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NRCS-NY Announces Application Cutoff Dates for NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Conservation Programs

Ithaca, N. Y., September 09, 2015 – New York Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces **October 16, 2015** as the application cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.

Through the EQIP program, NRCS offers financial and technical assistance to participants to implement practices which address priority resource concerns, including soil erosion, water quality and habitat degradation. Focus areas within the EQIP program include soil management, headquarters, habitat, forestry and grazing. Examples of practices implemented through EQIP include: strip cropping, grassed waterways, forest stand improvement and manure storage facilities.

“Through our EQIP program, NRCS provides New York’s agricultural producers with financial and technical assistance to treat critical resource concerns,” said Gregory Kist NRCS State Conservationist. “Our programs provide exciting opportunities for all of New York’s diverse agricultural producers to work with us to put conservation on the land.”

Applications accepted after October 16 may be considered for funding if additional application rounds are announced in FY 2016. If an eligible application is not funded in FY 2016, applications will be considered in FY 2017. All applications are competitive and are ranked based on national, state and locally identified resource priorities and the overall benefit to the environment.

If you are interested in applying for an NRCS conservation program please visit our web site for information on applying at:

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ny/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcs144p2_027058.

You may apply by visiting your local NRCS field office, which can be located using the web site:

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=NY>.

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NRCS-NY Announces Fiscal Year 2016 Application Cutoff Dates for the Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed

Ithaca, N. Y., September 09, 2015 – New York Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announces **October 16, 2015** as the application cutoff date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Riparian Forest Buffer Initiative for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. All applications are competitive and are ranked based on national, state and locally identified resource priorities and the overall benefit to the environment.

"Forest buffers are an essential part of protecting our water, our wildlife and our quality of life, both locally and regionally," said State Conservationist Greg Kist. "We work with our conservation partners throughout the Upper Susquehanna watershed to ensure that we have clean water here at home and do our part to deliver clean water to the Chesapeake Bay as well."

The Riparian Forest Buffer program is part of an effort by the U.S. Forest Service and regional partners to protect waterways by adding 900 miles of riparian forested buffer in the Chesapeake Bay watershed annually. NRCS-NY helps to achieve this goal by providing funds from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to qualified participants to install riparian forest buffers and related conservation practices within the waterway corridor.

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