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State Committee Meeting and Conservation Tour Farm Credit East 4363 Federal Drive, Batavia, NY 14020 October 15th, 16th 2015

SWCC Meeting, Day 1 – October 15th

10:00 a.m. Call to Order / Introductions

10:05 Review and Approve Minutes

10:10 Correspondence, Staffing Update – Michael Latham, Brian Steinmuller

10:20 Genesee River Coalition of Districts MOU Presentation and Approval of Proposed Resolution 15-02 – Greg McKurth, Victor DiGiacomo

11:00 Great Lakes Area of Concern Restoration – Ryan Perrello, Niagara County SWCD

11:30 NRCS Great Lakes Restoration Program – Ben Schmidt, USDA NRCS

12:00 Working Lunch

1:15 AgNPS Abatement and Control Program/AEM Base – Bethany Bzduch, Brian Steinmuller

- Amendments
- Round 21 Update
- Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Recap and Round 22 Update
- Round 22/ABF Year 11 Split (Report and TAC Recommendation Below)

1:45 Climate Resilient Farming Program Update – Gabriella Spitzer

2:15 Partnership Reports / Advisory Member Reports / Public Comments

3:30 Proposed Next Meeting Date and Location

Adjourn

Conservation Tour Schedule, Day 2 – October 16th

8:30 a.m. – Depart Comfort Inn Hotel (A) (4360 Commerce Drive, Batavia, NY 14020), located next to the Farm Credit East office which is adjacent to I-90 in Batavia, NY. As the group departs, it will be travelling south on Route 98 for 1.5 miles, then east on Route 5 for 7.5 miles. Approximate travel time to Donn Branton's Farm located in the Village of Stafford is 15 minutes.

8:45 a.m. – Arrive at 1st Stop – Donn Branton's Farm (B) (6536 East Main Road, Stafford, NY 14143), located just east of the Red Osier Restaurant. Donn Branton and Dennis Kirby (Orleans County SWCD) will engage the group focusing on Soil Health related initiatives, the usage of cover crops, and the newly formed WNY Conservation Tillage Alliance.

As the group departs from Donn Branton's Farm in route to the Genesee Country Village, it will be travelling east on Route 5 (East Main Road) for 7 miles, then north onto Flint Hill Road for 1 mile. Approximate travel time to The Genesee Country Village is 10 minutes.

10:00 a.m. – Arrive at 2nd Stop – Oatka Creek Site @ Genesee Country Village (C) (1410 Flint Hill Rd, Mumford, NY 14511) - Shannon Dougherty (NYSDEC) and Vic DiGiacomo (SWCC) will engage the group focusing on the Genesee River Trees for Tributaries Project, recent Great Lakes Action Agenda progress and other future initiatives envisioned for the Genesee River Basin.

As the group departs from the Genesee Country Village in route for the Stein Farm, it will be travelling southwest on Flint Hill Road/Gulf Road for 3.5 miles, then north on Circular Hill Road (Hwy – 25A) for 1.5 miles, then east on Oatka Trail Road for 1 mile, then making a left on to Gully Road. Approximate travel time to the Stein Farm is 10 minutes.

11:15 a.m. – Arrive at 3rd Stop – Stein Farms (D) (8343 Gully Rd, Le Roy, NY 14482) Dale Stein (SWCC) will provide the group with a tour of the farm, focusing on the agricultural waste storage cover and flare system. Greg Albrecht (SWCC) and Gabriella Spitzer (SWCC) will also lead a discussion focusing on how this system assists the farm with greenhouse gas reduction, adapting to climate change and how it all ties together with the new Climate Resilient Farming Program.

12:30 p.m. – Depart Stein Farm for home: Interstate 90 is very close to the Stein Farm. To access I-90, depart west on Gully Road for .5 miles. Turn right on Oatka Trail and continue west for 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Parmalee Road and continue north until it meets with Lake Street (Route 19). Turn right onto Route 19 and continue north for 1 mile. Merge onto I-490 W toward Thruway/I-90, then merge onto I-90 in your chosen direction.

