

New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee  
December 2015

**Happy Holidays!** The holiday season is here again, a time for remembering our family and friends. Wishing you and all those close to you... a joyous holiday season and a new year of happiness! Please, travel safe and party smart.

**AEM Base Year 11:** Reminder, interim reports for AEM Base Year 10 are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Interim reports should be emailed to Judy Snyder ([judy.snyder@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:judy.snyder@agriculture.ny.gov)) with a copy going to Greg Albrecht ([Greg.Albrecht@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Greg.Albrecht@agriculture.ny.gov)), and your regional AEA.

**Climate Resilient Farming:** The Climate Resilient Farming Request for Proposals is available on the NYS Grants Gateway [https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants\\_NYSGG/login2.aspx](https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants_NYSGG/login2.aspx). All applicable materials must be submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway by the deadline, December 14, 2015, for the application to be considered complete.

**AGNPS:** For those who haven't gotten around to it yet, a reminder to submit your Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Ag NPS Interim Report when you can.

**SWCC Meeting:** The next NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Utica. Details and a full agenda will be forwarded soon.

**Performance Measures:** Just a last minute reminder that you still have the month of December to complete any of your performance measures for Part C funding. Successful completion of all sections of the Performance Measures will provide your District with funds this coming year to implement a program or programs to deliver conservation to your county. The *2016 Performance Measure Summary Evaluation Report* is available on [SharePoint](#)

**2015 Part B & Part C Final Reports:** Report forms are available on [SharePoint](#). Submit completed reports and project photos to [Jennifer.Clifford@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Clifford@agriculture.ny.gov)

#### **Other Upcoming Events**

**Great Lakes Action Agenda (GLAA) Work Group Meetings** – A 3<sup>rd</sup> round of GLAA work group meetings are scheduled to convene throughout the Great Lakes Basin on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found [HERE](#).

#### **Funding Opportunities**

**Great Lakes Research Consortium Small Grants Program:** This small grants program provides seed funding for new, cooperative projects that improve our understanding of, and/or management of, New York's Great Lakes basin. The program supports collaborative projects and grant awards can be used for preliminary research, project planning, as seed money for pilot projects that will lead to larger projects, or to support small-scale projects consistent with the priorities of NY's Great Lakes Interim Action Agenda. The maximum amount for an individual grant is \$15,000. The program anticipates funding 2-4 projects through this solicitation. Proposal submissions are due no later than January 9th, 2016. The RFP can be found [HERE](#).

**DEC Announces Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grant Program:** \$2 million in grants are available to organizations for projects to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in New York State's waterways. The New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) is providing the \$2 million for eligible projects. Grant amounts will range from a minimum of \$25,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000. A 25-percent match is required. For a full list of eligible and ineligible forms of match, please view the Request for Application (RFA) at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/103921.htm>. The highest scoring projects will have a statewide or regional focus rather than a local focus, involve multiple partners and stakeholders.