



## Soil and Water Conservation Committee

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### **New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee Meeting October 31, 2023**

**Public Location:**

1. NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets Albany – AGM Second Floor Orchard Room (Visitors must check in at Security Desk) 10B Airline Drive, Albany 12235
2. Stein Farm – 8246 North Road, Leroy, NY 14482
3. American Farmland Trust Office – 112 Spring Street, Suite 207, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
4. Hickling’s Fish Farm Inc - 219 Pitts Rod, Edmeston, NY 13335
5. Jefferson County SWCD Office - 25451 State Route 12, Watertown, NY 13601
6. Montgomery County SWCD Office – 4001 State Highway 5s, Fultonville, NY 12072

A virtual option is available for Advisory Members, SWCDs and members of the public at the following call-in and link options:

Meeting call-in number: 518-549-0500

Meeting access code: 1612 58 8013

Meeting link:

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/j.php?MTID=m379e5c156314a565a39f7b13e7312790>

#### **SWCC Meeting Agenda:**

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| <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Call to order / Introductions</b>   |
| 10:05           | Review and approve minutes   |
| 10:10           | Correspondence and 4-Way Partnership MOA – Bethany Bzduch  |
| 10:20           | Voting / Advisory / Staff / Conservation District Reports / Public Comments – All  |
| 10:40           | AgNPS Program – Bethany Bzduch, Tyler Knapp <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Status Report</li><li>• Amendments</li></ul> |
| 10:45           | Climate Resilient Farming Program – Jennifer Clifford, Tyler Knapp   |

- Program Status Report
- Amendments

10:50 Next Meeting – Proposed Tuesday November 21, 2023, location(s) TBD

**At this point in the agenda, we will ask all SWCDs (except CDEA designated representative) and farmers to recuse from the Round 7 CRF ranked list discussions/motions by leaving the room, disconnecting from the WebEx or phone line.**

10:55 AM Round 7 CRF Ranked List approval (Resolution 23-02 on page 2, motion needed)

11:15 AM Adjourn meeting

**Resolution 23-02**

That subject to the availability of funds, the Committee shall award funding, pursuant to Round 7 of the Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program, for projects ranked on each of the three lists, one list per track, until funds available for this purpose are exhausted or the scoring threshold is reached, consistent with the Soil and Water Conservation District Law, the RFP, and any other law applicable to funding of such projects. Consistent with the RFP, the Committee authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Markets to negotiate the terms of the contract with the project sponsors and to make minor adjustments to the project description and budget as necessary to achieve project goals, conform to applicable laws and regulations, and to serve the best interests of the State.