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‘Agricultural Resource Protection at Gas Well Drilling Sites’ To Be Discussed at Next WQCC Meeting

COOPERSTOWN – Matthew Brower, an agricultural resource specialist with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, will be the guest speaker at the next Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 30.

In his presentation, titled “Agricultural Resource Protection at Gas Well Drilling Sites,” Brower will discuss the locating of access roads, wells and gas pipelines to minimize agricultural resource impacts. He will also talk about correct construction and restoration measures to minimize the potential damage to agricultural resources.

The meeting, which begins at 1 p.m., will be hosted by the Otsego County Planning Department at 140 County Hwy. 33, Cooperstown. This event is free and open to the public, particularly farmers, municipal officials and natural resource entities; pre-registration is required by Friday, June 25. Those interested in attending should e-mail hmt5@cornell.edu or call (607) 547-2536, extension 226.

This event is made possible thanks to the Otsego County WQCC which, in order to better satisfy the educational component of its mission, has restructured its monthly meetings to include public information sessions. The OCWQCC was established in 1992 as a sub-committee of the Otsego County Soil and Water Conservation District. It is comprised of a diverse group of people representing state and local government agencies, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and lake associations. These members have technical expertise and knowledge and are committed to working to improve and maintain the quality of water in Otsego County through the reduction of nonpoint source pollution within its boundaries.

For more information on the WQCC, visit www.otsegoilandwater.com/waterqualitycc.html