

**Agricultural NPS Abatement & Control Grant Program**  
**February 27, 2024**  
**State Committee Meeting**

**Staff Approved Amendments**

None

**Amendments for State Committee Consideration**

**Region 1**

Allegany County SWCD – Round 25 C012155 – Wellsville Water Supply Protection

Contract Start: 11/19/2019

Contract End: 2/20/2024

Request: **Time Extension to 2/20/2025**

Reason: Financial uncertainties following COVID and uncertain milk markets caused the farms to delay implementation of their projects. One farm experienced business structure changes in 2022 which delayed them from being able to finance their BMP implementation. The farm currently has plans to complete their BMP's in 2024. A second farm has completed their cover crops. They have received the bids for their waste storage and transfer system and have selected a contractor. Earthwork is scheduled to begin in January of 2024. A third farm has completed all of their projects.

*Note: Victor DiGiacomo, Region 1 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

Allegany County SWCD – Round 25 C012158 – Rushford Lake Protection Phase 2

Contract Start: 11/19/2019

Contract End: 2/20/2024

Request: **Time Extension to 2/20/2025**

Reason: Two farms have completed their projects in full. A third farm has started construction on their project in 2023 but they ran out of good weather to complete it. The farm is requesting one additional construction season to complete the work that has been started.

*Note: Victor DiGiacomo, Region 1 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

Cattaraugus County SWCD – Round 24 C701404 – Conewango Creek AGNPS Runoff Control Project

Contract Start: 3/2/2021

Contract End: 6/30/2024

Request: Time Extension to 6/30/2025

Reason: The Cattaraugus County SWCD is requesting a one-year time extension due to a change in ownership that occurred in November 2022. Additionally, the project was sent out for bid and the returned bid packages vastly exceeded the project budget. The project will be re-bid in 2024 with construction expected later in the year.

*Note: Victor DiGiacomo, Region 1 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: 1 Landowner Change, 1 Time extension*

## Region 2

Onondaga County SWCD – Round 24 C701376 – Hourigan Family Dairy, LLC

Contract Start: 11/27/2018

Contract End: 12/31/2023

Request: **Time Extension to 12/31/2024**

Reason: The farm has completed the proposed Soil Health System in its entirety. The Waste Storage and Transfer System project has experienced significant local opposition due to location. Project is currently being legally debated between shareholders. Alternative locations are being discussed/designed. One possibility is adding additional storage to another farm location.

*Note: PJ Emerick, Region 2 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee*

*Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

Onondaga County SWCD – Round 25 C012186 – CoVale Holsteins Enhanced Nutrient Management

Contract Start: 11/19/2019

Contract End: 12/31/2023

Request: **Time Extension to 12/31/2024**

Reason: The project design is complete and the landowner has applied for additional funding through USDA EQIP. The farm is waiting to see if they will be awarded federal funding.

*Note: PJ Emerick, Region 2 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee*

*Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

Ontario County SWCD – Round 24 C701378 – Mud Creek Erosion Control Project

Contract Start: 11/27/2018

Contract End: 12/31/2023

Request: **Time Extension to 06/30/2024**

Reason: This grant project involved erosion control practices on 5 farms in Ontario County. Due to weather conditions and the lack of construction supplies, one farm has been unable to complete their project within the current grant time period. This project has also involved extensive coordination of NYS Department of Transportation on work in the right-of-way which has slowed progress. This project is in the final stages of construction and requires a short extension to complete all work and stabilize the project site post construction.

*Note: PJ Emerick, Region 2 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee*

*Previous Amendments: 2 Time Extensions*

Ontario County SWCD – Round 25 C012189 – Northern Watersheds Waste Management Project

Contract Start: 11/19/2019

Contract End: 2/20/2024

Request: Time Extension to 10/20/2024

Reason: The participating farm has completed the manure storage portion of the project and is near completion for the transfer component of the project. Difficulty with underground directional boring has stalled project completion. Transfer lines have been installed, but transfer connections under roadway is ongoing. One under roadway connection will have to wait for drier weather in the summer. The project will be finalized with these connects, therefore the farm requests an extension for the grant funding.

*Note: PJ Emerick, Region 2 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee*

*Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

## Region 4

Essex County SWCD – Round 26 C701412 – Lake Champlain Heavy Use Area Mitigation

Contract Start: 3/2/2021

Contract End: 6/30/2024

Request: Time Extension to 6/30/2025

Reason: The landowner has completed engineering for the project but was unable to get a contractor to complete the work in 2023. He is currently getting bids and plans to implement in 2024.

*Note: Ryan Cunningham, Region 4 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: None*

Franklin County SWCD – Round 24 C701358 – Manure Storage for Adventure Farms, Franklin County

Contract Start: 11/27/2018

Contract End: 3/1/2024

Request: **Time Extension to 3/1/2025**

Reason: Engineering complete in 2022. Project delayed due to contractor availability and increase in cost of materials. Project will be bid out to bid early spring 2024. Construction is planned for summer 2024.

*Note: Ryan Cunningham, Region 4 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*

Lewis County SWCD – Round 24 C701366 – Demko Dairy LLC Implementation Project

Contract Start: 11/27/2018

Contract End: 3/1/2024

Request: **Time Extension to 12/1/2024**

Reason: The participating farm broke ground on the proposed waste storage and transfer system in September of 2023. Due to an intense storm and consistent rain after, progress was held up and the contractor had to pull out. Materials, including the storage liner, have been received and are on site. The District is requesting an additional nine months to provide the contractor additional time to complete implementation of the system.

*Note: Ryan Cunningham, Region 4 AEA, supports the request, but refers to the State Committee  
Previous Amendments: 1 Time Extension*