



New York Association of Conservation Districts  
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Dear SWCD Directors;

I have been asked to contact all of you to update you on the projects your NYACD Board has been working on and changes that have been made in the last few weeks.

In June, I was hired as the Interim Executive Director. I work Tuesday – Thursday each week six (6) hours each day.

Upon hiring it was requested that I focus on the NYACD Annual meeting. The NYACD Annual meeting will be held on October 17-19, 2017 at the Hampton Inn, 25 Lakers Lane, Cazenovia, NY. I have secured the location, dates, and been finalizing the details with the hotel. Also, I have and will continue to be working with Steve Lorraine, District Manager of Madison SWCD to set up a tour within Madison County on projects he and his staff have been working on. This will be on Tuesday afternoon, October 17<sup>th</sup>. I have been working with Greg Kist, NRCS and Steve Lorraine, NYSCDEA' President to select possible training sessions.

I have secured two guest speakers for the banquet, Leonard Jordan, Acting Chief NRCS and Eric Hansen, NE NACD.

Along with the above items I'm working on potential sponsors, the silent auction/raffle/voting and potential resolutions. I have been creating the necessary registration forms for online or offline registration for the annual event. I have been working with Donna Huemme, NYACD webmaster to update and make/add any information necessary to the website. Once registration information is completed Donna will be adding the online registration requirements along with a pdf. Registration form. This will make it easier for those that want to attend the 2017 NYACD Annual event.

I sent out reminders for any possible resolutions, that District & Directors would like voted upon at the annual meeting. If your District has a resolution they would like to have presented at the annual meeting please be sure to have them forwarded to Dan or myself by August 1, 2017.

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Please keep an eye out for the Silent Auction/Raffle item requests, online/offline registration forms, and updates each month. The Silent Auction/Raffle is one way your NYACD Board raises funds, so that they can work for you, and support District programs such as; the NYS Envirothon & Legislative Days.

If you have any ideas for possible training sessions you feel you might like to a better understanding about as it relates to your District or help improve your abilities as a Director please let Dan or myself know. We will work on seeing, if we are able to present those types of training sessions at this year's event or later.

On June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we had the NYACD monthly meeting and those minutes will be released after our July meeting. If at any time you would like to be involved with these teleconference meetings, please let me know and I will provide you with the call-in information. We are always happy to hear from you and what you might have to share.

So, as you can see some of what I'm working on, on your behalf with NYACD Board. I will be updating you monthly on what I have been working on as well, as NYACD Board updates. Please share with all your District Board members to help them stay informed.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dan Farrand, President NYACD at (607) 359-2611 or myself at (607) 965-6316.

The next NYACD Board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. by teleconference. Please let Dan or myself know, if you'd like to be on the teleconference.

Sincerely,



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Interim Ex. Dir. NYACD