



New York Association of Conservation Districts
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Dear SWCD Directors,

December has been a busy and crazy month. 2020 Legislative Day projects, booklet, appointments, and registrations have been keeping me busy. The Legislative Day booklet is about completed. I will be taking it to the printers in another couple of weeks. We will be sharing them with our Legislators & Districts during Legislative Days.

DON'T FORGET: The location for overnight stay & our Monday night Legislative will be held at the Hampton Inn, 10 Ulenski Drive, Albany. Remember if you who plan on arriving Monday evening reservations will need to be made with the Hampton Inn, 10 Ulenski Drive, Albany, NY. You will need to contact the Hampton to make your own reservations. The telephone number is (518) 438-2822 and don't forget to use block code: NYA and the cut-off date is 2/1/2020 for the discount rate. Monday evening, we will meet at the hotel at 7:30 p.m. in the Shaker room.

Once again Senator Rachel May's staff will be opening their lounge again this year in room 846-A LOB for us to meet at 8:30 a.m. and through-out the day for our use. So, for those arriving on Tuesday be sure to meet us in 846-A LOB before starting your meetings. I will have booklets and information for you to share through-out the day with the Legislators &/or their Staff.

Your registration packets if you will be attending Legislative Day is due by January 31st. All necessary information was provided to Districts & Directors regarding Legislative days, but if you need additional paperwork please reach out to me.

At the present time I have thirty-five appointments with Legislators set, just need District folks to meet with them. So, don't forget to get your registrations in.

PLEASE consider spending a day in Albany to share what Districts do & educate our Legislators. Legislative Days will be held Monday, March 2nd & Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020.

Besides Legislative Days I've been researching a different website for NYACD, which will make the updating of information quicker & easier.

Some of the NYACD Board members and District folks will be attending the Farm Bureau Taste of NY event Monday evening March 2nd. We will be promoting NYACD & Soil & Water Districts while sharing items from NY. The Water Bottle LLC company is always willing to share their product processed in NY for this event. We will be sharing a video of projects Soil & Water Districts have been working on with Farmers & Landowners through-out NY.

I have been working on making appointments for Sam Casella, NYACD President to meet the US Senators & Congress folks during the NACD Fly-In in Washington, DC, March 25th. It is our hope he will be able to meet with all of NY's representatives.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sam Casella, President NYACD at (585) 490-2833 or myself at (607) 965-6316 (home # is best to reach me).

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Hurlbutt, NYACD Ex. Director