

Watershed Agricultural Program Guideline

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WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM (WAP) PARTICIPANT STATUS

The purpose is to determine the status for each WAP Participant for the protection of water quality. This guideline will define the responsibilities of the WAP regarding Annual Status Review's (ASR's) and future implementation & maintenance of Best Management Practices (BMP's) on these farms.

<u>Status</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Prospective	<p>A farm interested in joining the WAP that has completed an application (AEM Tier I).</p> <p><u>Prospective Ineligible-</u> An agricultural enterprise and/or operations that do not meet the program's minimum requirement criteria after application review. The ineligible applicant may participate in WAP funded/educational programs such as Farm to Market, etc.</p> <p><u>Prospective Eligible-</u> An agricultural enterprise and/or operations that has completed an application and meets the minimum requirement criteria. The prospective participant will be ranked and prioritized for Whole Farm Plan development.</p>
Active - eligible	Participants that have active agricultural production in the NYC Watershed, have signed a WFP-1 and WFP-2, supports the implementation of BMP's, agrees to adhere to O&M requirements and annual status review.
Active - ineligible	Participants that have active agricultural production in the NYC Watershed, have signed a WFP-1 and WFP-2. However their operation is currently below the minimum eligibility requirements. No new BMP implementation will be conducted on an Active – ineligible farm but an appropriate ASR based on the farming operation will be performed as determined by ASR SOP. Participants agree to adhere to O&M requirements for existing BMPS. Repair and Replacement of existing BMPs will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
Inactive	A participant with an approved WFP that is not currently engaged in agricultural production. No BMP implementation will be conducted on an inactive farm but a verification ASR will be performed.

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Suspended	<p>A participant that is actively involved in agricultural production that is involuntarily suspended due to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Any of the parties' failure to follow the Funding Agreement provisions of the procurement procedure and/or the Operations and Maintenance requirements. B. Failure by any of the parties' to the Funding Agreement to make reasonable progress in implementing the BMPs on his/her WFP2.
Withdrawn	<p>A participant that voluntarily removes themselves from the WAP. A withdrawn farm is no longer considered a WAP participant and gives up all associated benefits that the WAP offers.</p>
Terminated	<p>A participant that has had their program enrollment revoked. A terminated farm is no longer considered a WAP participant and gives up all associated benefits that the WAC offers.</p>
Retired Farm Number	<p>A participant that has had no agricultural activity on their farm for 10 years or more and all BMPs are beyond their life-span will have their Farm Number Retired. Farms with current CREP or other USDA contracts would not have their farm number retired. Future agricultural activity on this property would be eligible to enter the WAP process as a prospective participant and would be assigned a new farm number as applicable.</p>
Conservation Participant	<p>CREP Participants that have had active agricultural production in the NYC Watershed and have signed a CP-1 & Conservation Plan (CP-2), however they are no longer associated with an Active WFP. Participants support enrollment in the CREP and agree to adhere to O&M requirements and a verification annual status review.</p>