

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor RICHARD A. BALL Commissioner

March 25, 2015

RE:

Request for Proposals for the Genesee River Erosion and

Sediment Control Implementation Grants:

Dear Soil & Water Conservation District Directors and Staff:

The Department of Agriculture and Markets and the NYS Soil & Water Conservation Committee are pleased to announce the availability of funding for Erosion and Sediment Control Implementation Projects within the Genesee River Watershed. This opportunity is now available on the NYS Grants Gateway

https://grantsgateway.ny.gov/IntelliGrants NYSGG/login2.aspx. The application and required uploads found on the NYS Grants Gateway can be used to apply for these funds, which are made available from the Environmental Protection Fund through the Ecosystem Based Management Program.

All applicable materials must be submitted through the NYS Grants Gateway by the deadline, May 11, 2015, for the application to be considered complete.

The purpose of this funding is to improve the water quality of Lake Ontario at the Rochester Embayment. On-farm projects to reduce erosion and sediment entering the Genesee River and its tributaries are eligible.

If you need assistance or have questions about completing your application(s), please contact Lauren Prezorski at the State Committee Office.

Sincerely

Richard Ball, Commissioner

NYS Department of Agriculture &

Markets

Dale Stein, Chair

NYS Soil & Water Conservation

Committee