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Greetings,

We appreciate your interest in the SARE-funded “Practical Soil Health Training Curriculum” and the time you’ve invested in applying for the program. Unfortunately, you were not selected for this year’s series of workshops. There was a large and highly competitive pool with nearly 40 applicants for only 20 spots. Selected applicants demonstrated the highest potential of matching the program’s objectives and fulfilling the course requirements.

You may be interested to know that many of the workshops will be conducted concurrently with already scheduled, publicly available events:

Workshop 1 – Soil Health Principles

Event: NYSCDEA Conservation Skills Workshop

Date: September 24th and 25th, 2018

Location: Cortland, NY

Registration: Contact Aaron Ristow (aristow@farmland.org; (607) 745-7165)

Workshop 2 – Cropping Systems and Cover Crops

Event: Soil Health Field Day

Date: October 24th, 2018 (Tentative)

Location: Trumansburg, NY

Registration: Contact Paul Gier at the Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District (PGier@tompkins-co.org; (607) 254-1717)

Workshop 4 – Eliminating, Reducing, or Modifying Tillage for Soil Health

Event: Empire Farm Days

Date: Early August 2019

Location: Seneca Falls, NY

Registration: Free event open to the public

In addition, you may find the SARE publication “[Building Soils for Better Crops](#)” and the Cornell [Comprehensive Assessment of Soil Health](#) training manual useful:

<https://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Books/Building-Soils-for-Better-Crops-3rd-Edition>

<https://soilhealth.cals.cornell.edu/training-manual/>

Please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Ten Eyck (jteneyck@farmland.org; (607) 423-4892) or Aaron Ristow (aristow@farmland.org; 607-745-7165) with questions or comments. We wish you good luck with your future professional endeavors.

Kind regards,
Jeff and Aaron