

## **District Manager's Report – Corrina Aldrich – 12/08/17**

**Round 17 and Round 18** Tim brought in copies of the canceled checks will be moving ahead with closeout paperwork.

**Round 19** Ben is working through some paperwork with Ken Thomas, we did get him to leave a check for his remaining required engineering payment which was sent to AES. We still need a copy of it from the bank and some paperwork to document his cost share on cement purchases. Dave Swezey has installed his fence and it has been approved for payment, he is still getting us some more information regarding timesheet for fence install and invoices for materials.

**Round 20** Bob will report on cover crop progress. I checked with Brian and Bethany on the possibility of closing the remaining cover crop portion of this grant out in conjunction with Round 19 and the recommendation was to review the paperwork and have it ready, but we would still need to do the final spring field follow-up and review with the farms before we can close it out, so probably in April/May.

**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 for submittal. Resubmitted additional information that was requested.

**Round 22** Ben can report further. The large manure storage is basically complete with a few details on site to be completed by Woody Hill, and Chenango Liner needs to come and repair a tear that is the result of a windstorm meeting loose roofing from the sawdust bin.

**Round 23** Plan of Work was approved, now waiting on state process to receive a contract.

**Round 24** - Early discussions with Tooleys on potential for application for Milk House Waste Project; have advised them to contact an engineer through DAP and get some planning started. Hicks Orchard potential for Agri-chemical mixing facility. Discussion with Bob Chambers regarding additional storage requirements. Hugh Feidler asking about funding assistance so gave him information for DAP and told him he needed to get started on planning; then come back to see us. Heard that Travis Rea has called a CAFO Planner to update CNMP.

**Annual Plan of Work** in ahead of schedule; will need to add an item regarding participation in the Hudson River Citizens Advisory Group.

**CAFO Waste Storage Funding** - Four Applications submitted, one each for the following Farms: Battenkill Dairy Farms LLC, Fullerton Dairy Farm, Deep Roots Farm, Kenyon Hill Farm. We hope to have great news for these farms in December. Thanks to the CAFO Planners and Engineers for their help in getting these submitted.

**Part B** 2018 Proposal submitted for NAACC assessments in the towns of Putnam, Dresden, and Fort Ann. Approved by State Committee.

**State Funds Part C** Moving forward with Lenny Austin project. Bob will report on.

**AEM Tier 1** at counter with Hugh Feeder; discussed future farm plans of expansion and installing robot milking system with new milking facilities. Advised that he start working with Dairy Acceleration Program through Cornell and get a CNMP done and engineering assistance so he would be in a good position for future grant application. Will need to do follow up visit with Scott Fitcher for Tier 2, as he is interested in EQIP funding.

Site visit with Bob to Austin's project Tier 4 implementation.

Phone call and conversation regarding New York Grown and Certified for Maple Producers and other new products with Judy Littrell.

**RCPP/RCD** - Teleconference for both Vermont and NY Programs on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RCPP/VT** - Heritage Hill Farm CNMP has been submitted and is under review. Heritage Hill Farm was deemed ineligible, due to the lateness of the CNMP submission to NRCS a full review was unable to be completed before the required deadline. Fullerton Farm has achieved CNMP concurrence and engineering concurrence at this time, now are waiting for the cost calculator and hopefully will know about funding at the end of January.

**Municipal Assistance** Site visits in Jackson, White Creek, Hebron, Hampton regarding stormwater and erosion.

**Landowner Assistance** - Letter sent to Lake George Park Commission regarding site review of Forest Harvest Plan for Casey Buckley on Gull Bay property in Putnam.

Met with Kent Foster on Shoreline improvement project for Rich Desmond on Cossayuna Lake.

## **Upcoming**

December 7<sup>th</sup> Highway Association Meeting

December 8<sup>th</sup> Farm Bill Listening Session Washington County Fairgrounds 3 to 4:30 pm

December 11<sup>th</sup> Small Farm Ordinance Open Forum Meeting in Fort Ann 6 pm at the High School

December 18<sup>th</sup> CDEA Division 6 Meeting Ballston Spa - Board Members feel free to participate

December 21<sup>st</sup> Local Work Group Meeting with NRCS Ballston Spa

December 21<sup>st</sup> CWICNY - Yours truly nominated for CWICNY President

December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> office open 1/2 day

December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> Office closed for holiday