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Delegates Pass Resolutions

All the resolutions presented at the NYACD Annual Meeting passed; some with amendments:

1. Request the State Legislature establish a consistent non-competitive fund for AEM.
2. Investigate and make recommendations as to the legal authority of SWCDs to possess and operate conservation easements.
3. Encourage Cornell and SWCDs work closely to provide education and outreach and develop an agenda of topics and research needs.
4. Provide assistance with the 2007 International Envirothon.
5. Investigate the possibility for DEC, Division of Water to join the 4-Way Conservation Partnership.
6. Request the 4-Way Partnership work together to produce communications.
7. Draft an appropriate equitable fee schedule for stormwater construction permits that takes into consideration the contribution of SWCDs.
8. Work with the State Technical Committee to revise the EQIP ranking process to allow for fair and equitable distribution of available funding to address serious environmental concerns regardless of size of farms.
9. Recommend that fiscal year 2004 EQIP funds be allocated at the local level with guidance from the Local Working Group.
10. Work for legislation that will delete the reimbursement cap and provide reimbursement of at least \$60 thousand per SWCD county.
11. That the Forest Land Enhancement Program include SWCD provided technical service to

compliment existing initiatives in the management of private forests.

Stormwater-What's in it for your SWCD

A group of graduates from the NYACD Leadership Institute, Maggie Atkins, Lois New, Cathy Keenan, George Squires, Kevin Lewis, and Lauren Miller, put together a wonderful power point presentation about stormwater. They wowed the audience with up-to-date information and have the presentation available for loan.

Their work is an example of team building across job title lines that took place at the Leadership Institute. We encourage you to participate in July.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order to the elected officers: President- Joe Gergela, Vice President- Linda Coffin, Secretary- Vinnie Tamanga, Treasurer- Chuck Colby
Also, congratulations to the award winners: Special Service- Maggie Atkins, Commendation- Les Travis, Special Service, Business- Meadowview Nursery

Thanks for the Memories

As announced at the Annual Meeting, I will be leaving the organization in December. The NYACD Board will release a job announcement soon.

Thank you to all of you who have made this thirteen-year experience rewarding and fun. As a well loved man once said, "Never let the hinges of our friendship get rusty".

Anita Cartin