

# Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 15, 2021

## Attending:

### Board Members

John Rieger, Chairman  
John Dickinson, Vice Chairman  
Cassie Fedler, Director  
Jay Skellie, Director

### Staff Members

Corrina Aldrich, District Manager  
Lori Sheehan, Office Manager

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1. Call to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chairman Rieger.
2. Minutes: **Motion** by Dickinson/Skellie to approve the minutes of the last meeting. **Unanimously carried.**
3. Treasurer's Report: After review and approval of the finances, **Motion** by Dickinson/Skellie to approve the Treasurer's Report (as a whole) for July and August and to pay bills as presented. **Unanimously carried.** (Attachment 1 & 2)
4. Agency & Staff Reports:
  - A. Farm Service Agency: GovDelivery Bulletin distributed
  - B. Cornell Cooperative Extension: Reported by Gabriel - CCE, SWCD and ASA working on a winter meeting – Juggling Cover Crops Manure and Reduced Tillage Reduced Village
  - C. District Manager: Verbal Report by Aldrich
  - D. District Technician: Attachment 3, submitted by Kalbfliesh
  - E. District Technician: Attachment 4, submitted by Luke
  - F. District Technician: Attachment 5, submitted by Hilder
  - G. Natural Resources Conservation Service: No Report
  - H. NYS-SWCC Report: Attachment 6, submitted by Cunningham
5. New Business:
  - A. **Motion** by Dickinson/Skellie to approve NYS-DEC Nonpoint Source Grant – Mattison Road / Halfway Creek Project payment to engineer DuBois & King (\$1,932.50). **Unanimously carried.**
  - B. **Motion** by Skellie/Fedler to approve disbursing Part C Funds (\$25,000) to reimburse the District for Staff Hours Earned. **Unanimously carried.**
  - C. **Motion** by Dickinson/Fedler to approve CAFO Round 3 Twin Brooks Farm BMP Payment (\$250,000). **Unanimously carried.**
  - D. **Motion** by Fedler/Skellie to approve opening interest-bearing check account for AgNPS Round 26 Contract #C701443 – Foote NMP. **Unanimously carried.**
  - E. **Motion** by Fedler/Dickinson to approve opening grant interest-bearing checking account for CRF Round 5 Contract #C012305 – Washington County Ponds for On-Farm Resiliency. **Unanimously carried.**
  - F. **Motion** by Skellie/Dickinson to approve opening grant interest-bearing checking account for CRF Round 5 Contract #C012311 – Interseeder Green Cover. **Unanimously carried.**
  - G. **Motion** by Skellie/Fedler to approve “Electronic Payments Policy – Grant Contracts” pending approval from the County Attorney. **Unanimously carried.**
  - H. **Motion** by Dickinson/Skellie to approve purchase of a brick (\$200) for the Washington County Fair - Friends of the Fair Brick Garden. **Unanimously carried.**
  - I. **Motion** by Skellie/Fedler to start the bid process for the purchase of a new No-Till Drill. **Unanimously carried.**
  - J. **Motion** by Fedler/Skellie to approve the 2021 Amended Budget, the 2022 Proposed Budget and County Appropriation Request of \$208,000. **Unanimously carried.**



**RESOLUTION**

**Motion by Skellie / Seconded by Dickinson. Unanimously carried.**

*Authorizing participation by the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District in the AEM Base Program.*

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee has issued an application inviting Soil and Water Conservation Districts or groups of Districts acting jointly to submit action plans for funding under Round 17 of the AEM Base Program; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available for projects that consist of activities that will reduce, abate, control, or prevent nonpoint source pollution originating from agricultural sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Washington** County Soil and Water Conservation District has determined that certain work, as described in its application and attachments, (the "Project") is in the public interest and consists of activities that will reduce and/or prevent nonpoint source pollution from agricultural sources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the **Washington** County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

1) That **Corrina Aldrich, District Manager**, or such person's successor in office, is the representative to act on behalf of the District's governing body in all matters related to State Assistance under the AEM Base Program. The representative is authorized to make application, execute the contract for State Assistance, submit project documentation, and otherwise act for the District governing body in all matters related to the Project;

2) That the District agrees to fund its portion of the cost of the Project as provided in the application;

3) That one (1) certified copy of this Resolution be prepared and attached to the application for funding under Round 17 of the AEM Base Program;

4) That this resolution take effect immediately.



6. The next Board meeting will be held on October 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

7. **Motion** by Fedler/Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am. **Unanimously carried.**

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*Lori Sheehan, Secretary*

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*Director*

Reports Attached: July & August 2021 Treasurer Reports, District Technicians Reports, NYS-SWCC Report

# AUGUST 2021 FSA – GOV DELIVERY

- [USDA Accepting Applications to Help Cover Costs of Organic Certification](#)
- [Farmers.gov Feature Helps Producers Find Farm Loans that Fit Their Operation](#)
- [USDA Announces Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers](#)

## I. Service Center NOTES

### Washington County Fair

FSA and the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District will have exhibits in the Ag Center at the Washington County Fair. Stop by our exhibits and pick up fact sheets and information on programs available to agricultural producers.



### Environmental Reviews Required before Project Implementation

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider all potential environmental impacts for federally funded projects before the project is approved.

For all Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs, an environmental review must be completed before actions are approved, such as site preparation or ground disturbance. These programs include, **but are not limited to**, the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program and farm loans. If project implementation begins before FSA has completed an environmental review, the request will be denied.

Applications cannot be approved until FSA has copies of all permits and plans. Contact the Greenwich FSA office early in your planning process to determine what level of environmental review is required for your program application so that it can be completed timely.

### Dates to Remember

August 23-29 -**Washington County Fair**

September 1 -**Dairy Margin Premium DUE for 2021**

September 6 -**Labor Day (Office Closed)**

September 30 -**DEADLINE to purchase Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP)**  
coverage for alfalfa, mixed forage, grasses, wheat, barley, oats, rye, and triticale

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## II. USDA Accepting Applications to Help Cover Costs of Organic Certification

USDA's Farm Service Agency announced that organic producers and handlers can apply for USDA funds to assist with the cost of receiving and maintaining organic certification through the [Organic Certification Cost Share Program \(OCCSP\)](#). **Applications for eligible certification expenses paid between Oct. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021, are due Nov 1, 2021.**

OCCSP provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program. Eligible producers include any certified producers or handlers who have paid organic certification fees to a USDA-accredited certifying agent. Producers can be reimbursed for expenses including application fees, inspection costs, fees related to equivalency agreement and arrangement requirements, travel expenses for inspectors, user fees, sales assessments and postage.

For 2021, OCCSP will reimburse 50% of a certified operation's allowable certification costs, up to a maximum of \$500 for each of the following categories or "scopes:"

- crops
- wild crops
- livestock
- processing/handling
- State organic program fees

Please call Joanne for additional information.

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### III. Farmers.gov Feature Helps Producers Find Farm Loans that Fit Their Operation

Farmers and ranchers can use the *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* on [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov) to find information on USDA farm loans that may best fit their operations.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers a variety of loan options to help farmers finance their operations. From buying land to financing the purchase of equipment, FSA loans can help.

USDA conducted field research in eight states, gathering input from farmers and FSA farm loan staff to better understand their needs and challenges.

#### How the Tool Works

Farmers who are looking for financing options to operate a farm or buy land can answer a few simple questions about what they are looking to fund and how much money they need to borrow. After submitting their answers, farmers will receive information on farm loans that best fit their specific needs. The loan application and additional resources also will be provided.

Farmers can download application quick guides that outline what to expect from preparing an application to receiving a loan decision. There are four guides that cover loans to individuals, entities, and youth, as well as information on microloans. The guides include general eligibility requirements and a list of required forms and documentation for each type of loan. These guides can help farmers prepare before their first USDA service center visit with a loan officer.

Farmers can access the *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* by visiting [farmers.gov/fund](http://farmers.gov/fund) and clicking the "Start" button. Follow the prompts and answer five simple questions to receive loan information that is applicable to your agricultural operation. The tool is built to run on any modern browser like Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or the Safari browser, and is fully functional on mobile devices. It does not work in Internet Explorer.

#### About Farmers.gov

In 2018, USDA unveiled [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov), a dynamic, mobile-friendly public website combined with an authenticated portal where farmers will be able to apply for programs, process transactions, and manage accounts.

The *Farm Loan Discovery Tool* is one of many resources on [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov) to help connect farmers to information that can help their operations. Earlier this year, USDA launched the *My Financial Information* feature, which enables farmers to view their loan information, history, payments, and alerts by logging into the website.

USDA is building [farmers.gov](http://farmers.gov) for farmers, by farmers. In addition to the interactive farm loan features, the site also offers a Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool. Farmers can visit [farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-](http://farmers.gov/recover/disaster-assistance-)

[tool#step-1](#) to find disaster assistance programs that can help their operation recover from natural disasters.

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## IV. USDA Announces Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is providing up to \$200 million to provide relief to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses that have experienced losses due to COVID-19 as part of USDA's Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. Loggers and truckers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) July 22 through Oct. 15, 2021. The Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers program (PATHH) is administered by FSA in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, authorized this critical assistance for the timber industry. Timber harvesting and hauling businesses that have experienced a gross revenue loss of at least 10% during the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2020, compared to the period of Jan. 1 and Dec. 1, 2019, are encouraged to apply.

**Program Details-** To be eligible for payments, individuals or legal entities must be a timber harvesting or timber hauling business where 50% or more of its gross revenue is derived from one or more of the following:

- Cutting timber.
- Transporting timber.
- Processing of wood on-site on the forest land (chipping, grinding, converting to biochar, cutting to smaller lengths, etc.).

Payments will be based on the applicant's gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 1, 2019, minus gross revenue received from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 1, 2020, multiplied by 80%. FSA will issue an initial payment equal to the lesser of the calculated payment amount or \$2,000 as applications are approved. A second payment will be made after the signup period has ended based upon remaining PATHH funds.

The maximum amount that a person or legal entity may receive directly is \$125,000.

**Applying for Assistance-**Loggers and truckers can apply for PATHH beginning on July 22 by completing form FSA-1118, Pandemic Assistance for Timber Harvesters and Haulers Program application, and certifying to their gross revenue for 2019 and 2020 on the application. Additional documentation may be required. Visit [farmers.gov/pathh](https://farmers.gov/pathh) for more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery, or via electronic means. To find a local FSA office, loggers and truckers can visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator). They can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance.

## **Technician's Report: Bob Kalbfliesh – 09/15/2021**

### **AEM:**

- I have completed Tier 5b's on Hicks Orchard, Wolff Farm, Toolite Farm
- Additional evaluations are planned

### **Grants:**

- Round 24 Walkers Kingsbury Farm: Dave Clark (contractor) has made a great deal of progress on this project. The VTA, low flow tank, low flow line to the manure storage, the electric line to the tank for the pump and most of the concrete pad are installed.
- Round 24 Marns – Deep Roots: The contractor, Charles Friedman has made great progress on this project. The site had to blast the shale. This is complete and the clay has been placed in the site. Concrete work should begin on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **No-Till Drill:**

- The drill is currently out being used by Nate Mattison. I have started to collect information on the value of the Haybuster and estimates of a replacement drill.
  - Capital Tractor: Estimated value of Haybuster drill \$8,000 - \$10,000. Estimate of new 10 ft. Great Plains drill - \$35,000
  - White's Farm Supply will have estimate this week.

### **Ag Assessments:**

- I have received several requests this month for ag assessments.

### **Meetings Attended:**

- 08/06/21: Corrina and I attended meeting with Ryan Cunningham and Peter Wright and toured Ideal Dairy and Deep Roots Farm for Ag Engineer Training.

## Technician's Report - Amber Luke – 09/15/2021

### Ag Non-Point Source-

- Round 24-
  - Wolff's-The farm has completed everything that needed to be done and he has been paid for his BMP implementation. We are working on starting the closeout process.

### CAFO Waste Storage and Transfer-

- Round 1-
  - Kenyon Hill- Construction is in full swing. We have had some issues with the concrete contractor, but we are working through them as well as we can with the engineer. They poured the footer and floor yesterday 9/14/2021. It was a 12 hour pour...the engineer had to leave early so I stayed for all of the pour. Everything went smoothly for the most part. The concrete crew was pretty accommodating with all the request by myself and the engineer to fix things that were still not correct. I had a conversation with the head of the Concrete Crew, and he told me he was sorry for they way they didn't listen to me during the whole process, and he takes the blame for that. I told him I would be checking on things every day and that I would appreciate it if he would listen when I say things need to be fixed instead of waiting to the last minute. Right now he is planning on pouring the wall in 3 sections. He will contact me when he plans on pouring them.
- Round 3-
  - Twin Brooks- We are waiting for As-builts from the engineer and a time to meet with Ryan Cunningham for close out; a site visit has been set up for next week.
  - Chambers- I have been conducting field visits frequently at the request of the engineer. Footers, floor, and all walls have been poured and backfilled. Fanes backfilled all the walls with 1 foot of stone over the footer and then they used gravel on site to backfill and compact the rest in 2 ft lifts. Fane's have prepped the area for the pump pad and stacking pad and everything looks good. John from Lancaster schedule to pour walls is about 2.5 weeks out for pouring the two final pad areas. We will talk to Bob Chambers about if he wants us to hydroseed around the pit.

### Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP'S)- (AEM Planning)

- Kathy Clark- Just finishing up some final details and then working on putting the whole plan together. Should be done here shortly and submitted.
- Fred Burch- Continuing work on CNMP as time permits. I emailed Fred and am trying to confirm fields and timing when I can get on the fields. Probably here in the next month after corn gets off the fields would be the best time.

### Trainings/Meetings Attended-

- Upper Hudson Meeting- Attended 8/12/2021 @ Warren County SWCD
- CDEA Meeting will be attended 9/22/2021
- Water Quality Symposium Planning Meeting 9/15/2021

### Miscellaneous

- Bank Reconciliations

## Technician's Report: Lyndsy Hilder- 09/13/2021

- **Grants and Projects:**
  - **NYS-DEC WQIP**
    - In contact with town highway departments for match on the hydroseeding projects as well as flagging assistance and water access
    - Hydroseeded in Granville, Whitehall and in Hartford
    - Finished hydroseeding areas of high importance due to roadside erosion in the Champlain Watershed
  - **Part B:** Researching materials and possible project ideas
  - Assisted in the Skellie Riverbank restoration project with John Braico. Was involved with discussions with the contractor about what needed to be done to begin the project. I assisted with the surveying of the project as well as measuring out the locations of the footer logs and root wads. We are working on the project in thirds and were able to complete one third of the project with the use of the logs and stabilizing them with rock and coconut fiber rolls.
- **Landowner Assistance:**
  - Met with Virginia Hauser and took two water samples that were brought to Capital Region Environmental Laboratory. The results have come back and were evaluated and then reported to the landowner. She fully understands her results and that her pond is healthy and currently is not impacted by farm runoff.
  - Assisted the Devries by removing the weed growth from their pond
- **Workshops and Meetings Attended:**
  - Forestry Best Management Practices and Skidder Bridge Workshop- Attended July 30, 2021
  - Empire Farm Days - Attended August 4, 2021
  - AEM Base Program Round 7 Webinar - Attended September 1, 2021
  - Town Highway Department Meeting - Attended September 2, 2021
- **SWCD Programs:**
  - Tree and Shrub - Began research on past tree and shrub sales as well as the trees and plants that we could possibly want to sell this year.
- **Other:**
  - Set up and managed the WCSWC fair booth at the Washington County Fair
  - Staff meeting to discuss tasks and up coming Cons Skills Workshops



### General News

**USDA Service Center Covid-19 Requirements:** Over the last few weeks, USDA has provided additional directives to address the current pandemic and the operations of federal space. Currently, the USDA Secretary has mandated all USDA employees, on-site contractors, partners, volunteers, and customers in federally leased space and service centers are required to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status. Additionally, meetings regularly held within USDA Service Centers will need to be rescheduled and/or moved offsite. SWCDs with questions about the USDA Service Center policy should contact their local NRCS representative.

### NYS SWCC News

#### **Funding Opportunities Available via Grants Gateway**

- **RFP0237 – Saturated Buffer Pilot Program:** \$400,000.00 of Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) funding is available to evaluate the effectiveness of saturated buffers in removing nitrates from tile drainage systems functioning within agricultural fields. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0237-saturated-buffers-pilot-project>. The deadline for applications will be **October 25, 2021**. Questions must be submitted in writing to [Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov) no later than October 8, 2021. A webinar will convene on **Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 11am to go over details of the newly released opportunity. Webinar details will be released shortly.
- **Erosion and Sediment Control Implementation Grants for the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watersheds - Round 2:** \$770,000.00 of EBM funding is available to improve the water quality of the Genesee River and to Reduce Harmful Algal Blooms in the Finger Lakes. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0260-erosion-and-sediment-control-implementation-grants-genesee-river-and-finger-lakes> The deadline for applications will be **October 25, 2021**. Questions must be submitted in writing to [Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov) no later than October 8, 2021.

**2021 AEM Leopold Conservation Award Winner:** Congratulations to the Megan Hauser and family from Table Rock Farms and the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District for taking top honor for the 2021 AEM Leopold Conservation Award! The farm family and the District were honored at a ceremony which convened on the farm in August. Thank you to all the Districts who nominated a farm.

**2020 SWCC Annual Report:** The SWCC is pleased to announce the release of the 2020 Soil & Water Conservation Committee Annual Report featuring updates of SWCC conservation programs, and support provided to County SWCDs over the calendar year. This report highlights the accomplishments of SWCDs around the state who are working with New York farmers utilizing AEM and associated SWCC programs to safeguard our environment, rural economies, and local food supply. [https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2020\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2020_annual_report.pdf)

**September SWCC Meeting:** The next SWCC meeting is scheduled to convene at 10:00 AM on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will be held via Webex, with in person meeting options available in Albany and Leroy, NY. Further details and an agenda for this meeting will be sent out shortly. **Reminder – participation at all SWCC meetings are eligible toward PM1, Part C of State Aid to Districts.**

**2022 Annual Plan of Work (APOW):** It's time to start updating your APOW for 2022. The deadline for submittal to your AEA is **November 1, 2021**. This will allow time to review, provide feedback, and recommend to the SWCC for approval.

#### **State Aid to Districts:**

- **2022 Part B Conservation Project Financial Assistance** – Part B proposals are Due November 1, 2021. Projects are to be completed by December 31, 2022. Part B requests should be submitted via email to [ben.luskin@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:ben.luskin@agriculture.ny.gov).
- **2021 Part C Performance Measures** - As for Performance Measures, the end of the year is rapidly approaching and SWCDs should be checking to make sure that your District is fulfilling their obligations for meetings, training, training plans, etc., to be able to earn all the funds that will be available. Please contact your Regional AEA with any specific questions that you may have.

#### **State Grant Administration:**

- **Interim Reporting:** Interim reports for AGNPS Contracts (Round 21-Round 23), CAFO WSTSP (Round 1 and Round 2), CRF (Round 1 – Round 4) **MUST** be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Amendments:** Time Extension Requests for AGNPS, CAFO WSTSP, and CRF (*for AEM Round 16 cost-share projects, please see its Program and Contract Policy file on SharePoint for its amendment and close-out procedures*)
  - Time Extension Requests may be submitted for any contract that will be expiring.
  - **AGNPS and CRF:** Time extensions in increments of appropriate length to complete the project(s) that are under current construction may be considered by State Committee Voting Members under consultation with

State Committee Staff and Advisory Members. Time extensions will not be granted for project administration (i.e. preparation of close out documents).

- **CAFO WSTSP:** Time extensions in increments of appropriate length to complete the project(s) that are under current construction may be considered by the Department under consultation with State Committee Staff. Time extensions will not be granted for project administration (i.e. preparation of close out documents).
- Request Requirements:
  - The District requests the amendment using the amendment form.
  - The District has filed the most recent interim report on the project. For AGNPS Rounds 24-26, CRF Round 5, and CAFO Round 3 an updated SW 5 form must be submitted with the amendment request.
  - The reason for the delay is beyond the control of the District or the landowner(s) and is **clearly stated in the amendment form**
  - Project status (i.e.; construction or active implementation is currently under way) is **clearly stated in the amendment form**
  - The District's Board has approved submittal of the extension request
  - Renewed letters of commitment from the farm(s) experiencing delays are forwarded along with the completed amendment form
  - **The requirement for a formal written justification from the sponsoring District has been waived.**
- All other Staff Approved Amendment (Landowner Change, BMP System Change) requirements remain the same

**AEM Base Program Round 17 Announced:** AEM17 offers non-competitive funding for technical assistance and cost-sharing BMP implementation projects based on the local AEM Strategy. The two-year AEM Action Plan is due November 1, 2021, and the program runs from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. Visit the SWCC's SharePoint site for program details (<https://nysemail.sharepoint.com/sites/Agriculture/SWCC>): "Resources for Districts > Agricultural Environmental Management > AEM Base Program Materials > AEM Base Round 17 Materials".

#### **Other News/Events**

**On-Farm Grain Storage Management Training:** Please join staff from CCE on Thursday, **September 23, 2021**, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Hewitt Farms, 37 Hewitt Lane, Troy, NY. Cost is \$5/person, Pre-register by 5 pm Sept 22nd at <https://blogs.cornell.edu/capitalareaagandhortprogram/2021/08/17/september-23-2021-on-farm-grain-storage-management-training/> or call Tove Ford, 518-765-3518, [cce-caap@cornell.edu](mailto:cce-caap@cornell.edu). CCA credits are available.

**Conservation Skills Workshop:** The registration for the 2021 Conservation Skills Workshop is now out! Conservation Skills Workshop will be held **September 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** in Cortland, NY. This year's registration rate is \$30 per person. For more information about course offerings, please visit, <https://www.nyscdea.com/training-sessions/>. Register at, <https://forms.gle/Bc4KNjLb1RqxCQUu9>. Registrations are due no later than September 13, 2021.

#### **Other Funding**

**Arbor Foundation Funding Available:** The Arbor Foundation is currently seeking proposals for 2021/2022 large-scale plantings that will positively impact the environment, create habitat for wildlife, promote watershed restoration, and other benefits to the public. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit an online proposal by end of day **September 24th, 2021**. Please contact Brad Brandt ([bbrandt@arborday.org](mailto:bbrandt@arborday.org)) and Jennifer Moon ([jmoon@arborday.org](mailto:jmoon@arborday.org)) with any questions, or consult the FAQ here, <https://www.arborday.org/programs/replanting/planting-partners/faq.cfm>