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## AGENDA

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 @ 4:00pm  
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING (open to the public)**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ken

**MEETING MINUTES:** September 15, 2021

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL (to include add on bills)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (Limit to 3 minutes per person)**

**USDA REPORTS:** Joann Rogers, FSA; Dan Weykman, NRCS

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

COVID Update

Timesheet Update

Annual Plan of Work 2022

Base AEM Year 17

Grant and Project Updates

OWTSIT Update

Upcoming Events

**ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\*\*\* Next Meeting Wednesday November 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*\*

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**ONTARIO COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 15, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**\*\*\*Meeting held in-person at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (District Office)\*\*\***

**PRESENT:**

**DIRECTORS:** Vice Chairman Ken Livermore, Rich Russell, Mark Venuti, Jim Peck, Amanda Amadon 4:08pm, Chairman Casella 4:25pm.

**STAFF:** Tucker Kautz, Megan Webster, Diana Thorn

**USDA/FSA:** Joann Rogers

**NRCS:** None (*report submitted via email*)

**SWCC/NYS Ag & Mkts:** Patrick Emerick, AEA

**ABSENT:** Ed Jackson

**CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

Vice Chairman Livermore called the regular meeting to order at 4:05pm and Ken led the pledge to the flag.

**MINUTES**

Vice Chairman Livermore asked for any comments, changes, or corrections to the minutes. The following motion was offered:

**Motion that the minutes of August 18, 2021 be accepted as submitted.**

**Motion made by Rich Russell, seconded by Mark Venuti.**

**All in favor, motion approved. (Amanda Amadon and Sam Casella not present yet)**

*Resolution #20210915-01*

**BILLS**

**Motion to approve Abstract #9 in the amount of \$45,844.07.**

**Motion made by Rich Russell, seconded by Mark Venuti.**

**Ken Livermore reviewed and signed the bills earlier today.**

**All in favor, motion approved. (Amanda Amadon and Sam Casella not present yet)**

*Resolution #20210915-02*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Diana reviewed her treasurer's report with the Board, which includes the financial statements for August 31, 2021. Megan has reviewed and signed off on payrolls #18, and #19, the August bank statements, and the reconciliation reports from QuickBooks. All bank accounts are reconciled successfully through August 31<sup>st</sup>. A spreadsheet was provided that shows the bills that appear in the Abstract listed with more detail and in their current status. There is one Honeoye Lake Watershed Task Force bill this month.

Diana reported that the Special Projects Certificate of Deposit matured and was closed out. \$101,094.15 was transferred into the Special Projects savings account per your Resolution #20210818-05.

**Motion to approve the treasurer's report and August financial statements.**

**Motion made by Jim Peck, seconded by Mark Venuti.**

**All in favor, motion approved. (Sam Casella not present yet)**

*Resolution #20210915-03*

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**Jim Peck:**

1. Jim stated that he had concerns about the 4pm meeting start time.

**Motion to move the meeting start time to 4:30pm.**

**Motion made by Rich Russell, seconded by Jim Peck.**

**All in favor, motion approved. (Sam Casella not present yet)**

*Resolution #20210915-04*

## **USDA/FSA**

*Joann Rogers*

- **Pandemic Assistance:** for certain eligible livestock (swine, chickens and turkeys) that were depopulated and for timber harvesters and haulers; visit: <https://www.farmers.gov/pandemic-assistance> for specifics; deadline to sign up is 09/17/2021
- **Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP):** CFAP 2 signup was reopened as of April 5, 2021 for anyone missed the signup last fall then you can file an application at this time. An update to the sales-based commodities (specialty crops) where a producer can now use either 2018 or 2019 sales figures. More information about CFAP 2 can be found here: <https://www.farmers.gov/> deadline to sign up is 10/12/2021
- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):** There have been many updates to the conservation programs so have any interested participant contact the office.
- **Disaster programs:** FSA has a variety of weather related disaster programs; visit the website at: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index> Please report any weather related incidents to the FSA office.
- **County Committee:** members, Frank Fessner, William Rockefeller and Kelley Jensen next meeting is on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021; if interested in participating contact the office at 585-394-0525 ext. 2 to make arrangements due to Covid. This year's election in in Local Administrative Area 1 (Bristol-Richmond-Canadice, East & West Bloomfield, Naples-South Bristol and Canandaigua: Frank Fessner and Seth Pritchard will be on the ballots.
- **Farm Program Loans:** Farm Storage Facility Loans-FSFL (interest rate ranges from 0.375% to 1.375%); the FSFL has a variety of loan options from bulk tanks, hay barns, grain bins/driers, telehandlers and storage coolers just to name a few.
- **Farm Loan** has a variety of loans available, and funding is still available.

- **Organic Certification Cost Share Program(OCCSP):** OCCSP provides cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products for the costs of obtaining or maintaining organic certification under the USDA's National Organic Program

Farm Record updates: change in shares of members, change in members of entities, land changes, such as purchases, new leased ground or ground no longer being leases and any banking changes.

Farm Loans: For specifics on any of the farm loan programs please contact the Farm Loan team at 585-394-0525 ext. 2. Karen Rugenstein, Farm Loan Manager, Peter Stoep, Farm Loan Officers, Abbey Allison, Farm Loan Officer Trainee and Kim Weykman, Program Technician.

Please feel free to refer any inquiries on any FSA programs or what programs we have to offer by contacting our office. In addition to myself there are Program Technicians: Courtney Kautz, Alexis McDougal and Sarah Potter.

We are open by appointment only, please call FSA at 585-394-0525 ext. 2. NOTE: this is subject to change and is a very fluid situation with the COVID-19 virus, so please always call in advance.

## **NRCS**

*Dan Weykman not present – report submitted via email*

- **EQIP**
  - Ten contracts obligated for \$604k
  - 2021—Field work underway: fence and livestock pipelines, high tunnels, forestry work, cover crops, waste storage, erosion control
  - 2022—Oct 1-Nov 1, 2021 signup, taking applications continuously; Currently approx. 20 applications received so far.
- **CSP**
  - Certifying practices for October payments – cover crops, pollinators plantings, forestry practices
- **AMA**
  - Will be accepting applications for 2022 for Urban Conservation Initiative (High Tunnels, grazing, pollinators, etc.)
- **CRP**
  - Three plans written/in progress: CP1 & CP2—maintaining existing cover. Total approx. 32ac.
- **Food Security Act Determinations**
  - On-site determinations continue (potential violations included).
  - Backlogged as we shifted to program priorities last 2 months

**\*\*Reminder—AD-1026 to be completed for cropland boundary change activity with FSA staff for NRCS assessment. Call with Questions.**

## **SWCC**

*PJ Emerick, AEA*

PJ presented highlights from his September SWCC report. See attached report.

*Chairman Casella arrived at 4:25pm*

## **STAFF REPORT**

*Tucker Kautz*

Tucker reported that he participated in a meeting with Katie Lafler, Megan Webster, PJ Emerick and Greg Albrecht to discuss the current state of the District's AEM program and plans for the future. We will soon be wrapping up the first 2 year AEM cycle and we are planning for the next round. Tucker discussed how the 2 year cycle has changed how he spends his time. He used to spend more time planning, now he spends some time planning and significant time overseeing project design and implementation. He stated that he feels better prepared for the next cycle after this meeting. Tucker will be working with Megan and Katie on the next AEM action plan which is due November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tucker reports that he has several projects starting up now and he has several that should close soon. He stated that there have been many delays this year due to material shortages, contractor unavailability, and weather issues. He stated that these issues have also impacted project budgets. Due to these factors, he expects several project contracts to need extensions.

Tucker shared that he is currently working to close out several smaller Erosion & Sediment Control projects. He also shared that the current manure storage projects under construction are moving along well.

Tucker reported that he has been working with new DEC staff on permitting for projects. Things seem to be moving along now.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Casella thanked Tucker for his report and for all of his hard work.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Megan Webster, District Manager Report*

### **Conservation Approval Authority**

Megan and Tucker began a discussion regarding Conservation Approval Authority. They reminded the Board of the policy that the Board currently has in place that allows the Board to grant Conservation Approval Authority to a staff member for individual best management practices in the conservation category once that staff member has demonstrated and documented appropriate knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience.

Megan and Tucker explained that granting such authority to Tucker would greatly streamline projects using specific best management practices in the conservation category and would reduce costs associated with obtaining engineer sign-off on non-engineering practices as is required currently.

Megan will be distributing a spreadsheet to the Board that documents the knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience for certain staff members for certain conservation practices prior to the next Board

meeting in preparation for the Board to approve Conservation Approval Authority on certain best management practices in the conservation category at the next meeting.

The Board expressed agreement with this plan.

### **COVID19 Update**

Megan shared with the Board that the Governor has extended the legal ability to hold public meetings virtually due to the continuing COVID19 pandemic through the end of the year. Megan will include a remote option for the October meeting.

**Motion to move the meeting start time to 4:00pm.**

**Motion made by Ken Livermore, seconded by Rich Russell.**

**In favor: S. Casella, M. Venuti, R. Russell, K. Livermore, A. Amadon.**

**Opposed: J. Peck**

**Motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-05*

### **Grants & Projects**

#### **AgNPS Rd 23:**

Half Dutch is continuing with earthwork at this time. Their contract expires 12/31/2021. Due to the issues with materials and contractors, we would like to apply for a 6-month extension on this contract to insure that it is completed.

**Motion to approve the request for an extension on the contract for the Half Dutch manure storage project.**

**Motion made by Ken Livermore, seconded by Jim Peck.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-06*

We now have applications for extensions on the following contracts:

CAFO-Landmark

AgNPS Rd 23 – Half Dutch

AgNPS Rd 24 – Erosion & Sediment Control projects in the Mud Creek Watershed

#### **AgNPS Rd 24:**

Several of these projects are moving forward. The project at F & W Farm will decrease run-off but will not solve the problem of flooding in the area. The flooding problem is caused by an undersized culvert under the roadway. Megan and Tucker met with State DOT about this problem. DOT stated that this culvert is not on their current list for replacement and suggested that Megan and Tucker work with the Town and the State elected representatives to get this culvert upgrade added to the scheduled work. Megan and Tucker attended a Town Board meeting in East Bloomfield and the Town is very supportive of trying to get help with this culvert.

#### **Base AEM Year 17:**

After today's meeting with SWCC staff, Tucker and Megan feel like the District has a good plan for this next round. The AEM 17 action plan will be distributed for review and approval at the next Board meeting.

#### **FOLLOWPA:**

The project at Fishers Park / Irondequoit Creek is scheduled to begin next week. The contractor has the new equipment he was waiting for and will transfer it to the site soon.

Megan is working with the FLOWPA Coordinator at the County to determine what funds are still available to the District. Megan is hopeful that any remaining funds can be used as match if we are awarded the GLRI HWA grant we applied for, and for the OWTSIT upgrade that is needed.

**OWTSIT Upgrade:**

Megan reviewed with the Board that an upgrade to the current OWTSIT program is needed because ARC GIS will be changing so that it no longer has a desktop version. Using the County's contractor (Bergman Associates) a quote of \$48,600 was obtained for upgrading the OWTSIT program. Megan reported that she attended the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Commission meeting and they approved allocating \$20,000 toward this upgrade. Megan would like the Board to commit to using Special Projects funds to pay for the remainder of this upgrade. She is hopeful that other funding will be found but would like to move forward at this time.

**Motion to approve the allocation of up to \$28,600 from Special Projects for the OWTSIT program upgrade.**

**Motion made by Amanda Amadon, seconded by Ken Livermore.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-07*

**FLX EBM Rd 2**

The next round of funding has been announced for FLX EBM. Changes to this round include awards up to \$25,000 per farm. It is important to note that the structure of these grants is such that we can only voucher for the initial 25%. The District would be responsible for paying out the remaining \$18,750 per farm until we are reimbursed at closeout. We are considering two farm projects for this round.

**Motion to approve applying for FLX EBM round 2 grant funds.**

**Motion made by Ken Livermore, seconded by Amanda Amadon.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-08*

**GLRI:**

We have two remaining projects in this grant.

Hayton's is under construction.

Rogers should begin construction shortly.

**2021 Part B Project:**

The drone is up and running. Katie and Megan have been doing practice flights and getting some great pictures and videos. We have increased our insurance to cover the drone and the related liability. We are now researching fee schedules to add drone work as a service we offer to the community. Once the leaves are off the trees, Megan and Katie will be flying over the Canandaigua Outlet looking for snags and other issues. We will be able to close out the 2021 Part B project once we get the data for the outlet.

**2022 Part B Project:**

We would like to propose that we use 2022 Part B monies to fund invasive species management outreach and education. We propose allocating \$4,000 to staff time and \$2,000 to supplies and



materials. This money will be match if we get the GLRI HWA grant. If not, this money will be used for outreach and education in our county for HWA and Spotted Lantern Fly management.

**Motion to approve the 2022 Part B Project proposal for Invasive Species Management Outreach and Education.**

**Motion made by Amanda Amadon, seconded by Rich Russell.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-09*

**2022 Annual Plan of Work:**

Megan has completed the 2022 Annual Plan of Work and it is out to staff for review. Once staff have reviewed and edited, the plan will be submitted to PJ for review. Finally it will be distributed to the Board for review and approval at the October Board meeting. It is due November 1<sup>st</sup> and we are on track to meet this deadline.

**2021 Grazing Workshop:**

The Grazing workshop was a success. There were 30+ participants in the morning session and 40+ participants in the afternoon session. Participant comments indicated that the event was well received.

**CCE Successful Farming for Beginners Series:**

Megan will be presenting at this event in October.

**AEB Funds:**

Megan has been notified by the County Agricultural Enhancement Board that there are remaining funds to be spent on soil health initiatives. \$2,000 will be used to fund a study on a Mennonite farm that will be presented at the 2022 Soil Health Workshop. Megan would like to request approval to spend up to \$3,500 of additional funds for educational materials to be used to teach soil health in schools.

**Motion to approve spending up to \$3,500 on educational materials for the District Educator to teach soil health in schools.**

**Motion made by Amanda Amadon, seconded by Ken Livermore.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-010*

**Upcoming events:**

Conservation Field Days – September 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – multiple days to allow schools to come separately and space out due to COVID19. We need approval to pay for lunch for the presenters.

**Motion to approve the purchase of lunch for the presenters at Conservation Field Days.**

**Motion made by Rich Russell, seconded by Amanda Amadon.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-11*

Board of Supervisors Tour – This event has been canceled due to concerns about COVID19. Instead, Megan will present at the Board of Supervisors meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

NYACD Annual Meeting – Megan and Sam will attend this year's annual meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Board meeting**

Due to a conflict with the NYACD Annual Meeting:

**Motion to approve the rescheduling of next month's meeting to October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.**

**Motion made by Amanda Amadon, seconded by Ken Livermore.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-12*

Chairman Casella shared that he has been asked to participate on the NACD Climate Resiliency Task Force. He stated that he is proud to be a part of this task force.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:39pm.**

**Motion made by Mark Venuti, seconded by Amanda Amadon.**

**All in favor, motion approved.**

*Resolution #20210915-13*

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**Diana Thorn, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board**

New York State Soil & Water Conservation Committee  
Region 2 Report – September 2021  
Submitted by: P.J. Emerick – Region 2 Associate Environmental Analyst

### **General News**

**USDA Service Center Covid-19 Requirements:** Over the last few weeks, USDA has provided additional directives to address the current pandemic and the operations of federal space. Currently, the USDA Secretary has mandated all USDA employees, on-site contractors, partners, volunteers, and customers in federally leased space and service centers are required to wear a mask regardless of their vaccination status. Additionally, meetings regularly held within USDA Service Centers will need to be rescheduled and/or moved offsite. SWCDs with questions about the USDA Service Center policy should contact their local NRCS representative.

### **NYS SWCC News**

#### **Funding Opportunities Available via Grants Gateway**

- **RFPO237 – Saturated Buffer Pilot Program:** \$400,000.00 of Ecosystem Based Management (EBM) funding is available to evaluate the effectiveness of saturated buffers in removing nitrates from tile drainage systems functioning within agricultural fields. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0237-saturated-buffers-pilot-project>. The deadline for applications will be **October 25, 2021**. Questions must be submitted in writing to [Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov) no later than October 8, 2021. A webinar will convene on **Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 11am to go over details of the newly released opportunity. Webinar details will be released shortly.
- **Erosion and Sediment Control Implementation Grants for the Genesee River and Finger Lakes Watersheds - Round 2:** \$770,000.00 of EBM funding is available to improve the water quality of the Genesee River and to Reduce Harmful Algal Blooms in the Finger Lakes. <https://agriculture.ny.gov/rfp-0260-erosion-and-sediment-control-implementation-grants-genesee-river-and-finger-lakes> The deadline for applications will be **October 25, 2021**. Questions must be submitted in writing to [Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:Lauren.Prezorski@agriculture.ny.gov) no later than October 8, 2021.

**2021 AEM Leopold Conservation Award Winner:** Congratulations to the Megan Hauser and family from Table Rock Farms and the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District for taking top honor for the 2021 AEM Leopold Conservation Award! The farm family and the District were honored at a ceremony which convened on the farm in August. Thank you to all the Districts who nominated a farm.

**2020 SWCC Annual Report:** The SWCC is pleased to announce the release of the 2020 Soil & Water Conservation Committee Annual Report featuring updates of SWCC conservation programs, and support provided to County SWCDs over the calendar year. This report highlights the accomplishments of SWCDs around the state who are working with New York farmers utilizing AEM and associated SWCC programs to safeguard our environment, rural economies, and local food supply.  
[https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2020\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2020_annual_report.pdf)

**September SWCC Meeting:** The next SWCC meeting is scheduled to convene at 10:00 AM on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This meeting will be held via WebEx, with in person meeting options available in Albany and Leroy, NY. Further details and an agenda for this meeting will be sent out shortly. **Reminder – participation at all SWCC meetings is eligible toward PM1, Part C of State Aid to Districts.**

**2022 Annual Plan of Work (APOW):** It's time to start updating your APOW for 2022. The deadline for submittal to me is **November 1, 2021**. This will allow time to review, provide feedback and recommend to the SWCC for approval.

### State Aid to Districts:

- **2022 Part B Conservation Project Financial Assistance** – Part B proposals are Due November 1, 2021. Projects are to be completed by December 31, 2022. Part B requests should be submitted via email to [ben.luskin@agriculture.ny.gov](mailto:ben.luskin@agriculture.ny.gov).
- **2021 Part C Performance Measures** - As for Performance Measures, the end of the year is rapidly approaching and SWCDs should be checking to make sure that your District is fulfilling their obligations for meetings, training, training plans, etc., to be able to earn all the funds that will be available. Please contact me anytime with any specific questions that you may have.

### State Grant Administration:

- **Interim Reporting:** Interim reports for AGNPS Contracts (Round 21-Round 23), CAFO WSTSP (Round 1 and Round 2), CRF (Round 1 – Round 4) **MUST** be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Amendments:** Time Extension Requests for AGNPS, CAFO WSTSP, and CRF (*for AEM Round 16 cost-share projects, please see its Program and Contract Policy file on SharePoint for its amendment and close-out procedures*)
  - Time Extension Requests may be submitted for any contract that will be expiring.
  - **AGNPS and CRF:** Time extensions in increments of appropriate length to complete the project(s) that are under current construction may be considered by State Committee Voting Members under consultation with State Committee Staff and Advisory Members. Time extensions will not be granted for project administration (i.e. preparation of close out documents).
  - **CAFO WSTSP:** Time extensions in increments of appropriate length to complete the project(s) that are under current construction may be considered by the Department under consultation with State Committee Staff. Time extensions will not be granted for project administration (i.e. preparation of close out documents).
  - Request Requirements:
    - The District requests the amendment using the amendment form.
    - The District has filed the most recent interim report on the project. For AGNPS Rounds 24-26, CRF Round 5, and CAFO Round 3 an updated SW 5 form must be submitted with the amendment request.
    - The reason for the delay is beyond the control of the District or the landowner(s) and is **clearly stated in the amendment form**
    - Project status (i.e. construction or active implementation is currently under way) is **clearly stated in the amendment form**
    - The District's Board has approved submittal of the extension request
    - Renewed letters of commitment from the farm(s) experiencing delays are forwarded along with the completed amendment form
    - **The requirement for a formal written justification from the sponsoring District has been waived.**
  - All other Staff Approved Amendment (Landowner Change, BMP System Change) requirements remain the same

**AEM Base Program Round 17 Announced:** AEM17 offers non-competitive funding for technical assistance and cost-sharing BMP implementation projects based on the local AEM Strategy. The two-year AEM Action Plan is due November 1, 2021, and the program runs from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. Visit the SWCC's SharePoint site for program details (<https://nysemail.sharepoint.com/sites/Agriculture/SWCC>): "Resources for Districts > Agricultural Environmental Management > AEM Base Program Materials > AEM Base Round 17 Materials".

### **Other News/Events**

**On-Farm Grain Storage Management Training:** Please join staff from CCE on Thursday, **September 23, 2021**, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Hewitt Farms, 37 Hewitt Lane, Troy, NY. Cost is \$5/person, Pre-register by 5 pm Sept 22nd at <https://blogs.cornell.edu/capitalareaagandhortprogram/2021/08/17/september-23-2021-on-farm-grain-storage-management-training/> or call Tove Ford, 518-765-3518, [cce-caap@cornell.edu](mailto:cce-caap@cornell.edu). CCA credits are available.

**Conservation Skills Workshop:** The registration for the 2021 Conservation Skills Workshop is now out! Conservation Skills Workshop will be held **September 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** in Cortland, NY. This year's registration rate is \$30 per person. For more information about course offerings, please visit, <https://www.nyscdea.com/training-sessions/>. Register at, <https://forms.gle/Bc4KNjLb1RqxCQUu9>. Registrations are due no later than September 13, 2021.

### **Other Funding**

**Arbor Foundation Funding Available:** The Arbor Foundation is currently seeking proposals for 2021/2022 large-scale plantings that will positively impact the environment, create habitat for wildlife, promote watershed restoration, and other benefits to the public. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit an online proposal by the end of the day **September 24th, 2021**. Please contact Brad Brandt ([bbrandt@arborday.org](mailto:bbrandt@arborday.org)) and Jennifer Moon ([jmoon@arborday.org](mailto:jmoon@arborday.org)) with any questions, or consult the FAQ here, <https://www.arborday.org/programs/replanting/planting-partners/faq.cfm>