

## **Rondout Creek Watershed Alliance**

### *Remote Meeting Agenda*

2/16/22

6:00pm - 7:00pm

#### **Regular Business**

1. Introductions

#### **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

1. Ulster County of the Environment update
  - a. Road-stream crossing assessments using the NAACC protocol (North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative)
  - b. County's Natural Resources Inventory
2. Two grant opportunities (Climate Resilient Farming and Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program) are now available to help farmers protect soil and water quality. The state's county soil and water conservation districts can apply on behalf of farmers for this competitive grant program.
  - a. \$21 million will be provided through Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) Grant Program & Agricultural Non-Point Source Abatement and Control (Ag Nonpoint) Program. Applications due March 28 and May 2 . Governor's State of the State proposes increases in funding for CRF & Ag Nonpoint programs in this year's executive budget.
  - b. Agricultural Non-Point Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program. In addition to the Climate Resilient Farming Grant Program funding, an additional \$13 million is available to support agricultural water quality conservation projects across the state through round 28 of the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program. The state's county soil and water conservation districts can apply on behalf of farmers for this competitive grant program, which is also funded through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund. The application and additional information are available on the department's website at <https://agriculture.ny.gov/funding-opportunities>. Project proposals are due at 4:30 p.m. May 2.

#### **Old Business**

1. Hudson River Watershed Alliance needs assessment and appendix
2. Valley Agriceuticals LLC/Cresco Labs Project: RCWA comment letter submitted. Riverkeeper, too.

#### **New Business**

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