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Suffolk Soil And Water Conservation District Awarded

\$160,603

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A \$160,603 grant was awarded to the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District on Thursday, July 26, to help protect Suffolk County's water resources from potential agricultural runoff as part of an overall grant of \$10.7 million awarded statewide.

"This grant will help Suffolk County farmers implement best management practices to keep our ground and surfaces waters clean," State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr. said in a press release. "These efforts enable us to protect the environment, the farming industry, and our local economy."

According to the release, grants to County Soil and Water Conservation Districts are part of the New York State Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program which is funded through the Environmental Protection Fund. The recipients of the grant were chosen via a competitive process that awards cost-share funding to county soil and water districts to help farms address water quality challenges in priority watersheds throughout the state. Since 1993 New York State has dedicated more than \$110 million for similar water quality projects.

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