



Suffolk County SWCD and NRCS-NY Announce August 21st Application Cutoff Date for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program

The Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has partnered with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - New York to bring focused conservation program funding to the region. The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) was created with the intent to reduce the nitrate and pesticide concentrations in the LI Aquifer, including the protection of ground and surface waters, the improvement of local soil quality, and the restoration of natural habitats within the Peconic Estuary.

August 21st, 2020 is the application cutoff date through the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Suffolk County. All applications are competitive and are ranked based on locally identified resource priorities and the overall benefit to the environment.

The SWCD and NRCS office will work together to provide assistance to producers in developing and implementing conservation best management practices. Eligible practices include, but are not limited to: Integrated Pest Management; Nutrient Management; Composting Facility; Mulching; Cover Crop; Conservation Crop Rotation; Irrigation System; Micro-irrigation; No-Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed and Agrichemical Handling Facility.

Interested farmers and landowners, that are located within the Peconic Estuary Watershed, should contact their local NRCS office for additional information and application. As part of application process, all landowners will need to complete USDA eligibility requirements. To find information on EQIP eligibility please visit [here](#). If you are interested in applying for this RCPP funding opportunity visit your local SWCD and NRCS field office, located at 423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead, NY 11901, call SWCD at (631) 852-3285, NRCS at (631) 727-5666, or visit the NRCS / SWCD webpages.