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Attention Tompkins County Farmers! Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program Funding Available

The Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District has partnered with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to deliver a grants program to support agricultural projects in the county.

Funding is now available through the Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program to eligible farmer landowners to complete projects that increase farm production, advance on-farm conservation/environmental goals, and enhance profitability.

Funding is available to address a variety of projects:

- \$20,000 - \$50,000: 90% state cost share rate (applicants provide 10% match)
- \$50,001 - \$100,000: 75% state cost share rate (applicants provide 25% match)

For additional information and to obtain an application, please visit the District's website or offices:

<http://tompkinscountyny.gov/swcd/Grants>

or

170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 (second floor)

Projects must implement part(s) of a farm business or environmental plan. Farms must meet all eligibility requirements and participate in the Agricultural Environmental Management program through the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District.

General information about this opportunity is also available at;

<http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/RFPS.html> .

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