

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ULSTER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
5 PARK LANE
HIGHLAND, NY 12528
May 27, 2026**

1. OPENING MEETING - The **MEETING** was **CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman L. Tantillo at 9:00 AM. Directors Present: L. Tantillo, J. Delaune, J. Kovacs, F. Wilklow, S. Van Nostrand. SWCD Staff in attendance: J. Wedemeyer - Executive Director and C. DeGroodt - Program Assistant and M. Garfinkle – Ashokan Basin Project Manager.

2. WORK REPORTS

Written staff reports were mailed and emailed to Board Members prior to the meeting for review (attached to the filed minutes).

a) SWCD

J. Wedemeyer - (see attached staff report)

Wedemeyer has been working on AEM/ag work and assisting with no-till drill deliveries. He said there has been a lot of demand for the row mulcher and informed the board that he waived the row mulcher rental fee. There was no objection from the board.

Wedemeyer mentioned that he put the Broadstreet Hollow Stream Restoration Project out to bid with an estimated start date for this summer along with the Hollow Tree Brook Stream Restoration Project.

Sandor is currently at a local farm overseeing the laying of a pipe for a trickle irrigation project.

Wedemeyer presented at the New York State Land Conservation Alliance in Glens Falls.

The CRF Round 6 grant closeout has been completed and we are waiting for NYS SWCC closeout confirmation. This is the grant that paid for the District's new 7' no-till drill.

Wedemeyer has been attending the Economic Development Legislative Committee meetings.

There was a brief discussion regarding the frost that killed a lot of apple blossoms on farms in our area. Wilklow said he didn't hear of any updates. Kovacs said that there has been some talk about funding assistance from the County.

C. DeGroodt – (see attached staff report)

DeGroodt thanked the Board for their support during her medical leave. She also thanked Wedemeyer and Sandor for all of their assistance and mentioned that both went above and beyond assisting with her workload while she was out of the office. DeGroodt still came to the office to complete payroll and various other priorities.

A. Sandor – (see attached staff report)

(K. Nolan joined the Meeting at 9:15 AM)

b) AWSMP

M. Garfinkle – (see attached staff report)

Garfinkle's report was emailed to Directors prior to the Board Meeting and hard copies were available for review.

I. Gedicks – (see attached staff report)

M. Tollefson – (see attached staff report)

G. Bonse – (see attached staff report)

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **2026 Chevy Silverado Purchase** – There was a brief discussion on the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado for use at the Highland office. Five bids that were received were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

1 - Nielsen Chevrolet - \$43,606.56

2 - Joe Basil Chevrolet - \$49,097.02

3 – G and H Auto Group dba Mohawk Chevrolet - \$48,867.15

4 - Romeo Chevrolet - \$51,713.80

5 - Websmart Chevrolet, LLC - \$50,099.27

2026-5-1 Kovacs made the Motion, Nolan seconded, to accept the lowest bid for a 2026 Chevy Silverado from Nielson Chevrolet in the amount of \$43,606.56. All in favor. Wilklow asked what the time frame would be for receiving the new truck. Wedemeyer said that after the award letter is issued this week, it can take anywhere from two to four months to receive the truck. It took six months before we received the last truck.

- b) **District Technician Applicants** – The application window is still open and many resumes have been received. Initial interviews will be held by Wedemeyer and Sandor and they will then choose three applicants for the Board to interview.
- c) **“Thank You” letter from the Tantillo Family** – Len Tantillo's family thanked District staff and the Directors for a dinner held at the Mountain Brauhaus in honor of Len's 50 years of dedicated service as the District's Chairman to the Board.
- d) **Mount Academy** – Once again, Mount Academy won the Regional Envirothon. They will go on to represent Ulster County at the state competition.
- e) **District Manager's Meeting on June 9, 2026 at Rockland County SWCD** – Wedemeyer invited the Directors to attend the Manager's Meeting. L. Tantillo said that he would be able to attend with Wedemeyer.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Performance Measures** – There was a brief discussion regarding the District's Performance Measures. Wedemeyer will send online trainings to Directors and they can let Wedemeyer know once they have finished them.

5. Board Meeting Minutes Approval – 2026-5-2 Nolan made the Motion, Kovacs seconded, to approve the April Board Meeting Minutes as written. All in favor.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS – 2026-5-3 Nolan made the Motion, Kovacs seconded, to approve the April Financial Report and Abstract as presented. All in favor.

7. NEXT MEETING - The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2026-5-4 A Motion was made by Nolan to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:42 AM, seconded by Kovacs. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine DeGroodt
Program Assistant

JLW Activities –April 15 though May 19, 2026

AEM: AEM Tier 5B – AEM Tier 3A-Assisted with soil sample submittal and soil analysis/nutrient management recommendations, T/O Ulster. AEM Tier 5A – Assistance with NY Grown and Certified re-certification, T/O Marbletown. AEM Tier 1 – New AEM participant, farm visit, T/O Saugerties. AEM Tier 1 and drainage assistance, T/O Saugerties. AEM Tier 4 – Row mulcher rental assistance, T/O Marlborough. AEM Tier 5A – NY Grown and Certified re-certification assistance, T/O Marlborough. AEM Tier 4 – No till drill delivery and set up, T/O Gardiner. AEM Partnership – Preliminary coordination of soil health workshop with NRCS and CCE of Ulster County. AEM Tier 4 – Row mulcher r, assistance, T/O Plattekill. AEM Round 19 – Tier 4 implementation SW forms for 10 projects. AEM Tier 5B – Farm visit to assess herbicide injury to crop and provided recommendations. AEM Tier 4 – Roof runoff preliminary design.

Inventory and Evaluations: Pete Taliaferro, T/O New Paltz – assistance with locating locust posts. Mike Rothe, T/O Saugerties – Assistance with storm water permit. Ivan Goodman, T/O Rochester – assistance with soils group worksheet. Marianna Branagh, T/O Shawangunk – site visit for pasture drainage and livestock watering. Dungkar Gompa Society, T/O Hardenburgh – site visit and recommendations for stream bank erosion. Eric Hoffmeister, T/O Shandaken – Soil health analysis recommendations. Town of Ulster – site visits for cabling trees out of the Esopus Creek. Town of Woodstock – site visit and recommendations for culvert replacement for flood hazard mitigation. Pia Davis, T/O Woodstock – Japanese stilt grass control recommendations. Cornell Fruit Lab, Highland – Cover crop recommendations for fallow field on steep slope. Charles Traub, T/O Rochester – pond site enhancement recommendations. Norman Greene, T/O Rochester – Provided flood plain and regulated flood zone maps for his farm.

NYC DEP SWP-101: Working with Chris with SWP 101 quarterly financials. Project Managers monthly meetings. Assisting M. Garfinkle advancing Broad Street Hollow (100% design phase, putting project out to bid, permitting) and Hollow Tree Brook (90% design phase and permitting) stream restoration projects. CAT 494 final contract closeout with equipment inventory. Reviewing and approving invoices for stream restoration engineering design and contract expenses. Made final edits to annual plan of work and annual budget, submitted to DEP for approval. Met with NYC DOI (interview went well). DEP quarterly meeting.

Round 27: Construction scheduling with Pioneer Pole Buildings.

CRF Round 6: Grant closeout has been completed, waiting for NYS SWCC for closeout confirmation.

CRF Round 7: Layout of irrigation system, construction to start on May 20th.

District Updates/Other Projects:

- Bank statement reviews and reconciliations with Chris.
- Attended May Economic Development Legislative Committee meeting.
- Reviewing and responding to District Technician applicants, Amanda and I will review resumes later this month.
- Corrected online banking issues.
- Worked with Amanda and Chris paying the bills and overseeing the finances.
- Completed first draft of UCSWCD annual budget.
- Riparian buffer presentation for the NY Land Conservation Conference in Glens Falls, NY.

Christine DeGroodt
Activities up to 5/19/26

I have been out of the office on medical leave. During this time I still completed payroll and anything else I was able to manage while I was in and out of the office.

NYS Retirement – I continued to do the monthly reporting. Wedemeyer completed the March report.

SWP-101 Contracts – The quarterly reports are next on my to-do list.

Misc. – The 1st quarter 2026 county quarterly report was completed and submitted to the County for reimbursement.

The 1st quarter FIT and NYS Income tax reports were submitted as well as our NYS Sales Tax report.

I submitted our 1st quarter 2026 NYS-45 tax report to Ulster County.

I removed HERNSDORF from our credit card, WEX and health insurance.

Amanda Sandor Work Report - April 22nd - May 19th

SWCD Programs:

- Assisting with AEM Round 19 Tier 4 Implementation preparation - getting signatures from each participant, submitting Cultural Resource Information System consult requests
- No-Till Equipment Rental program - dropping off equipment, learning maintenance/calibration procedures, fielding requests, applied 50 years of service decals to Lime Spreader
- Construction layout for irrigation project, construction oversight/As-Builts beginning May 20th
- Construction layout for mixing shed project
- Riparian Buffers - maintenance at Million Dollar Farm (brush cutting, deer repellent application), checking on buffer at Conuco Farm (approximately 80% survival)
- Site visits - Hardenburgh monastery streambank protection/riparian buffer consult, orchard visit with Commissioner of Agriculture and UC Executive, Wallkill property looking to implement facilities for horses, Cornell AgriTech pollinator habitat consult, T.O. Woodstock culvert replacement consult, T.O. Ulster log jam removal consult
- Land Trust conference in Glens Falls on May 13th
- Placed mini-bid request for Silverado as approved during April Board Meeting
- Create site maps and soil maps via ArcGIS Pro
- Updating UCSWCD website as needed, posting to social media

-Onboarding/training

- set up laptop and Outlook account
- install ArcGIS Pro, set up necessary GIS data, create templates, etc.
- look into various farming techniques/vocabulary

May UCSWCD Board Meeting Work Report

Reporting Period: April 16, 2026 - May 20, 2026

Max Garfinkle | Project Manager

Summary

Area	Current Focus	Status / Next Step
Broadstreet Hollow	90% to 100% design review, DEC site visit, SWPPP coordination, and permit follow-up.	Continue final design coordination and move toward bidding/implementation readiness.
Hollow Tree Brook	SEQRA, permit narratives, DEC and joint application materials, and floodplain permit coordination.	Complete/resubmit permit package and resolve regulatory review items. 90% design review upcoming and moving toward 100% then to bid
Assessment & Monitoring	2026 field season planning, monitoring priorities, SFI training, and deliverable tracking.	Work with Ian Gedicks/ address needs as they relate to field workflows for efficient seasonal implementation.
CSBI / Program Support	Thomas CSBI support, partner coordination, thinking toward 2026 project planning.	Maintain field-season readiness and staff support with Bobby Taylor.

Stream Restoration Projects

Broadstreet Hollow

- Advanced the project from the 90% design stage toward final design by participating in the 90% design review, compiling comments, and coordinating follow-up with EPR on 100% design, budgeting, construction scheduling, and bidding readiness.
- Coordinated with NYSDEC Region 3 on the 4/23/2026 site visit to review wetland boundaries, permitting considerations, and project implementation needs.
- Continued coordination with USACE on federal permitting, project access, and related review items needed to keep the authorization process moving.
- Worked with the Town of Shandaken on revised floodplain permit materials and follow-up items associated with the floodplain development permit.
- Continued SWPPP coordination with DEP, including follow-up and delivery of SWPPP materials to the DEP office in Shokan.
- Maintained communication with project landowners regarding the DEC site visit, project schedule, and next steps so that landowners remain informed and supportive as the project moves toward implementation.
- Coordinated internally with DEP, UCSWCD staff, and EPR to identify remaining permitting items and prepare for anticipated bidding and implementation steps.

Hollow Tree Brook

- Moved the redesigned project through SEQRA and permit package development, including revisions to permit narratives, FEA materials, SEQRA Parts 2 and 3, and negative declaration documentation.
- Reviewed and coordinated materials from Stantec and SLR, including the joint application, FEMA/floodplain-related materials, and supporting items needed for resubmittal.
- Coordinated with the Town of Hunter on floodplain development permit materials, application logistics, check amount coordination, and follow-up with Town staff.
- Held and participated in permitting discussions with Stantec, NYSDEC, USACE, DEP, and UCSWCD staff to keep the permitting moving toward completion.
- Participated in project review and field coordination with Jake Wedemeyer to assess project needs and permitting considerations in the field.
- Reviewed 90% design materials and coordinated comments, questions, and next steps with Stantec and project partners.
- Coordinated with NYSDEC Region 4 regarding wetlands regulations and how current guidance may affect the project permitting approach.
- Met with USACE project manager to renegotiate

Assessment and Monitoring

- Continued assisting in preparing for the 2026 field season by coordinating with assessment staff on priorities, workload planning, scheduling, and monitoring deliverables.
- Participated in meetings and follow-up discussions regarding the turbidity reduction strategy and broader monitoring program priorities.
- Worked with DEP and internal staff on monitoring expectations, reporting backlog, workflow improvements, and deliverable tracking.
- Reviewed SFI-related materials and coordinated with staff on SFI training needs and upcoming monitoring/reporting efforts.
- Continued coordination related to the salmonid study, including communication with DEP and internal staff.

CSBI

- Coordinated staff support, seasonal field priorities, and implementation needs for CSBI work.
- Supported staff on the Thomas CSBI project through coordination and project assistance.

Meetings, Training, and Program Coordination

During this reporting period, I continued participating in meetings, trainings, and coordination efforts that support active project implementation and broader program management.

- Participated in DEP managers/project coordination meetings and the DEP quarterly meeting.
- Participated in SMIP grant review and scoring with CCE and internal staff.
- Continued work on the 2026-2028 Action Plan, including review, editing, and coordination with CCE, DEP, and UCSWCD staff.
- Reviewed CHIFAC/ other LFA initiative related materials and related program communications.
- Coordinated staff training opportunities, including Rosgen-related training and other professional development needs.
- Reviewed SCA time and attendance materials and coordinated intern/staff timecard items as needed.

General Coordination

- Continued coordination with DEP, CCE, NYSDEC, USACE, Stantec, EPR, and local municipal staff on active project and program needs.
- Worked with Jake Wedemeyer, Adam Trescott, and assessment/field staff to track project priorities, permitting needs, field-season readiness, and partner expectations.

- Provided support across partner efforts where technical review, project planning, meeting preparation, and interagency communication were needed.
- Continued internal staff check-ins and coordination related to workload, scheduling, equipment, training, and upcoming field efforts.

Ian Gedicks

Stream Technical Specialist

May UCSWCD Board Meeting Work Report

Stream Feature Inventory

- Finished Birch Creek SFI field work
- Visited substantial sites of erosion along Birch Creek with Dany Davis
- 2026 SFI Beaver Kill: Plan to reassess Management Units 1-3 this summer. Beginning stages of preparation. Working on landowner mailings

Modified Bank Erosion Monitoring Study (BEMS)

- Working on Drafting an Upper Esopus Creek Turbidity Reduction Management Strategy, discussed 1st draft rendition with Dany Davis & others
- Working on reviewing previous BEMS data and combining it with previous SFI data to determine priority sites to visit and assess

Post Project Monitoring

- Warner Creek Site 1 & Site 2: Completed Year 5 Geomorphic survey
- Stony Clove above Jansen: Completed Year 3 Geomorphic survey
- Working on monitoring reports for aforementioned sites
- Upcoming survey at Elk Bush Kill STRP

Geomorphic Assessments

- Planning to collect geomorphic data at Broadstreet Hollow STRP, Hollow Tree Brook STRP, and woodland potential project site

Other

- Attended SAWG meeting Field days May 4th & May 5th
- Took 4-hour NYS DEC Erosion and Sediment Control Training course
- Preparing trainings for our 2 Watershed Conservation Corps interns this summer (start date June 9th)

May Board Report (4/16/25 – 5/20/26) Mark Tollefson – Watershed Technician

- **General Office Work**

- Continued GIS data management and technical assistance within AWSMP
- Data review and check-in meetings with Brooke
- Drone equipment research for photo monitoring

- **Training**

- Stream Assessment Working Group SFI: 2 field days

- **Assessment & Monitoring**

- Birch Creek SFI Data Processing
- LiDAR point cloud data processing Woodland 2026 future STRP site
- Reviewing Upper Esopus Creek Turbidity Reduction Strategy
- Downloading and processing 2025 aerial imagery
- Warner Creek Site 1 & 2 project monitoring
 - Geomorphic surveys, pebble counts, bar sample, photo monitoring
- Stony Clove above Jansen project monitoring
 - Geomorphic surveys, pebble counts, bar sample, photo and vegetation monitoring
- Stony Clove watershed location identification for WCC intern training day
 - Prepare and sort data for sharing

- **Meetings**

- Participated in the Stream Ecosystem Working Group



Stony Clove Jansen

Aug 2022



Stony Clove Jansen

May 2026

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Office Work

- Produced maps using ARC GIS Pro. Maps to be used in RCMPs, additional CSBI usage, and other future efforts conducted by AWSMP
- Created SOP's for multiple tasks

Stream Monitoring

- Assisted in both office and field work
- Helped in all necessary tasks
- Participated in Warner Creek Assessment
- Assisted in Stony Clove Above Jansen Assessment
- Attended SFI Field Day with other basins and DEP
- Assisted in Woodland above Wilmont Way Drone Flight

CSBI & Site Maintenance

- Monitored multiple sites, and preformed maintenance when needed
- Prepared for upcoming planting season, through data, observation, maintenance, etc.
- Inputted and performed quality control on previous season's data
- Assisted in Litton CSBI Project mulching, and seeding
- Assisted in Thomas CSBI Project willow staking, planting, seeding, mulching and deer exclosure instillation and assembly
- Sprayed anti-herbivory spray at Elk Bushkill SR, Pantherkill SRP, and Thomas Planting

Misc

- Attended multiple staff meetings
- Managed and maintained the Plant Material Center
- Installed new landscape fabric for the PMC
- Completed various other tasks and needed/assigned
- Maintained tools and equipment
- Assisted in onboarding SCA Intern
- Assisted in UCSWCD Tree and Shrub Sale

New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee
Region 6 Report – May 2026
Submitted by: Travis Ferry – Region 6 Associate Environmental Analyst

NYS SWCC News

AEM Leopold Conservation Award 2026: 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 deadline for applications is **May 15th, 2026**.

State Aid Part C/Performance Measures Check-In: As we move towards the half-way mark of the calendar year, SWCDs are encouraged to review their progress toward achieving their State Aid to Districts (Part C) performance measure goals. With roughly 6 months to go, now is an ideal time for directors and staff to evaluate current progress, identify any areas requiring additional attention, and plan accordingly to ensure all applicable performance measures are completed by year's end. Part C has seen significant growth in recent years, and that growth could conceivably continue based upon current budget proposals. Proactive tracking and timely completion of these goals will help maximize each district's potential Part C award. Please feel free to reach out to your Regional AEA, if you have questions.

EBM Pilot Stream Program: Congratulations to the awardees of the EBM Stream Corridor Management Pilot Program! 26 projects were awarded in this pilot program to protect water quality and the long-term health of the State's waterways. Please see the press release below. More information about awards and plans for work will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, questions can be directed towards Tim Sheldon (timothy.sheldon@agriculture.ny.gov) or to your Regional AEA.

May SWCC Meeting: The next meeting of the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee will be on **Tuesday, May 19th 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.

2026 NYS Envirothon - Volunteers Needed: The New York State Envirothon Committee is pleased to announce that we will host the 2025 New York State Envirothon at SUNY Cortland, on **May 27th-28th, 2026**. Volunteers are the heart of this event, and it doesn't happen without assistance from SWCD Directors and staff. Please consider Volunteering! A description of the volunteer positions available as well as an online registration link are available here on the NYS Envirothon website, <https://nysenvirothon.org/contact>. Any questions can be directed to nysenvirothon@gmail.com.

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 be sure to **RSVP** to the appropriate Regional Coordinator by **May 25th** so we'll have accurate counts for lunch orders. As always Directors are invited to attend, as this meeting can count towards Performance Measures.

- Region 1: **June 2nd**, Genesee County Office Building #2, 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY – Vic DiGiacomo
- Region 2: **June 3rd**, Yates County SWCD - 417 Liberty St Penn Yan, NY – PJ Emerick
- Region 3: **June 1st**, Chenango County SWCD – 99 North Broad Street, Norwich, NY 13815 – Scott Fickbohm
- Region 4: **June 10th**, Croghan Fire Department – 6680 Fire Hall St., Croghan, NY 13327 – Ryan Cunningham
- Region 5: **June 11th**, NYS DEC Office – 232 Golf Course Rd., Warrensburg, NY 12885 – Ben Luskin
- Region 6: **June 9th**, Rockland County SWCD – 50 Sanatorium Rd., Bldg. A 6th Floor, Pomona, NY 10970 - Travis Ferry

Soil Science Watch Party Continues: A group of SWCC Staff, district staff, and partners are working their way through 39 hours of Soil Science lectures from Cornell University's Jonathan Russell-Anelli. The group meets **virtually on Monday mornings at 9:00 am** to watch prerecorded lectures and answer discussion questions. CCA credits are available for each session. The group uses Webex to coordinate and the recurring meeting link is: <https://meetny.gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m872f0a411cf3434a744799dc62f873fd>. Contact Tim Clark for more information.

Ecological Restoration Species Selection Tool Finalized: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and NY Natural Heritage Program finalized a Species Selection Tool that provides a list of native trees, shrub, and herbaceous species suitable for a project site. This tool matches a clicked site location and conditions like soil, geology, and other

conditions to expected natural communities to narrow down the species list, and provides information on each species, including height, lifespan, shade tolerance, and climate adaptability. <https://nynhp.shinyapps.io/speciesselectiontool/>

New Waste Storage Facility (313) Standard: This standard has been updated and is posted on FOTG. NRCS NY received a variance on the standard to be able to continue using current design practices for concrete storages located in non-sensitive environmental settings. NRCS national has been advocating enhanced design standards for all concrete storages against opposition from many states. Other updates: updated rainfall maps, added operation and maintenance criteria for inspections to reduce damage to liners during agitation, added criteria requiring structural and visual components to all agitation and pumping locations, which may reduce the risk of accidental entry and damage to the liner during agitation.

Other Events

NY Center of Excellence in Healthy Water Solutions Annual Meeting: The NY Center of Excellence in Healthy Water Solutions is hosting its annual meeting at SUNY ESF in **Syracuse, NY, May 19th-21st**. This meeting will bring researchers, partners and stakeholders together for in-depth discussions and networking as we look to find cooperative ways to address current and emerging water issues in New York. The event is free to attend. Please follow this link for more information and to register for the event: <https://healthywaters.org/annual-meeting/>. **This event qualifies for Performance Measure 1g – Participation at a State, Regional, and National meeting or function.**

From Planning To Action - Municipal Training Series: New York Sea Grant has announced educational opportunities for municipal leaders involved with land use management planning and implementation along New York's Great Lakes and connecting river channels. A two-part Coastal Community Development webinar series will feature information on coastal processes that impact the shorelines along Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Lake Ontario, and St. Lawrence River.

- **May 26, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM,** Great Lake Coastal Processes for Municipal Leaders in NY - New York Sea Grant staff will provide information on how shorelines respond to the natural, dynamic and changing action of the waters along New York's Great Lakes and connecting river channel shorelines. <https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/8uA0bfuOSR-n15ZyJhWTcg#/registration>
- **June 9, 2026, from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM,** Keeping your Plan off the Shelf - a panel of local government representatives who have successfully developed and implemented land use planning goals will share tips for keeping an active process moving after completing a local plan to accomplish the desired objectives and benefits for the local community. https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/-Ge8x470QFOtYB6ji_YvjA#/registration

NACD Northeast Regional Meeting – Save the Date: The 2026 Northeast Region Meeting, hosted by the Delaware Association of Conservation Districts, will be held on **August 24-27, 2026**, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, DE. <https://dacdnet.org/2026NACDNE/>

Other Grant Opportunities

Resilient Watersheds Grant (RWG) Program Application Period is Now Open: At least \$60 million of Environmental Bond Act funding is available for implementation of flood mitigation projects across New York State. Minimum grant amount: \$150,000; maximum grant amount: \$10,000,000. **Applications are due Friday June 26th, 2026, at 4:00 PM.** <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/water/water-quantity/resilient-ny>