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Funding Opportunity through AEM Program

Over the past decade Soil and Water Districts have worked diligently with their farming communities on implementing agricultural environmental management (AEM) best management practices (BMPs) to further farm viability. Due to each party's hard work in 2019 a new component was added to the AEM Program; a cost-share program to aid in funding projects on farms. Districts can receive funding to implement projects within their county with *a cap of \$50,000 per farm*. **2022 has started the second round of this funding availability.**

What is it? A grant opportunity to implement small projects on farms. This funding would assist farmers in implementing best management practice systems on their farm. This means that the **applying farm must have a conservation plan written before applying**, and that, if funded, the farm must upfront the initial cost of the total project, and upon completion of that project, to standard, the district reimburses the farm up to 75% of the total project cost; leaving the farm responsible for at least 25%. Projects must be completed within 2 years.

Who is eligible? Any farm within Franklin County Soil and Water's Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program and with a **PLAN**. Must be a farmer in Franklin County, a U.S. Citizen and at least 18 years of age. Previous funding does not make you ineligible for this round of funding.

How to apply for this FUNDING? Any farm interested in this funding opportunity must call or stop in to the Franklin County Soil and Water office at 151 Finney Blvd. Malone, NY 12953, **before September 15, 2022**. District staff need time to do an assessment and a plan, so get in as soon as possible.

BMP Systems Eligible are:

- Access Control Systems,
- Agrichemical Handling and Storage System,
- Irrigation Water Management System,
- On-farm Secondary Containment System,
- Prescribed Rotational Grazing System,
- Process Wash Water Management System,
- Soil Conservation System
- Erosion Control System (Cultural)

If you have any questions or concerns about applying, your eligibility, eligibility of projects, etc. Please don't hesitate to contact Devin Normandeau by phone (518) 651-2097 or by email at dnormadeau@fcsxcd.org.

The 2022 Franklin County Northern Adirondack Regional Envirothon: Congratulations to Franklin Academy!

The Envirothon is a competition for high school students to test their knowledge about environmental issues. Schools send five person teams to answer questions on topics such as Soils, Aquatics, Forestry and Wildlife, and a current environmental issue. Teams compete in a hands-on, outdoor setting where they learn that cooperation is needed to achieve success. The activities are designed to help students become environmentally aware, action-oriented adults, and to teach the students about important environmental issues. The North Adirondack

Regional Envirothon (NARE) is the environmentally based competition open to all high schools in Clinton, Essex, Franklin and St. Lawrence Counties. The local event was held on May 13. Franklin Academy was the Franklin County winner! The Franklin Academy team went on to compete at the State Envirothon May 25 and 26th at Hobart, William and Smith College in Geneva, NY. They won the Current Issue test and also came in 4th place overall!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to our local Sponsors:
Franklin, St. Lawrence, Essex and Clinton County Soil and Water Districts
Paul Smiths College
ESF Ranger School
Nicandri Nature Center

From left to right: Claire Poupore, Spencer Miletich, Jeb Shea, Witt Rogers, Avery Bannon and Mr. John Miletich



GROWERS, uncover the secrets of soil health with the "Soil Your Undies Challenge". It's as simple as counting to 5!

1. Grab the rules/regulation & the UNDIES from the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District at 151 Finney Blvd, Malone NY.
2. Bury Undies
3. Wait 6 weeks
4. Dig up your UNDIES
5. Bring them back to the office by August 3rd for judging

This Challenge has 3 categories– Commercial farming, High Tunnel farming and Home gardening.

Prizes are valued at \$100.

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

Devin at 518-651-2097 or email at dnornandeau@fcswwcd.org



Logger Rescue, CPR, First Aid & Blood Borne Pathogens



July 28th (Tupper Lake, NY) & July 29th (Burke, NY)

7:30am-2:30pm

What to bring: Current First Aid Kit to review, clothes for indoor and outdoor settings

This class is geared towards logging contractors. This class is to ensure that all employees can respond in an emergency situation to make sure employees get the aid that they need. All attendees will receive American Safety and Health Institute 1st Aid/CPR completion card which is good for 2 years.



Topics include:

- First Aid, CPR & Blood Borne Pathogens
- Logger Rescue
- Emergency Plans
- Extraction
- What to have in a first aid kit



Space is limited to 30 attendees, pre-registration is required by July 20, 2022.

This event is free and lunch will be provided. Loggers are all encouraged to attend. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Ballou, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District (518) 651-2097 or kballou@fcswwcd.org

Sponsored by:

- Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District
- Master Logger Certification Program
- Workforce Development Institute

This workshop is generously sponsored by the Workforce Development Institute, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District and US Endowment for Forestry and Communities.



The United States Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (the "Endowment") is a non-profit corporation that works collaboratively with partners in the public and private sectors to advance systemic, transformative, and sustainable change for the health and vitality of the nation's working forest and forest-reliant communities.

Arbor Day 2022

The District has been holding Arbor Day Events around the county for the last 7 years. The 2022 Arbor Day Event was hosted by Village of Malone at the Arsenal Green Park on April 30, 2022.

The public planted a Honey Locus tree that was purchased from Bonesteels. We also held our Second Annual Arbor Day poster contest.! Our winner was Morrigan Riley, Age 7, Grade 1!

Congratulations Morrigan.



If you are interested in hosting an Arbor Day event in the future please contact Kristin Ballou 518-651-2097 or kballou@fcswd.org



Kristin Ballou recently organized and hosted a Forestry BMP & Skidder Bridge Workshop in Tupper Lake! We had a great turnout and great discussion. See all of the loggers playing on their phones? They learned about a new app to help them when they are working in the woods to identify sensitive areas, streams, boundaries, etc.! Other topics included finding the best stream crossing location, wetland identification, DEC and APA permit requirements, DEC spill response requirements and erosion control products by EJ Prescott. A huge thank you to all who participated and the Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands and the Northeast Master Logger Certification!

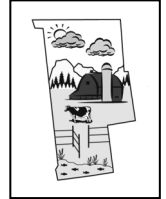


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Do you have standing water? Mosquito dunks utilize a naturally-occurring type of bacteria to control mosquitos. They are recommended to use in backyard ponds or fountains. They last about 30 days and are used from April to September.



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Franklin County Soil and Water Welcomes Devin as our District Technician!

Hi! My name is Devin Normandeau and I'm back! In the past I have interned for the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District. I've lived in Constable, NY for most of my life and I'm a 2016 graduate of Franklin Academy. I graduated from the SUNY ESF Ranger School in Wanakena, NY in 2018 and from SUNY ESF in Syracuse, NY in 2021. My education is in forestry and natural resources management but I enjoy learning about farming operations and services that the county can provide. At the District I will be conducting farm assessments and forest inventories again but also monitoring emerald ash borer populations in the county and moving the no till around. Give Devin a call or an email anytime, 518-651-2097, dnormandeau@fcswcd.org.



Mason and Devin loading the hydroseeder for a job in Malone



Welcome Mason Stine— District Technician

In June of 2023 we welcomed Mason Stine as our new District Technician! Mason is originally from South Central Pennsylvania where he grew up on a 10 acre farm. He always had a love for the environment so he landed at Paul Smith's College where he earned a degree in Biology and Forestry with a minor in Wildland Fire Management. Mason truly enjoys the outdoors and spends allot of time mountain biking. He lives in Saranac Lake with his fiancé! Mason is going to be heading up our municipal work, so if you need the hydroseeder, to check on a culvert or a ditch, or want to talk about what the District can do for your town call or email Mason at 518-651-2097, mstine@fcswcd.org.