wrote a letter of support to NRCS State Conservationist Greg Kist for Fullerton Dairy as their farmstead lies just over the boundary for the Champlain Watersheds southern border, however they operate around 1,500 acres in the Champlain Watershed which they utilize in their CNMP.

Municipal Assistance

- FEMA assistance meeting on August 15th in regards to July 1st flooding event in Fort Ann, Hartford, Argyle and Granville
- Several meetings at Murray Hollow bridge site with Town, County, Engineers, and DEC personnel
- Reviewing Hazard Mitigation Plan update for County
- Site visits in Putnam with Gary Treadway for culvert replacement
- Dresden site review for sediment basin installs on Pike Brook Road
- Continuing conversation with Landowners and Granville Village in regards to a project at Rathburn Street and the Slate Valley Museum

Landowner Assistance

- Permit for Battenkill work handed over to Cynthia Browning; reviewed Battenkill Alliance projects installed the week of 8-25-2017 in the Town of Jackson
- Letters to Virginia Anderson, Ann Marie Heilmann, and Pam Wilcox in regards to pond/stream flow questions and e-coli in stream
- 12 pond site visits in the last several weeks - mainly concerns with algae and weeds. One pond blown out by July 1 rain event in Granville and landowner has decided to not rebuild and work to improve stream corridor

New Computer installed

Took some photos for Fair Display - Bob, Ben and Lori setup and it looked really nice, received compliments and some requests for assistance as a result.

Upcoming

- Ag Planning/Tourism & Budget meeting August 25th
- Meet with Fullerton Dairy and their planner September 12th
- RFP for Manure Storage Funding due out soon
- Grassfed Exchange September 28th and 29th
- October 17th to 18th NYACD meeting Cazenovia
- October 19th Stormwater Tradeshow Lake George