

MINUTES
ULSTER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
5 PARK LANE
HIGHLAND, NY 12528
May 22, 2024

1. **OPENING MEETING** - The **MEETING** was **CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman L. Tantillo at 7:01 PM. Directors Present: J. Delaune, K. Nolan, F. Wilklow and R. Davenport. SWCD Staff in attendance: J. Wedemeyer - Exec. Director, T. Ferry - District Technician, Christine DeGroot - Program Assistant, A. Doan - A.W.S.M.P. Stream Project Manager and B. Taylor – CSBI Program Coordinator.
2. **WORK REPORTS** - Written staff reports were emailed to Board Members and B. Luskin prior to the meeting for review (attached to the filed minutes).

a) SWCD

J. Wedemeyer (see attached staff report)

AEM Round 18 – Ferry and Wedemeyer have been working on the next AEM Round.

Inventory and Evaluations – Wedemeyer assisted a local landowner who was having issues with Gypsy Moth caterpillars. He also completed a site visit for a landowner in the Town of Lloyd and did a topo survey and drainage design. Wedemeyer gave foundation drainage recommendations to a Town of Hurley landowner.

NYS DEP CAT-494 – Wedemeyer has been working on the Passport enrollment, which tracks payments made by the District.

(H. Litts joined the Meeting at 7:03 PM)

Doan and Wedemeyer completed Capital and Expense advance requests for funding and Wedemeyer has been assisting Taylor with the CSBI Boiceville Flood Buyout planting project which included site visits with the DEP and the Town of Olive Supervisor.

Wedemeyer mentioned that Taylor is finishing up with the Emerson Kiosk construction logistics.

Wedemeyer stated that Anna, our Intern, has been assisting the Ashokan crew and doing an excellent job and would be a good candidate for the open Junior Technician position in our office.

AG NPS Round 27 – Wedemeyer has been working with JESS Engineering on two designs which are now complete. NRCS is reviewing them.

CRF Round 6 – Ulster SWCD staff promoted the use of the District's no-till seeder and gave a demonstration at the Soil Health Field Day at the Walkkill View Farm in New Paltz. Approximately 30 people attended. Wedemeyer said that Ferry and Kathryn Brignac (from Ulster CCE), a Livestock Natural Resource Educator, did an excellent job. Board Member Delaune attended and said that Soil and Water staff did a great job. Photos of the event were passed around.

District Updates/Other Projects

Annual Seedling Sale – The sale went well and the left-over bare root stock was provided to Ulster County Resource Recovery for their Earth Day event.

ARPA Funding – Wedemeyer is still working with Economic Development.

DeGroot and Wedemeyer are looking into using a different insurance agent since our rates have almost doubled since last year. Nolan mentioned that Ulster Savings Bank may offer a better rate. A brief discussion followed.

There was one interview for the Junior District Technician job since the last Board Meeting. Delaune asked Wedemeyer what a good salary range would be for this position. Wedemeyer responded that between \$50,000.00 - \$53,000.00. Discussion followed.

Ulster SWCD is one of the sponsors of the Community Preservation and Farmland Protection in Ulster County: Seminar and Training, that's being held on June 11, 2024 at 8:10 AM at SUNY New Paltz. The seminar and training will provide Ulster County's Town Supervisors and municipal leaders with information on how to plan and implement the Community Preservation Program and utilize funding through the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets to protect working farmland in their communities. Wedemeyer said that he reached out to every Town Supervisor in Ulster County.

Ulster SWCD has been working with the Department of the Environment on the Catskill Mountain Railroad Herbicide Application waiver. Their waiver was denied because they have been spraying beyond what they were allowed despite being issued multiple warnings.

Wedemeyer continues to work with Bob Skinner on the District's promotional video.

Wedemeyer completed a salary study for District employees based on 2023 State Conservation District data.

C. DeGroot – (see attached staff report)

District's Annual Audit – The annual audit was on May 2nd. We are waiting for the audit report.

A District Stormwater brochure that was updated by C. DeGroot was passed out to Director's for review.

There was a brief discussion on replacing the five large filing cabinets near the entrance door. The current cabinets are so old and worn the drawers no longer work on most of them. DeGroot researched the size we would need, and prices. There was only one site she found (ULINE) that offers the correct size. The cost for all five cabinets is \$1,550.00 plus \$114.94 shipping. Litts recommended getting a price quote from Hudson Valley Office Supply.

T. Ferry – (see attached staff report)

AEM – Ferry is working on paperwork for the upcoming AEM projects.

Inventory and Evaluations - Ferry coordinated a bird box pick-up at the Ashokan office.

CRF Round 6 – Ferry and Wedemeyer were presenters at the Soil Health/No-Till Field Demonstration event at Wallkill View Farm in New Paltz.

CRF Round 7 – Ferry is working with a tenant farmer to get irrigation layout for this cropping season. He is working with an NRCS Engineer to get a design advanced.

CRF Round 8 – The Request for Proposals has been released and applications are due June 24th.

NYC DEP CAT-494 – Ferry completed a monthly SWPPP inspection of the Elk Bushkill project and submitted the inspection report.

No-Till Program – The drill was taken to a farm that used it to plant buckwheat. Ferry is planning to deliver it tomorrow to another farm for pasture overseeding.

Ferry mentioned that the new District truck had the windshield repaired. We were reimbursed by the dealership.

b) **AWSMP**

A. Doan – Stream Project Manager – (see attached report)

Administration – A Spring Stakeholder Council meeting was held.

New computers were purchased and are functioning.

A 2024 technical field training is advancing. This is a two-day event to introduce attendees to fluvial geomorphology concepts and improve river observation skills.

Assessment & Monitoring – Drafted a landowner letter for the Broadstreet Hollow proposed restoration project.

There was a NOAA Flood Inundation Mapping training for all staff sponsored by a hydrologist out of the Albany weather office. Discussion followed.

Lent and Tollefson completed the first UAV drone flight for a sign in the Upper Esopus. They flew at different height paths and elevations to determine the difference in resolution.

Projects – Doan led a stream project tour with the NYS Department of Health FAD regulators.

Hollow Tree Brook Stream Restoration Project – Doan held a landowner meeting to apprise them of the status of the project and answer their questions regarding the proposed design.

The proposed Broadstreet Hollow Stream Project might be considered for year 2026. Discussion followed.

Doan presented his letter of resignation to the Board, effective July 31, 2024. The Board thanked him and wished him the best. Wedemeyer recommended posting the job vacancy as soon as possible. A salary range will need to be decided by the Board. Nolan recommended paying an Acting Stream Project Manager as a consultant. Discussion followed.

B. Taylor – CSBI Program Coordinator - Taylor has been working on his project in Boiceville. The hazard tree clearing/removal which will allow the future work to progress such as getting contractors in for invasive species removal.

c) **NRCS**

O. Velez-Juarbe – They’ve received five additional pre-approvals for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program for a total of 17 funded applications for fiscal year 2024 in Ulster County.

They have an intern starting on June 2nd at the Highland office.

SWCC Report - submitted by Ben Luskin – (see attached report)

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Salary Discussion – to be discussed in Executive Session.
- b) FOIL Policy Review – Wedemeyer read the District’s FOIL Policy and noted that he is the FOIL Officer. He mentioned that the AEM Program records are exempt from FOIL requests. **2024-5-1 Nolan Made the Motion, Litts seconded, to adopt the District’s FOIL Policy as presented. All in favor.**
- c) **UCSWCD Investment Policy Review** – The policy was read by Wedemeyer. **2024-5-2 Delaune made the Motion, Nolan seconded, to approve the District’s Investment Policy. All in favor.** Nolan suggested looking into using a different bank for the ARPA money.
- d) **ARPA Funding** – Nolan stated that the ARPA funding is under strict time constraints by the federal government and several disbursements of money have taken a long time to move forward. The County is trying to move the money along before the obligation date. Kevin Lynch, the Director of Ulster County Economic Development Department sent the District a letter designating \$200,000.00 to Ulster Soil & Water to support implementing conservation programs on farms. The uses of these funds will be used to contribute to the purchase of a no-till drill and row mulcher equipment, to support soil health programs, climate resilient farming and energy efficiency projects, and to increase the local match of state-funded programs for implementing projects and furthering SWCD conservation programs. ARPA funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. In order to meet these deadlines, the County process will require developing contract documents now and all parties executing them in October of 2024. **2024-5-3 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, to empower Executive Director Wedemeyer to receive the ARPA funds and implement these programs. All in favor.** Litts asked if there was a list of equipment/projects that the District is going to spend the money on. Wedemeyer said roughly \$100,000.00 will be spent on equipment and \$100,000.00 will be spent on implementation. Litts would like to see quotes from the equipment companies and would like to see a breakdown of what the money will be spent on, and a time frame it will be spent.

2024-5-4 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, to spend up to \$1,700.00 on file cabinets for the office. All in favor.

2024-5-5 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, for the District to start advertising the Stream Project Manager job vacancy. All in favor. Wedemeyer mentioned that there needs to be a salary range.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **External District Audit** – discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b) **Insurance Update** – discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c) **Junior Technician Applicants** – Litts recommended sending the District’s Junior Technician job vacancy to BOCES FFA Program. He said that there are 75 people in the program and some may be interested in the Junior Technician job or being an intern. Litts said that he will contact FFA regarding the interns. Discussion followed.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL – 2024-5-6 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, to approve the April 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS – 2024-5-7 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, to approve the April 2024 Financial Report and April 2024 Abstract. All in favor.

7. NEXT MEETING - The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 7 PM.

2024-5-8 Tantillo made the Motion, seconded by Nolan, to go into Executive Session at 8:11 PM to discuss salaries for the three current employees, the Ashokan Stream Project Manager salary and the Jr. Technician salary. All in favor.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:24 PM.

No Motions were adopted, passed, or agreed to in Executive Session.

Nolan stated that the Board read the salary data that Wedemeyer emailed to the Board prior to the Board Meeting. **2024-5-9 Nolan made the Motion to accept Wedemeyer’s salary recommendations, Delaune seconded, which included advertising the Junior Technician position with a salary range of \$50,000.00 - \$53,000.00, to start the Stream Project Manager position salary at \$80,800.00, increase the Program Assistant salary to \$65,500.00, increase the District Technician salary to \$65,300.00, and increase the Executive Director’s salary to \$88,000.00. Wilklow – Aye, Davenport – Aye, Tantillo – Aye, Nolan – Aye, Delaune – Aye, Litts – Opposed.** Directors requested that Wedemeyer look into interns and send the Directors the advertisements and job descriptions for the two open vacancies so that they may share it. Litts offered to send the information to several colleges.

2024-5-10 Nolan made the Motion, Delaune seconded, to raise the salary to \$80,800.00 for an existing staff person to accept the role of Acting Stream Manager. All in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2024-5-11 A Motion was made by Litts to Adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM, seconded by Delaune. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine DeGroot
Program Assistant

JLW Activities April 13-May 14, 2024

AEM: AEM Outreach – Met with large local fruit grower, discussed conservation plan update and cost share opportunities, T/O Plattekill. AEM Tier 5B – Soil and acreage mapping for potential 60 cow dairy, T/O Rochester. AEM Tier 4 – Obtained signatures for 3 farms for Tier 4 Cost Share Track, composed 8 contracts for AEM Round 18. AEM Tier 4 – Preliminary barnyard design, T/O Gardiner. AEM Outreach – Updated no till and cover crop program materials.

Inventory and Evaluations: Mary Heyer, T/O New Paltz – Assistance with black caterpillar that is causing allergic reactions. Ira Stern, T/O Rochester – stream bank erosion recommendations with vegetation. John Sczerba, T/O Lloyd – Site visit to do topo survey, working on drainage design. Robert Maher, T/O Esopus – stream bank erosion recommendations. Wayne Miller, T/O Hurley – Foundation drainage recommendations.

NYC DEP CAT 494: Passport enrollment. Weekly staff meetings with A. Doan. Completed Capital and Expense recons, submitted to DEP. Completed Capital and Expense advance requests for funding with A. Doan. Helping B. Taylor advance the CSBI Boiceville Flood Buyout planting project, including site visits with DEP and the Town of Olive Supervisor. Assistance with Emerson Kiosk construction logistics. Attended Partners Meeting. Reviewed and approved Stantec and SLR invoices and Hubbell pay app #2. Completed FY25 annual budget and staffing plan. Obtained paid intern approval by DEP.

Round 27: Designs are completed and are being reviewed by NRCS since they are providing funding to one farm and helping save engineering review costs for the On-Farm Secondary Containment Design.

CRF Round 6: Held a soil health and no-till demo twilight meeting at Wallkill View Farm, partnered with CCE of Ulster County, 30 participants attended.

District Updates/Other Projects:

- Annual tree and shrub sale, we basically broke even.
- The District provided 615 bear root stock to UC Resource Recovery Agency for their Earth Day Event. We could not reduce the Black Chokeberry order.
- Working with Economic Development with ARPA funding. Provided detailed information on how Districts work and their funding sources for projects. Multiple meetings with Economic Development.
- District insurance renewal and completing renewal documents. Analyzing costs and premium increases, Chris is looking into another insurance carrier for better rates.
- Junior Technician in-person interview. We are not attracting good candidates.
- Assisting with the coordination for Farmland Protection workshop, reached out to all the Ulster County Town Supervisors to increase sign ups.
- Ulster County herbicide application waiver meeting and denial to CMRR.
- Salary study for District employees using State Conservation District Data.
- Working with Bob Skinner with District Promotional Video.
- Harrington AEM Round 17 Closeout – Provided State with updated expenditures with matching invoices.
- Completed and submitted Leopold Conservation Award application for Brett Fox.

Christine DeGroodt

Activities April 13, 2024 – May 14, 2024

District's Tree & Shrub Program – The last of the orders were picked up at the office. Receipts totaled \$6,249.00. Disbursements totaled \$6,619.86. Throughout the year we will continue to sell additional fertilizer tablets and bird houses.

NYS Retirement – Nothing new to report. I continue to do the monthly reporting.

CAT-494 Contracts – Both quarterly reports have been completed and submitted.

County Quarterly Report – The 1st quarter 2024 report is completed. It will be submitted to the County after we receive and send them our auditor's report.

District's Annual Audit – The District's annual audit was completed on May 2nd. We are waiting for a final report.

District's Insurance – I requested a price quote for insurance from SIDLE. SIDLE works with some of the other District's so they are very familiar with the District's needs.

Obtained the Certificates of Insurance required for the Community Preservation and Farmland Protection in Ulster County: Seminar and Training being held on June 11, 2024 at 8:10 AM at SUNY New Paltz.

Per the Board's request at last month's board meeting, a District employee salary spreadsheet was emailed to Directors on May 1st. I included all employees as far back as Quickbooks would go, and the start years for current employees.

The five 3-drawer filing cabinets as you walk into the office are approximately 40 years old. The drawers slide out on ball-bearings and wheels. These have deteriorated to the point most drawers can not be opened, or if you manage to open one without putting your back out, you can't get it closed. I've been researching the cost for new filing cabinets that are similar quality. I've scoured the

internet and found only one site (ULINE) that offers the size we need (15" w x 40" tall x 26.5" deep). The cost for five is \$1,550.00 plus shipping \$114.94. I've already researched purchasing new file tracks for the existing cabinets with no luck. We have also searched for used ones on Auctions International and NYS OGS.

Ongoing- mail, bank deposits, bill payments/receipts, abstracts, Board Minutes, bank transfers, bank account reconciliations, supply orders, etc.

TRF Activities – April 13, 2024 – May 14, 2024

AEM: Submitted out Tier 4 implementation package to the state, worked on getting documents and maps for that together. Showed Ben our AEM Round 17 implementation projects as part of the final closeout for that AEM Round. Tier 2/3A – T/O Marlboro – worked on tier 2 and tier 3a plan for grazing operation. Tier 5B – T/O Gardiner – updated 3A plan to include barnyard issues. Tier 4 – T/O Gardiner – showed producer the Tier 4 cost share documents for Round 18 access road leading to rotational grazing project. Tier 2 – T/O Saugerties – completed Tier 2 work on farm with bridge/stream constriction, advancing that to a Tier 3A plan to address stream constriction.

Part C Cover Crop Program: No activity.

Inventory and Evaluations: Jocelyn Ffriend – T/O Marlboro – site visit for erosion and cover cropping recommendations. Scott Goodnow – T/O Plattekill – assist with soil sampling. Scriba – T/O Lloyd – assisted Jake with survey of property being flooded. Patricia Rudge – T/O Shandaken – coordinated with AWSMP staff to drop off bird boxes at their office for Patty to pick up.

CRF Round 6: Soil Health/No-till field demonstration event.

CRF Round 7: Working with tenant farmer to get irrigation layout for this cropping season. Working with NRCS engineer to get a design advanced.

CRF Round 8: Applications are due June 24th, downloaded and reviewed RFP and materials, listened to a highlight's webinar.

NYC DEP CAT 494: Did monthly SWPPP inspection of Elk Bushkill project and submitted inspection report.

Round 27: No activity.

No-Till Program: One user so far this spring (buckwheat into rye cover crop), planning to deliver to another farm tomorrow (5/15/24, pasture overseeding).

Misc: Participated in the no-till and soil health field day with CCE Ulster and Jake at Walkkill View Farms. Fantastic turnout, pictures are up on our Facebook/Instagram pages.

Windshield has been repaired in the new truck. We paid the glass place directly and will be reimbursed by the dealership. Moved all our no-till stuff into the new truck.

New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee
Region 5 Report – May 2024
Submitted by: Ben Luskin – Region 5 Associate Environmental Analyst

NYS SWCC News

SFY 2024-2025 Environmental Protection Fund: The Enacted SFY 2024-2025 Budget is now available at www.budget.ny.gov. In total, this year's approved EPF budget is yet another very strong showing of support for conservation programs. Overall appropriations for the FY 2024-2025 EPF were approved at level funding of \$400 million. Proposals of interest to SWCC/SWCDs in this budget include the following:

- \$17.5 million for Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects (Level funding over last year)
- \$500,000 for the CCE of Suffolk County and \$250,000 for Cornell's Pesticide Management Program
- \$17.25 million for Soil and Water Conservation Districts (**\$1.25 million increase over last year's levels**)
- \$15.25 million for the Climate Resilient Farms Program
- \$22.250 million for Water Quality Improvement Program
- \$22.5 million for Oceans and Great Lakes (EBM Program funding)
- \$14.275 million for Waterfront Revitalization Program
- \$21 million for Farmland Protection

Climate Resilient Farming Program Round 8: \$28.75 million is available to support projects. The RFP and associated documents are now available on SharePoint, <https://nysemail.sharepoint.com/sites/Agriculture/SWCC>. All questions related to the RFP and the required attachments shall be addressed to Jennifer Clifford jennifer.clifford@agriculture.ny.gov by **May 28, 2024**. Applications for funding must be submitted through the NYS SWCC SharePoint website by **5PM, June 24, 2024**.

A series of three webinars have been planned to provide information about the Round 8 RFP. All webinars will be recorded and made available after the events. Calendar invites will be sent out statewide for all three webinars. Please feel free to forward to anyone who may benefit from attending.

- Round 8 RFP Highlights Webinar – **Tuesday, May 7th, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
- Round 8 RFP Federal Tracks Webinar – **Wednesday, May 8th, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
- Round 8 RFP Track 4 Informational Webinar - **Tuesday, May 14th, 11:00am – 12:00pm**

May SWCC Meeting: The next meeting of the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee will be on **Tuesday, May 21st starting at 10:00 AM**. Further details and an agenda for this meeting will be sent out shortly. Reminder – participation at a SWCC meeting is eligible toward PM1, Part C of State Aid to Districts.

Spring Managers Meetings – Save the Date: The following dates have been set for regional manager's meetings this June! Meetings will be from 10am-2:30pm. Please participate in whichever date and location is most convenient but please RSVP to the AEA for that meeting. As always Directors are invited to attend as this meeting can count towards Performance Measures.

- Region 1 - Western NY: **June 3rd**, Genesee County Office Building #2, 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020 – Victor DiGiacomo
- Region 2 - Central NY: **June 11th**, Cortland SWCD Office, 100 Grange Pl., #205, Cortland, NY – PJ Emerick
- Region 3 - Eastern NY: **June 6th**, Montgomery County Emergency Services 200 Clark Dr, Fultonville, NY – Scott Fickbohm
- Region 4 - Northern NY: **June 7th**, Adirondack Park Agency office, 1133 NYS Route 86, Ray Brook, NY – Ryan Cunningham
- Region 5 - Southeast NY: **June 4th**, Dutchess SWCD office, 2715 Route 44, Suite 3, Millbrook, NY – Ben Luskin

AEM Leopold Conservation Award 2024: NYSAGM is partnering once again with the Sand County Foundation to present the AEM Leopold Conservation Award to recognize landowners who inspire others with their dedication to ethical land, water, and wildlife habitat management on agricultural land. New York's award recipient will be presented with the \$10,000 award provided by the Sand County Foundation, in partnership with the Department, American Farmland Trust,

and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The application can be found at, <https://www.sandcountyfoundation.org/our-work/leopold-conservation-award/application-info>. The deadline for applications is **May 15th, 2024**.

2024 NYS Envirothon Call for Volunteers: The NYS Envirothon Committee is pleased to host the 2024 NYS Envirothon at State University of New York in Cortland, NY, on **May 22nd and 23rd** and is putting out a call for all volunteers. Please let the Committee know if you are willing to volunteer by completing the online volunteer registration at, <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMFLrYPXZkYXm7qMQABYrUCCb7jYjR5nzi7Mx9Mu-6MKSzqg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Other Events

GLAA Sub-Basin Work Group Spring Meetings: Meetings will be held throughout the basin this spring as follows. To request more information, or to request to be added to a regional sub basin work group, please email greatlakes@dec.ny.gov

- Southwest (SW) Lake Ontario: **5/8, 1-4PM** Room 213 in the Chili Community Center, 3237 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624
- Lake Erie: **5/9, 9AM – 12PM** in Room 108, Appletree Business Park, 2875 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

2024 NACD Northeast Regional Conference - Save the Date: This year the conference will be held in Boston, MA at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel on **August 10-14, 2024**. Further details will be available shortly.

Updates May 2024

A. Doan – Stream Project Manager

- Administration
 - Completed FY25 Q1 funding requests for Capital and Expense
 - Review/comments for Esopus Creek News spring edition
 - Water resources engineer recruiter investigation/outreach
 - Coordinated with CCE IT for new laptop connections/networking
 - Final review of 2024-26 Action Plan
 - SWP-101 review/comms to DEP re: City law edits
 - Updated sub tracking spreadsheet and corrected PIP entry
 - Participated/presented on field tour for new DOH staff

- Stream Management Implementation Program support- SMIP
 - Provided update and pictures of Hunter Culvert application site visit
 - Review/comments for Tetra Tech hazard mitigation update proposal
 - Coordination w/CCE re: program areas and staffing for future review

- Assessment & Monitoring
 - Weekly to daily check-ins with Allison and Mark
 - Drafted landowner letter for Broadstreet Hollow proposed restoration project and coordinated w/AL
 - Coordination w/Simms re: tax exempt status and wading boot purchase

- Projects
 - Stony Clove SRP
 - DOH field tour to site
 - Woodland Creek SRP
 - Working with herbicide applicator on spring treatment
 - Panther Kill SRP
 - Pay application coordination/review
 - Elk Bushkill
 - Site inspection for re-seeded areas w/AL
 - Hollow Tree Brook
 - Status call w/landowners
 - Site inspection w/AL for upstream adjustment and placement of temperature monitor
 - Warner Creek Site 5
 - No recent activities

- CSBI
 - Coordination with JW and BT and Supervisor Sofranko re: Boiceville CSBI project and DEP response
 - Boiceville CSBI tree clearing inspection/coordination w/BT
 - Weekly to daily check-ins with Bobby

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Meetings/Site Visits

- Stream Ecosystem Working Group meeting
- Hunter-Lanesville Flood Committee
- Shandaken Flood Committee
- NOAA Flood Predication tool training
- Site visit – 17 Elm St. Pine Hill: floodplain management
- Insurance/contracting call w/ Rondout Neversink Steam Program
- CSAP Valuation Work Group meeting (multiple)
- Project Managers meeting
- Stream Technical Training development meeting
- Progress meeting w/JW (multiple)
- Multiple check ins w/Bobby, Allison and Mark
- Environmental Planner check in w/Heidi and Leslie

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program

- Administration
 - Held Spring Stakeholder Council meeting
 - IT networked new computers and completed updates/connections
 - Met with partner SMP's to discuss CSAP program development and planning
 - Participated in Department of Health field tour to orient new staff on watershed programs and projects
 - Participated in Hunter-Lanesville Flood Remediation Committee meeting
 - Participated in Shandaken Area Flood committee meeting
 - Advancing seasonal intern hires and coordinating with DEP
 - Advancing 2024 technical field training: will be a two-day event to introduce attendees to fluvial geomorphology concepts and improve river observation skills
 - Continued participation in watershed partner discussion over DEP LAP and CSAP programs

- Assessment & Monitoring
 - Hosted GPS field demo to evaluate new handheld GPS units that will replace current GeoExplorer model
 - NOAA Flood Inundation Mapping training
 - Completed first UAV flight for a sign in the Upper Esopus near Birch Creek

- Projects
 - Stony Clove SRP
 - DOH FAD regulator tour to site

 - Warner Creek SRP
 - No recent activity

 - Panther Kill SRP
 - No recent activity

 - Elk Bushkill
 - Stormwater inspections on-going: alternating monthly between Allison and Travis
 - Completed site inspection of re-seeded areas

 - Woodland SRP
 - Invasive treatment planned for 2024

 - Hollow Tree Brook SRP
 - Call w/ landowners to apprise of status and answer questions regarding proposed design

- CSBI
 - Completed tree clearing inspection and coordinated additional tree removal
 - Planning for 2024 planting season
 - 3 spring projects advancing
 - Completed access permission with contractor for Oliverea CSBI site and waiting on cost estimate