

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM
RFP 0323 - Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement and Control
Program (Round 30)

Please Answer All Questions

Identify the applicable funding source for this application. Applicants may only select one funding source per application. See RFP for additional details.

Environmental Protection Fund Track

Bond Act Track

General Project Information

1) Project Priority ID #	Click or tap here to enter text.
2) Project Name	Click or tap here to enter text.
3) Type of Project	Choose an item.

Part A – Applicant Information

4) Project Sponsor (Soil and Water Conservation District)	Click or tap here to enter text.
5) NYS Vendor ID#	Click or tap here to enter text.
6) Federal ID#	Click or tap here to enter text.
7) Contact Person	Click or tap here to enter text.
8) Project Sponsor Mailing Address	Click or tap here to enter text.
9) Project Sponsor Email	Click or tap here to enter text.
10) Project Sponsor Phone Number	Click or tap here to enter text.

Part B – General Project Information

11) Total # Farms Participating in Project:	Click or tap here to enter text.
12) # Concentrated Animal Feeding (CAFOs)	Click or tap here to enter text.
13) # Non-Regulated Farms	Click or tap here to enter text.
14) # of farms that have never been awarded a CRF or AgNPS Grant.	Click or tap here to enter text.

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15) Have all farms included in this proposal been inventoried and assessed using the AEM Tier I and II process?	Choose an item.
16) For Implementation projects, have all farms included in this proposal completed at a minimum a Tier 3A plan that addresses the resource concern identified for implementation?	Choose an item.
17) Are all regulated CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) farms compliant with appropriate requirements?	Choose an item.
18) Do any potential conflicts of interest exist with the participating landowners?	Choose an item.

Part C – Identified Need or Opportunity

19) Please list the watersheds where projects are located, including the Major Basin (HUC 8), Sub-Watershed (HUC 12), and common name. Identify the AEM Strategic Planning Unit associated (if any) and whether the project is upstream (at HUC 10 scale or smaller) of a benefit to a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) (e.g., upstream of a Disadvantaged Community’s drinking water source, downtown waterfront, public swimming area, or other). Use the (+) symbol on the left side of table to add more rows as needed.

**Disadvantaged Community Criteria were finalized by the Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) on March 23, 2023. A map of communities and HUC10 Watersheds can be found here:*

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/94a4216a6f8d45dfb3cf4c60ef391ff6/>

Major Basin (HUC 8)	Sub-Watershed (HUC 12)	Watershed Name	AEM Strategic Planning Unit Addressed	Upstream (HUC10) of Benefit to DAC? (Y/N)

20) In 1 page or less, provide information that describes the aquatic resources to be improved by the project, their impacts on the community, and any existing water quality pressures. Additionally, please include the following:

- a description of watershed-based plans or reports used to document water quality concerns.
- a description of active conservation partner groups (e.g. Watershed Advisory Committee, Lake Associations)
- a description of the agricultural sources/activities that contribute to the non point source pollution load in the watershed and how those activities have been identified.

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- a description of how the project proposal links to the District's AEM Strategic planning unit goals.
- a list of the aquifers to be impacted by the project and their classification as Primary, Principal, or Sole Source.
- a list of the public drinking water supplies to be impacted by the project and the total population served.
- identify the stream segments to be impacted by the proposed projects and indicate water quality information identified on the Priority Waterbody List; include the Classification, Best Use, Use Assessment, and Pollutants.

Click or tap here to enter text.

For Implementation Projects Only:

21) Are any farms in this application proposing to implement the same BMP System as one that was previously implemented with funding from the AgNPS Program.	Choose an item.
22) Are any proposed BMP systems needed to address an executed consent order for compliance with the State CAFO Permit?	Choose an item.
23) How many covered (roofed) barnyards or covered heavy use areas are proposed?	Click or tap here to enter text.
24) How many agricultural waste facilities (including bedded packs or compost bedded packs) are proposed?	Click or tap here to enter text.
25) Are any farms proposing to implement Soil Health Systems? If so, which flat rate/acre is used?	Choose an item.
26) Are any farms proposing cover crops on fields for the first time or trying a new seed mix?	Choose an item.
27) Are any farms implementing a system for the first time (e.g., first Waste Storage and Transfer System or first Soil Health System or other)?	Choose an item.

Part D – Scope of Work

28) Complete the following table to identify agencies, groups, Engineers, or AEM stakeholders that will be participating in the project.

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Agency, Groups, Private Engineers/Consultants, or other AEM Stakeholder (e.g., NRCS, Cornell Cooperative Extension, or others)	Project Role (e.g., technical services, outreach/education, demonstration)

Part E – Project Support and Cost-Effectiveness

29) Complete the following table if any proposed implementation projects will be located on agricultural lands that have been permanently protected from conversion to non-farm development by perpetual conservation easements?

Landowner / Farm Name	Conservation Easement Holder (i.e., Grantee)	Year Conveyed

30) Complete the table if the proposed project will utilize additional matching funds from local or federal sources.

Landowner / Farm Name	Source of Matching Funds

Part F – Preference Point Consideration

31) To qualify for up to five (5) additional points, select the applicable information below. Proposals will receive up to five (5) additional points if criteria are met. Additional points will not be applied if required documentation is not provided.

<p>Has each farm in the proposal committed to implementing riparian forest buffers? Note, proposals including riparian forest buffers for preference point consideration must clearly indicate that the buffers will begin implementation within the first two years of the contract, include livestock exclusion practices if associated with pasture. (Additional points will not be applied if required documentation is not provided)</p>	<p>Choose an item.</p>
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Part G – Project Narrative

32) In 3 pages or less, please provide responses to Problem Statement and Project Objective. Refer to the Round 30 Proposal Rating sheet for narrative considerations. Maps and other supporting documentation (e.g., photos) may also be included in addition to the 3 page narrative. If the narrative will be attached in a separate Word Document please indicate "See Attached" in the boxes below.

Problem Statement (Identified Need): Provide information that describes the water quality concern within the watershed and the need for the project. Consider including:

- a description of current conditions on the farm(s)
- an explanation of the need or opportunity for the proposed project(s)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Project Objective (Support, Scope of Work, Cost Effectiveness): Provide a description of the proposed project and how it will address the water quality concern/issue described in the Problem Statement. Consider including:

- a description of the planned best management practices, shovel-readiness and/or preliminary design status and the SWCD's capacity to carry out the project(s)
- a description of how the proposed project(s) will support other local conservation efforts
- an explanation of the projects' budget development
- details regarding the cost effectiveness relative to the proposed projects and their impact on other resources
- feasibility of farms to adopt practice following grant closing

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETENESS

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Project Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project ID#: Click or tap here to enter text.

ELIGIBILITY

*Proposal must be submitted through the NYS SWCC Sharepoint site by **4:30 PM on Monday, February 24, 2024****

- Proposal submitted by a Soil and Water Conservation District or a group of Districts*
- Project proposes to implement BMP Systems (Tier IV) in the Agricultural Best Management Practice Systems Catalogue **or** is for AEM Planning (Tier III)*
- State funds requested are less than or equal to 87.5%*

PROJECT APPLICATION FORM AND COMPONENTS:

- All questions are answered
- Project Narratives are limited to length noted in RFP.

Planning:
<input type="checkbox"/> Application form* (all questions answered or marked with N/A) <input type="checkbox"/> SW Workbook* (including SW1, SW2, SW 4, SW 5, SW 6) <input type="checkbox"/> SWCD Resolution** <input type="checkbox"/> Legible Watershed Map Showing Farm(s)** <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes to Question 19, Disadvantaged Communities Map (including HUC 10 Watershed intersecting with Downstream Benefit)** <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner Commitment and Signature Form for Each Participant Listed on the SW1**
Implementation:
<input type="checkbox"/> Application form including applicable screening tools* (all questions answered or marked with N/A) <input type="checkbox"/> SW Workbook* (including SW1, SW2, SW 3, SW 4, SW 5, SW 6) <input type="checkbox"/> SWCD Resolution** <input type="checkbox"/> Legible watershed map showing farm(s)** <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes to Question 19, Disadvantaged Communities Map (including Intersecting HUC 10 Watershed and with Downstream Benefit)** <input type="checkbox"/> Legible topographic map of each project site** <input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead or field map from the AEM Plan that shows the proposed project area, runoff flow path direction and distance to the impacted watercourse or groundwater recharge area** <input type="checkbox"/> NYS Cultural Resources Information System Map for practices that are designated as having a Potential Effect or Effect to historic properties** <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner Commitment and Signature form for each participant listed on the SW 1**

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***Items marked with an asterisk are essential required elements of the proposal.** Failure to provide the item(s) by the deadline will constitute an incomplete proposal and the application will not be considered for funding.

****Items marked with a double asterisk are required elements that if determined to be missing the applicant will be notified by Email and provided five (5) business days to submit the missing item(s).** Failure to provide the item(s) by the designated deadline will result an incomplete proposal and the application will not be considered for funding. If the item(s) are received by the designated deadline the proposal will be considered for funding and receive a 5 point reduction penalty from the final aggregated score. Applications that receive a 5 point penalty are not eligible to received AGNPS preference points.

NOTE: If a project is selected for funding, any ineligible costs will be removed during Plan of Work development. The percentage of state funds may not increase as a result of these alterations.

PREFERENCE POINTS

- The SW3 BMP Implementation list includes Riparian Buffer System with Riparian Forest Buffer (391) (AC) practice for each landowner and Plan of Work (SW-5) Shows Implementation Beginning within the first 2 Years of the Contract
- Not applying for preference points

SWCD CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that information provided on this form and attached statements and exhibits is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. False statements made herein are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to Section 210.45 of the Penal Law.

Title Click or tap here to enter text. Entity Click or tap here to enter text.

Date Click or tap here to enter text. Name Click or tap here to enter text.

Grantee Signature

Date

NOTE: If the project application includes eligible participating landowner(s) that are either SWCD Board Members or Employees, please attach a copy of the official Board Meeting minutes that reflect the process for the selection of the farm(s), disclosure of interests, and necessary recusals from the authorizing resolution.