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State Committee Meeting
Department of Agriculture and Markets
Pride of New York Room
10B Airline Drive
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May 21, 2013

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

10:10 Review and Approve Minutes

10:15 Correspondence

10:20 Ag NPS Abatement and Control Program – Brian Steinmuller

- Amendments
- Program Update
- Round 20 Timeline Approval and TAC Update

11:00 NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Program Grant Update – Sue Van Patten, Jeremy Campbell

11:30 Emergency Stream Intervention Program, District Engagement

- Resolution of Support for District Involvement in ESI Program – Resolution 13-03
(See reverse for copy of resolution and supporting documentation)

12:00 Lunch

1:00 SWCD Annual Plan of Work Approval

1:30 CAFO Regulatory Reform Update – Mike Latham

2:00 Engineering and Job Approval Authority Report – Tim Clark

2:35 AEM Base Funding Program Split – Brian Steinmuller

2:40 Next Meeting Date – May

Adjourn

Resolution 13-03

***New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee
Policy in Support of Conservation Districts Implementation of Emergency Stream Intervention***

WHEREAS, Flood intensity and frequency is increasing due to climate change induced extreme weather events, as seen through the devastating results of recent storms Hurricane Irene (August 2011), Tropical Storm Lee (September 2011), and Hurricane Sandy (October 2012);

WHEREAS, Conservation Districts have the authority and responsibility under Soil and Water Conservation District Law (SWCD Law), Section 9 and 11-a to engage in activities to restore natural resources from damage caused by extreme weather events and resulting floods;

WHEREAS, Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Conservation Districts) maintain the expertise necessary to provide technical training and assistance to municipal equipment operators and contractors to provide environmentally-friendly, post-flood stream response for compromised channel capacity due to deposition, in-channel debris issues and corrective measures for stream avulsions. The Emergency Stream Intervention Program was designed for immediate post-flood corrective action or triage by local municipalities, working with the stream's natural tendencies while protecting aquatic habitat;

WHEREAS, the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee (State Committee) has the authority and responsibility under SWCD Law Section 4 to adopt such policies in the carrying out of Conservation District programs as it deems appropriate; to keep the directors of each of the several Conservation Districts under the provisions of this act informed of the activities and experience of all other Conservation Districts, and to facilitate an interchange of advice and experience between such Conservation Districts and cooperation between them; to approve and coordinate the programs of the several Conservation Districts; to secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and any of its agencies, and of agencies of this state in the work of such Conservation Districts; and to disseminate information throughout the state concerning the activities and programs of the Conservation Districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it is the State Committee's policy that post-flood stream management techniques do not exacerbate environmental damage. The New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee fully endorses the Emergency Stream Intervention Program, originally developed by the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, for implementation by Conservation Districts state-wide; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Committee will assist and cooperate with Conservation Districts, state, and federal partners to support efforts to carry-out this program on a local and/or regional scale; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect May 21, 2013.

Program Information:

The Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District will be conducting a three-day “Train the Trainer” session for Post Flood Emergency Stream Intervention. This protocol and training was developed for immediate post-flood corrective action or triage by local municipalities, working with the stream’s natural tendencies while protecting aquatic habitat.

For additional info on this training initiative and for a copy of the [training manual](#), please go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/89755.html>. This program is not a long-term restoration/remediation program, nor a flood mitigation program.