

# New York BCAP Project Area - 10



Outreach Meetings  
September 2015

Project Sponsor

Re-Energy Holdings LLC



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# New York BCAP Project

Area - 10 Energy Crop

Shrub Willow



# BCAP Authorization (Par. 1)

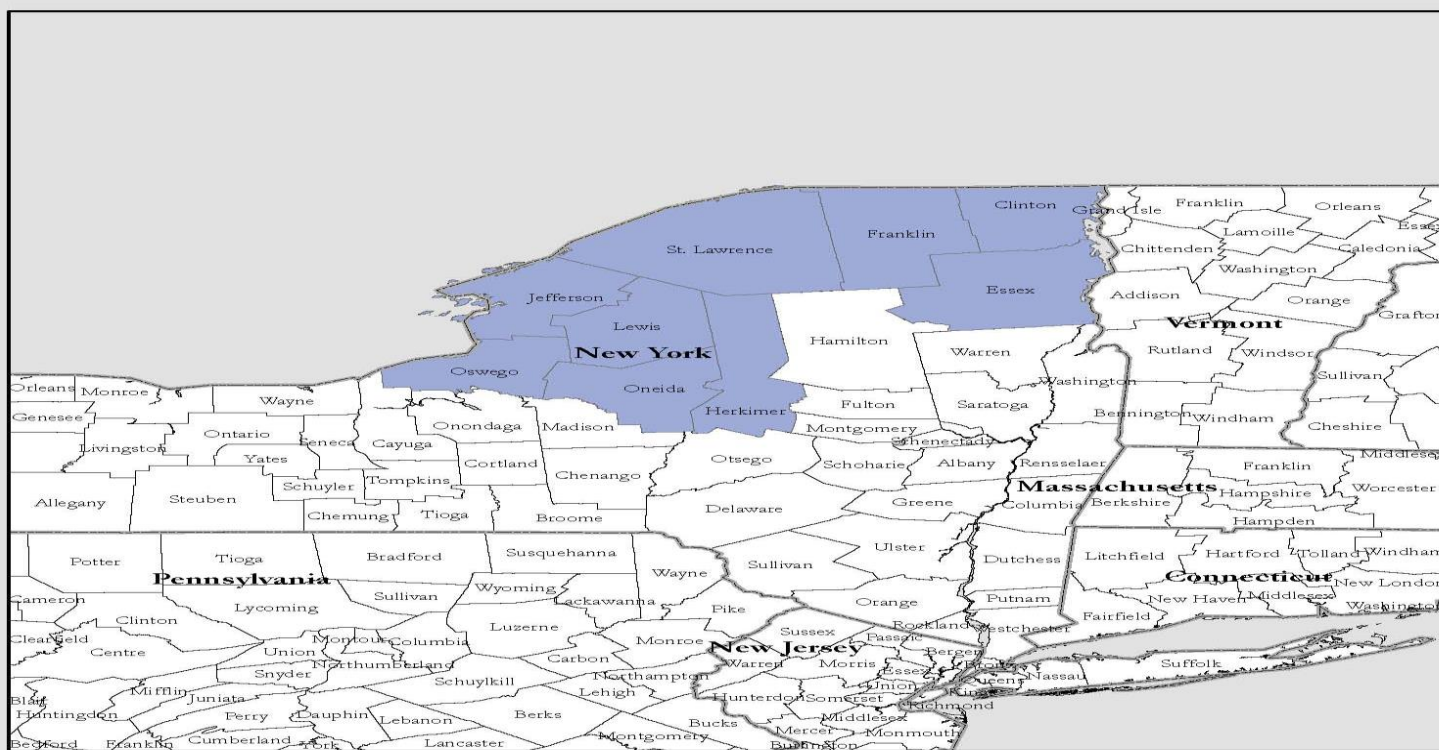
BCAP project areas are authorized to:

- Establish a distinct geographic region in which participants can enroll land into BCAP contracts and produce eligible crops.
- Support the establishment and production of eligible crops for conversion to bioenergy

# Counties Eligible for BCAP Contracts



## *Biomass Crop Assistance Program Project Area 10*




0 20 40 80 120 160 Miles

June 2012

## Eligible BCAP Counties


<b>Clinton</b>	<b>Essex</b>	<b>Franklin</b>
<b>Herkimer</b>	<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>Lewis</b>
<b>Oneida</b>	<b>Oswego</b>	<b>St. Lawrence</b>

# Sign-up Period

- Signup Started on August 17, 2015
  - All contracts must be approved by September 25, 2015
  - Project expanded to 2500 acres total – currently have approximately 1250 acres enrolled
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# Contracts


- 1250 acres
  - 11 year contracts – annual payments
  - Effective Date of Contract – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month after COC approval
  - Producer can defer start date 6 months
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# Producer Eligibility

- AD-1026 Certification – Highly Erodible and Wetland Provisions – Food Security Act of 1985
- Complete CCC-901 in Business File for Entities and JV – not individuals



# How eligibility differs from CRP

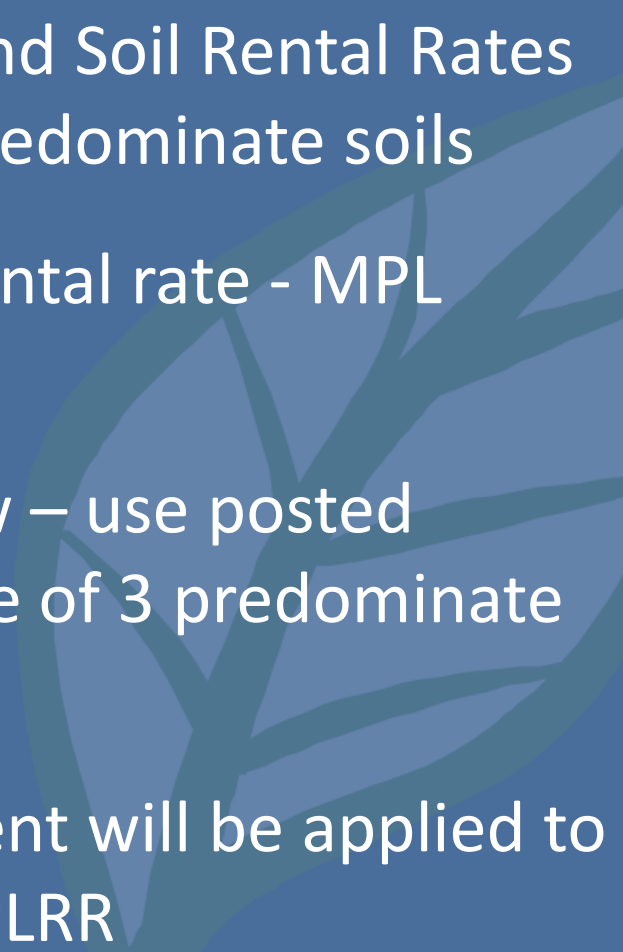
- Foreign producers are eligible
  - AGI is not applicable
  - No payment limitations
  - No minimum acreage
  - No cropping history requirement
  - No base acre reduction required
  - No express conflict with ARCPLC, CSP or EQIP
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# Eligible Land

- Land that meets the definition of cropland – 3CM definition (tilled or has been tilled)
- Pastureland
- Land already established to Shrub Willow that meets the NRCS standard and Job Sheet Requirements

Note: Cropland base and yield history will be preserved for land enrolled in a BCAP contract – can be enrolled in ARCPLC


# Rental Rate Calculations

- Cropland – per acre annual rental payments determined using posted cropland Soil Rental Rates (SRR) – weighted average of 3 predominate soils
  - Pastureland – per acre annual rental rate - MPL Rental Rate (MPLRR)
  - Already established shrub willow – use posted cropland SRR – weighted average of 3 predominate soils
  - Additional 25% incentive payment will be applied to the weighted average SRR or MPLRR
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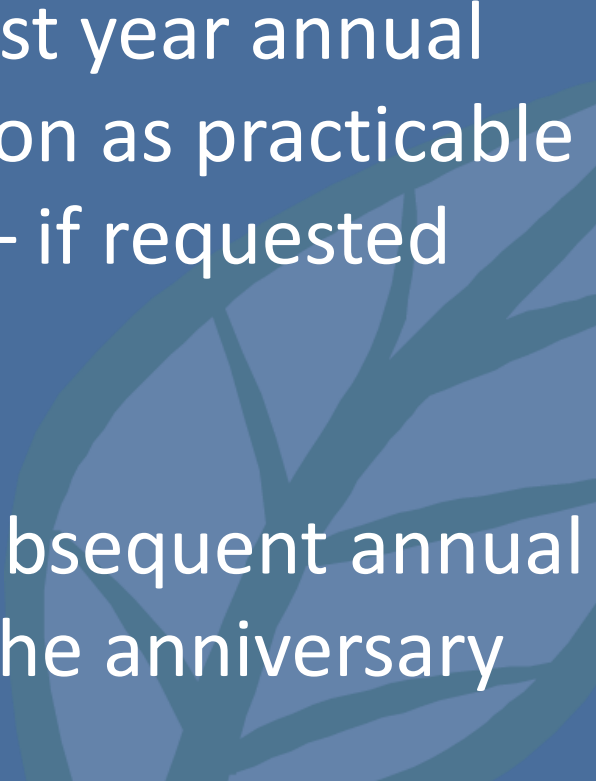
# Soil rental rates and incentives

County	Weighted Average SRR	25% Incentive Added	Marginal Pastureland SRR	25% Incentive Added
Clinton	\$40.50	\$50.63	\$30.00	\$37.50
Essex	\$44.94	\$56.18	\$30.00	\$37.50
Franklin	\$43.65	\$54.56	\$30.00	\$37.50
Herkimer	\$45.93	\$57.41	\$37.00	\$46.25
Jefferson	\$56.40	\$70.50	\$30.00	\$37.50
Lewis	\$56.82	\$71.03	\$37.00	\$46.25
Oneida	\$49.63	\$62.04	\$42.00	\$52.50
Oswego	\$31.65	\$39.56	\$30.00	\$37.50
St. Lawrence	\$26.26	\$32.83	\$30.00	\$37.50

# Ineligible Land

- Active CRP, WRP & GRP contracts – expiring CRP land could be offered to start on 10-1-2015
  - Native Sod – NY does not have Native Sod
  - Land owned by Federal agencies, States, local governments, including school districts
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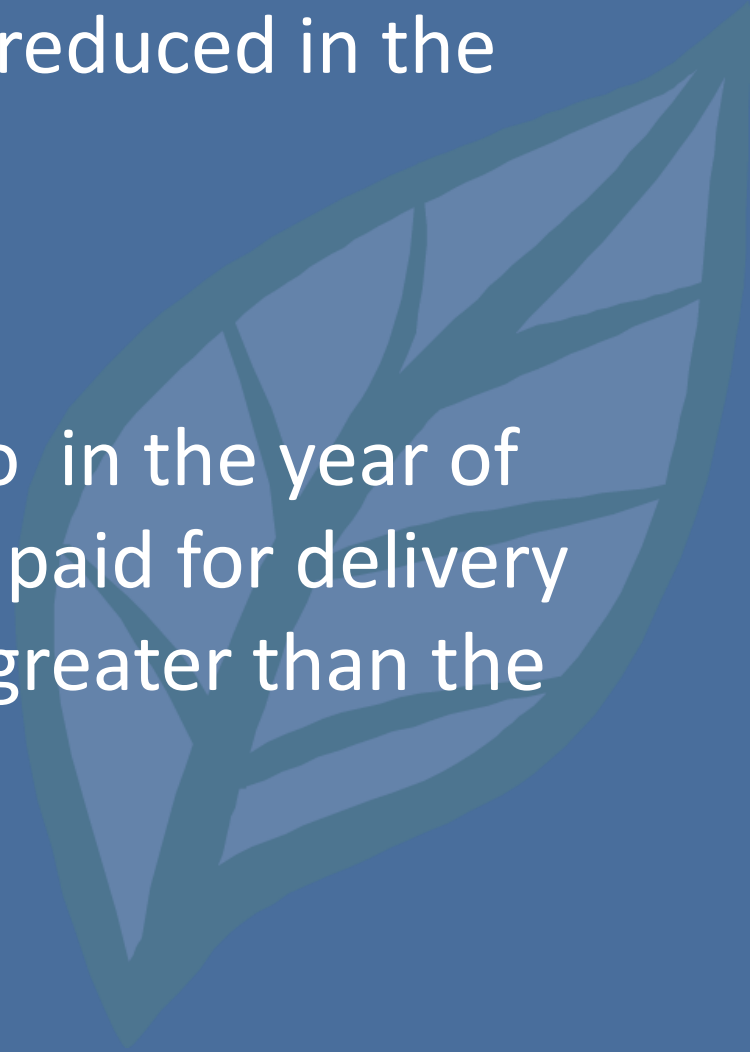
# Annual Payments

- One-half of the calculated first year annual payment can be issued as soon as practicable following contract approval – if requested
  - The remaining half and all subsequent annual payments will be paid after the anniversary date of the contract
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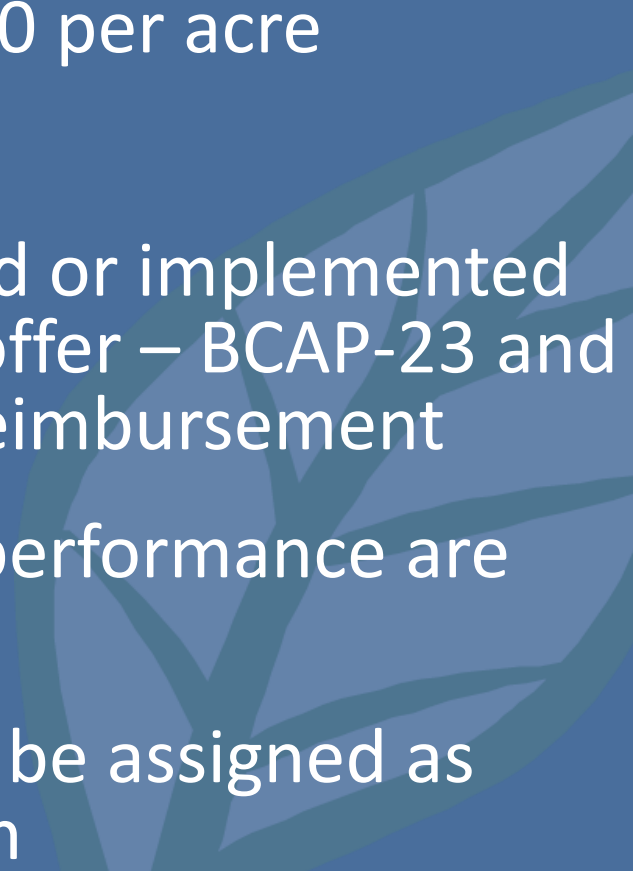


## Reductions in year of harvest

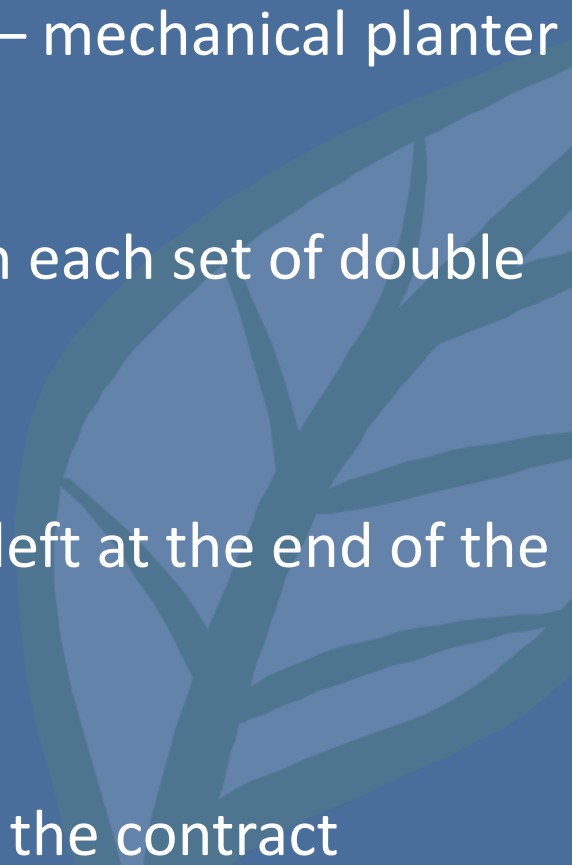
- The annual payment will be reduced in the year of harvest
- Annual payment will be zero in the year of harvest because producer is paid for delivery of material that has a value greater than the annual rental payment



## Crop Establishment – BC3B Practice

- 50% cost-share – up to \$500.00 per acre
    - SDA –up to \$750/acre
  - Establishment practices started or implemented before the submission of the offer – BCAP-23 and FSA-848 are NOT eligible for reimbursement
  - Partial payments for practice performance are authorized
  - Cost-share payments can NOT be assigned as they were in the 2012 program
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# Practice BC3B – Shrub Willow Crop Establishment


- 5500 stems per acre will be planted – mechanical planter
  - Double rows – with spacing between each set of double rows for harvest equipment
  - 40-50 feet of vegetated area will be left at the end of the rows for equipment movement
  - All of this acreage will be enrolled in the contract
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# Components Eligible for Cost-share

- Shrub Willow planting material
- Cover Crop establishment after burn down of permanent cover
- Rock removal
- Cover establishment in traffic lanes and ends of rows
- Coppicing of 1 year growth
- Lime, fertilizer, weed and insect control measures necessary for establishment of the stand

All according to the NRCS Conservation Plan

## Ineligible for cost-share

- Any minerals, nutrients, pesticides and other weed control measures to maintain an adequate established stand
    - Participant is responsible for all maintenance measures at their own expense
  - Harvesting, storing and transporting of biomass to Biomass Conversion Facility
  - Practices or components already established before submission of the offer
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## Other Practice Requirements

- Planting must be completed within 12 months of the effective date of Form BCAP-24
- COC can waive the 12 month deadline – not to exceed 24 months for weather, and/or plant material shortages
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects and pests must be controlled
- All maintenance and harvest must be outside the primary nesting season ( April 1st through August 1<sup>st</sup>) once crop is established

# Conservation Plans

- NRCS will develop Conservation plans
- Interim Conservation Plans will be used due to the short window for contract approval
- NRCS will provide LTP-4 Form with planting provisions



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