

## Technician's Report – Ben Luskin – 02/23/2018

### Grants and Projects:

- Round 17 - This month I worked primarily on the closeout paperwork for the Round 17 grant. Brian Steinmuller is here today to review.
- Round 18 - Started closeout paperwork
- Round 19 - Closeout completed
  - We received a letter from Bethany Bzduch, AGNPS Program Manager, that the closeout paperwork sent to Albany was fully approved and was being sent onto fiscal for payment processing. Once payment is received there will be 3 checks to be cut and then the account can be closed. The SWCD earned \$18,152 for personnel time managing the grant.
- Round 20-
- Round 21-
- Round 22-
  - Woody Hill: Payment paperwork and farm expenditure summary completed for the manure storage. Discussions with the farm regarding designs/construction of the reception pit at the home farm this summer.
- Round 23-
  - Heritage Hill: Working with the farm planner and engineer to get the project designs completed so that they can gain NRCS concurrence for a VT RCPP application.
- CAFO Waste Grant: Round 1-
  - Worked on POWs for Kenyon Hill, Fullerton, Marnes, & Skellkill

### AEM

- Tooley: Planning for milk house waste system
- Chambers: Discussions with farm planner regarding waste storage
- Birch: Started Tier 1; interested in keeping manure out of the stream

### Miscellaneous

- Technician report
- Bank Reconciliations
- GA RCPP quarterly reporting - Narrative & financial report
- Typed the meeting notes for the Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition
- Reviewed bylaws and policies for UHRWC to become a 501-C3
- Fertilizer Tablet sale for CDEA: Taking orders for this year's sale
- Soil Group Worksheet calls & pickups
- Annual reports
- Ag Learn security training
- 2018 Training Plan

### Meetings Attended

- Managing Dairy Manure Systems - Greenwich, NY - January 31<sup>st</sup>
- CaroVail Grower Meeting - Greenwich, NY - February 5<sup>th</sup>
- Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition - Warrensburg, NY - February 8<sup>th</sup>
- DOS UHPW Revitalization Plan, Public Meeting - Glens Falls, NY - February 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Upcoming Meetings

- Upper Hudson River Watershed Coalition - Warrensburg, NY - March 8<sup>th</sup>
- NY CDEA Water Quality Symposium - Syracuse, NY - March 13-16