

## Technician's Report – Corrina Aldrich – 09/27/13

**Ag Plastics Baler** – Used by Darflars the first week in September, and then Nate took it to Saratoga Sod on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Dawn Sharts is waiting to use it in conjunction with Don Patton, so that they can make a full bale. It may work out to have her and Gene Ceglowski work together as well.

I finally was able to have a conversation with Rich Badgley in regards to the Miller's Auction Barn property as a place to store bales. He is not really interested, due to the fact that he does not have insurance on it at this time and doesn't really want extra stuff around to remove if it does eventually sell.

**AEM** - Working on Anuszewski grazing plan. Bill Lundy is interested in planning some pasture for his heifers.

**Projects** - Game of Logging Training scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>, we have 13 people signed up so far and need a minimum of 16, but word is out through a variety of channels (Extension, WAG, Small Farms Network, etc.), so I am sure that we will meet our quota as we still have a month to go for signups.

Sherrie Slater has contacted me about doing another presentation to her class this fall similar to the one I did last spring; a final date has not been set.

### Meetings

- Pasture Walk with Aaron Gabriel - 9/25
- Highway Meeting 9/05 - Spoke with the group about the Upper Hudson Coalition and the grants they are applying for at this time and the potential of the group as a source for funds regarding specific types of projects such as culvert upgrades for fish passage and roadside and stream bank erosion mitigation.
- Upper Hudson Meeting 9/12 - Great deal of discussion revolving around the two grant applications and what the counties need to provide for information to Beth and Vic, and the difference between the two. We are all quite positive about the potential. The districts need to have the MOU's signed and sent back to the Coalition so that we can show the support for the grants from the various organizations involved.

### Upcoming

- Grazing Tour in Berlin, NY – 10/05
- Stormwater Conference in Lake George – 10/17
- Tile Drainage Research Conference at the Miner Institute – 10/24

### Technical Assistance

- Robert Lang issue with high mortality in red pine seedlings he purchased this spring. He had previously talked with Joe. In my discussion with him I encouraged him to bring a soil sample in to see if there is a limiting issue in that regard and we could probably issue him a voucher for trees for next year as Joe had mentioned to him earlier.
- Did two shifts in the State Fair Booth; it is very interesting to do as you get a feel for what the general public feels about clean water and the importance of soil. Many teachers stopped by the booth looking for educational materials to use in their classrooms.
- Site visits for construction photos at Twin Brooks Farm and the Salem/White Creek project with Joe, and in his place when he was off.
- Glacy Tile Drainage Feasibility survey in Fort Edward with Joe and Bob.