

CNY RC&D Supporters, Sponsors, Partners and Friends,

As you may be aware, there has recently been a change in the status of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program. This message is intended to let you know that the Central New York RC&D continues to be a viable organization that is working toward our mission to improve our 12 county region's economic, environmental and social vitality.

RC&D has historically been a project of the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). CNY RC&D has received communication from NRCS that federal support for the program was terminated as of April 15, 2011. As of April 18th, CNY RC&D Coordinator Phil Metzger and Administrative Assistant Kim Totten are unavailable to assist with CNY RC&D projects. If you need to reach Phil for assistance with NRCS related projects please contact him at phil.metzger@ny.usda.gov.

CNY RC&D has enjoyed many years of productive partnership with NRCS and is grateful for the outstanding service and leadership provided by Phil Metzger and the dedicated support of Kim Totten. While the withdrawal of federal support has a major impact on our organization, we would like you to know that we continue to be a viable, independent 501(c)(3) organization. We have many fully funded project commitments and are well-positioned to move forward. In the coming weeks, we will be in the process of planning for how best to proceed and we welcome input from our partners throughout our 12 county region.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we adjust to this change within our organization. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office manager, Lauren Lines at rcdstaff@cnyred.org or 607-334-3231 ext. 4. You may also check our website for updates at www.cnyred.org.

Sincerely,

Council of the Central New York RC&D