

Preliminary Information to Support Proposed Project Ideas for Addressing Water Quality and Habitat Protection and Restoration in the Cayuga Lake Watershed

PROPOSED PROJECT #21: Covert Salt Barn, Town of Covert

Proposed Project Category: can address more than one issue

1. Stormwater management and erosion control

Does project relate to/advance any existing local, regional, watershed, or statewide plans

Cayuga Lake Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan

Proposed Project Location: Proposed site is on Lakeview Street (around the corner from 3703 Clinton Street, Covert – current location where town stores excess stone).

Landowner: Town of Covert

Michael Reynolds, Covert Town Supervisor, PO Box 265, Interlaken, NY 14847, 607-532-9567, supervisor@townofcovert.org

Issue to be addressed: Currently, the Town of Covert stores salt in a two-bay barn owned by Westwind Farms (IT IS AN OLD Agway fertilizer storage barn). The barn is not large enough to store salt and stone in one place. The town mixes the salt and grit and stores the mixture on open ground exposed to the elements. A small stream runs close by. The open storage is also close to a neighbor's back yard.

Proposed Project or Action the Town would like to build a covered storage barn that will be large enough to store and mix salt and stone in one place. A covered barn will eliminate salt runoff to the nearby stream.

Restore streambank; improve existing vegetative "buffer" at perimeter of yard.

Is the proposed project or action based on standard practices typically employed for the issue at hand
Yes

Current Project Readiness: with funding this project could be implemented immediately.

Approximate Project Timeframe: *estimate if known*

Approximate Cost: \$246,249 – based on estimate of 16 salt storage sheds funded in 2019 DEC WQIP Salt Storage program (NYC projects not included) (salt barn only). Streambank restoration and buffer unknown.

Potential Local Match Source: Town labor could serve as match.

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*Erin Peruzzini has agreed to help with a grant application

name, phone and e-mail of person recommending the project AND if different, the name, phone and e-mail for a project contact.

Dear Kathy: This is Michael Reynolds, Town of Covert Supervisor and also Chairman of Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation District. I am writing you to let you know of a project that possibly could be funded or partially funded through the Department of State Watershed improvement grant. The Town of Covert is in need of a salt storage barn. Right now, we store pure salt in the neighbor's barn and then mix it with grit and store on the ground exposed to the elements. A small stream runs right close by and the neighbors back yard is close as well. A covered salt barn would allow us to store the mix under cover and keep salt out of streams. I have read that you are looking for projects that would benefit Cayuga Lake and I think this would help.

Respectfully, Michael Reynolds

Good afternoon Kathleen: Thanks for your email. The highway barn (property) is located 3707 Clinton Street. The Town owns a small parcel of land around the corner on Lakeview Street, which would house the salt storage building. We use it now for surplus stone storage. Our salt is currently stored at a two-bay barn owned by Westwind Farms, (it's an old Agway fertilizer storage barn) the barn is not large enough to store our mix of salt and stone in one place. I have spoken to Erin Peruzzini from Seneca County Soil & Water and she is aware of the problem and willing to help write the grant.