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Subject: Easement Programs Update

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To: State Technical Team

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### **Summary**

- Developed list of NRCS Stewardship Lands that would need monitoring. Circular 21 reviewed and monitoring activities are underway. Circular 21 indicates the need to have monitored 25% of the Stewardship Lands by December 31, 2011, which was completed.
- Participated in EPD Net Conferences to determine what actions are needed as a result of the conference.

### **NEST**

- System data quality management continues to be completed by myself and our National Office.

### **FRPP**

- Announced FRPP Ranking Period. We accept applications throughout the year but are required to announce a ranking period. Deadline for applications is February 10<sup>th</sup> to be considered for funding during the first funding opportunity.
- Preparing for the upcoming closing on the following:
  - Moreau Farm                      City of Cranston
- Closed on the following parcels:
  - Rocky Point Farm              Ag. Lands Preservation Commission
  - Clifford Farm                      Ag. Lands Preservation Commission
  - Cabot Farm                      Little Compton Agricultural Conservancy Trust
- Technical review of appraisals submitted as they are received and funds are available.
  - Moreau Farm                      City of Cranston
- Review of appraisals being completed by national program staff on parcels greater than \$1 million.

### **WRP**

- Conducted site visits with TNC with several potential applicants.
- Conducted monthly teleconferences and face to face meetings with TNC to discuss ongoing WRP efforts and discuss process.
- Technical review of appraisals submitted as they are received and funds are available.

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- Developed outreach materials with TNC to be utilized for State-wide WRP Outreach Events. Three workshops will be offered through-out the state to educate/inform interested landowners of the opportunities as they relate to the WRP. Dates and times of workshops are TBD.
- Worked with NRCS Public Affairs Specialist to update WRP Landowner Guide.

### **Tucker**

1. Restoration Agreement not finalized as of yet. Additional work needed by Linda and associated parties before exact numbers may be finalized.

### **Corbett (36 acres West Greenwich)**

1. Jenny Flanagan (Keystone Appraisers) finalizing appraisal.
2. Once appraisal is completed, it will be sent for technical review.

### **Mastors (65 acres West Greenwich)**

1. Appraisal completed by Jenny Flanagan (Keystone Appraisers).
2. Tax maps that were supplied were incorrect and information needed to be updated causing a delay in completion.
3. Greg changed boundaries of property that he wished to submit under WRP resulting in a re-evaluation by the appraiser.
4. Technical review to be completed soon.

### **Pelloni (98 acres Ashaway)**

1. Appraisal being finalized by Jenny (Keystone)
2. Once appraisal is completed, it will be sent for technical review.

### **GRP**

- Conducted meeting with TNC to update them on GRP efforts and discuss potential involvement.
- It is anticipated that 3 obligations will be made for permanent easements in fiscal year 2012.
- Technical review of appraisals submitted as they are received and funds are available.
- Working with FSA on process of having appraisal completed on the following:

### **Dubs**

1. LandVest (Slater Anderson) is finalizing the appraisal.
2. Once appraisal is completed, it will be sent for technical review.

### **Jerome**

1. LandVest (Slater Anderson) is finalizing the appraisal.
2. Once appraisal is completed, it will be sent for technical review.

### **Cousineau**

1. LandVest (Slater Anderson) is finalizing the appraisal.
2. Once appraisal is completed, it will be sent for technical review.