

Talking Points – NYACD Legislative Days Event 2017

New York Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.

- Express appreciation to Legislators for their support of the Proposed New York State Budget which includes \$9 million for Soil and Water Districts in the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) – Let’s keep it there so Districts can continue to carry out programs work locally
- As NYACD represents valued individuals and their stories, be sure to share a personal story about how your local Soil and Water Conservation District has made a difference. (i.e. Identify the problem... Share how your SWCD addressed the issue... Illustrate the result of the intervention by your SWCD, including the economic and community impact.)
- Encourage the forward movement of the “LWRP Grant Bill allowing SWCD’s to become an applicant,” as this would allow Districts to expand their sphere of influence and thrive! Though bill language is still in negotiations and hasn’t been assigned a bill number, the most recent bills introduced were: Assembly Bill A06197, same as Senate Bill S06621
- Ask “How else can we help?” and remind Legislators that Districts want to hear from them as a source of information, and to help alleviate soil, water, and natural resource conservation issues locally
- Schedule a Follow-Up appointment. (If in Albany, at the local office. If at the local office, within a reasonable timeframe. Don’t be a stranger!)

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The New York Association of Conservation Districts unifies the Directors of local Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, and serves as a platform for relationships, networking, advocacy, training, and education.