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# Conservation News

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We have MOVED!

### New Water Drop off Service!

We are now a drop  
of location for En-  
dyne Labs. They  
pick up on Thurs-  
days by 9 am. For  
more information  
check out their  
website:  
<https://www.endynelabs.com/analytic>

Ag Assessments  
Due March 1  
Don't forget to do  
your renewal!



Thank you so much to everyone who made our new building happen! Thank you to the Franklin County Legislators and County Manager, Ed Lockwood, Paul Lauzon, Andrea Dumas, Justus Martin, Greg Janisewski, Lindy Ellis, Nedd Sparks and Donna Kissane, Thank you to John St Mary, Timmy St Mary, William St Mary, Josh Barney, Landon Barney, and Easton Barney for helping with the heavy lifting. Thank you to Wayne and Judy Jock for demolition, cleaning and painting! Thank you Marty Wright for fixing all the doors, the water feature and everything little thing! Thank you Alisha from National for getting our printer moved so quickly. Thank you Craig, Deana and Luke from Westelcom for the phone connection, wiring and all the fun connections. Thank you to Anna Jock- Miller and Landon Ballou for all the moving and organizing assistance, Make sure you

wear your hard hat! The biggest thank you to Mitchell who personally carted filing cabinets down the road!

## **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.

### ***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 planned project cost; leaving the farm responsible for at least 25%. Projects must be completed within 2 years.

Don't have a conservation plan or a plan that is up to date? No worries, contact the Soil and Water office, (518) 651-2097, and we can work with you to have a plan written before applications are due, plans are written at no cost.

### ***BMP Systems Eligible are.....***

Access Control Systems  
Irrigation Water Management System  
Prescribed Rotational Grazing System  
Soil Conservation System

Agrichemical Handling and Storage System  
Petroleum and Oil Products Storage System  
Process Wash Water Management System

### ***Examples of eligible projects....***

#### ***Prescribed Rotational Grazing System***

This is for any farm that is currently grazing or wants to livestock: goats, sheep, chickens, pigs, cows, horses, alpacas, etc. A plan would be written with recommendations on rotationally grazing livestock using 5 or more paddocks during the grazing season. Alternating paddocks allows for forage vigor and regrowth, decreases the reliance of supplemental feed, potentially decreasing feed costs, increasing soil health, potentially decreasing fertilizer cost, increasing herd health, and decreasing soil erosion in areas where livestock tend to congregate. The plan would be written based on the current animal numbers that the farm has and a scenario would be included that showed the number of animals the land could support. Cost share funding for implementation of a Prescribed Rotational Grazing plan could be utilized for fencing, watering systems, laneways, etc.

#### ***Forest Conservation Management System***

This is for any farm with a farm woodlot that you remove firewood from or a maple sugaring operation. Forest Conservation Plan Assistance through this program assists you if your farm has recently had a timber harvest on your property and are now dealing with erosion issues or are planning on a harvest and want to limit the impact of the timber harvest. A Forest Conservation Plan may be of assistance to you to address these concerns. The Forest Conservation Plan will identify erosion concerns, water quality impacts, disease concerns and assist you in managing your woodlot in the most sustainable way possible. Cost share funding could be utilized to assist in implementing forestry best management practices to divert water from trails and roadways such as water bars, culverts, rubber belt deflectors, etc. or to fix ruts or other soft spots that impede access and cause unnecessary erosion. *If you are interested in improving the health of your woodlot through thinnings, there are other cost share programs that can address those concerns.*



## **Funding Opportunity through AEM Program– Continued**

### *Who is eligible?*

Any U.S. Citizen and resident of Franklin County that is at least 18 years of age. Any farm within Franklin County Soil and Water's Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program. Applicants who already have written AEM Conservation Plans will be funded before applicants without a plan, per State requirement. If the applicant does not have an AEM conservation plan this does not deem them ineligible; the District will work with the applicant to create a plan, however, this may prevent the applicant from obtaining this round of funding.

### *How to apply?*

Any farm interested in this funding opportunity must fill out an application and return it to the Franklin County Soil and Water office at 174 Finney Blvd. Malone, NY 12953, either by mail or hand delivery, **before November 30, 2023 by 3:00 p.m.**, emailed applications will **NOT** be accepted. Applications can be found at the Soil and Water office or on our website [fcswcd.org](http://fcswcd.org). Applicants may add additional pages to the application, if necessary. If completing the application by hand, please fill it out legibly as we cannot fund your project if we are unsure of what it is.

*\*If the application is returned to the District after November 30st, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., it may be deemed ineligible as it was returned after the deadline\**

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, have questions, or need a plan written, please contact the Franklin County Soil and Water Office; phone: **518-651-2097**, email: [dnormandeau@fcswcd.org](mailto:dnormandeau@fcswcd.org), or stop in **174 Finney Blvd. Malone NY, 12953**.



## **Franklin County Soil & Water No-Till Drill Rental Program**

**Contact us to rent our Great Plains 1006NT No-Till Drill**

### **General Machine Configuration**

2 seed boxes (1 for small seed and 1 for large seed)  
10' planting width  
12' 7" overall width

### **Tractor Requirements**

70hp is recommended (*a smaller tractor can be used on flat smooth ground if you go slow enough*)  
Proper hydraulics (2 std. ½" quick couplers)  
Drawbar level/height (*drill should be level when attached*)

### **Cost**

\$18/acre  
\$35 delivery fee plus \$1.00 per mile for deliveries over 35 miles from the Franklin County High-way Garage (14981 State Route 30 Malone, NY 12953)



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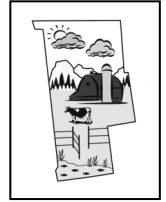


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Permit No. 6



**THANK YOU Mitchell Miletich!**

We would like to thank Mitchell for being an amazing intern this summer! Mitchell is a Malone resident currently attending Keuka College in the Finger Lakes. Mitchell spent his summer hydroseeding, visiting farms, working on forest management plans, demonstrating our stream table, moving our office and so much more! A huge thank you to him for doing everything we asked of him! Mitchell you are welcome back any time! Hint,



hint...come  
back please!



**WE HAVE MOVED!**

Just up the road, but we have moved to 174 Finney Blvd, Malone NY! Our phone number and emails have stayed the same!

Our hours are 8-4 Monday through Friday, but with a small staff sometimes we are all out in the field. So give us a shout and make sure we are here!

