

Tompkins County

Soil and Water

2021 Budget Presentation

Recommended Budget

	2020 Total Adopted	2020 Modified	2021 Target	2021 Rec. OTR's	2021 Total Rec.	\$ Change	% Change
EXPENDITURE	381,913	381,913	336,083	0	336,083	-45,830	-12.00%
Grand Total	381,913	381,913	336,083	0	336,083	-45,830	-12.00%

2020 OTR recap & timeline

- December 2019
 - \$130,000 appropriated for full-time engineer
- January 2020 → March 2020
 - hiring process for full-time engineer.
 - 1 applicant selected after 2 application canvasses
 - Applicant rejected offer
- April-May 2020
 - 25% reduction - 3rd and 4th quarter appropriations from County
 - Decision was made by SWCD Board to contract with private engineering firms rather than continue pursuing full-time engineer. County Administration agreed to this process.
- June- July 2020
 - Consulting engineers selected through RFQ process. 2 firms selected: Barton and Loguidice – Syracuse, NY and JESS Engineering – Alpine, NY

2020 OTR Accounting

$$(\$130,000 \text{ original OTR Request}) - (\$47,739.12 \text{ qtr 3 \& 4 reduction}) \\ = \\ \$82,260.88 \text{ OTR remainder}$$

	JESS Engineering Expenses	Barton & Loguidice Expenses
Current Authorized Expenses to 10-1-2020	\$6,027.50	\$7,980.25
Anticipated Expenses to December 31, 2020	\$30,000	\$30,000

Any remaining balance will be rollover to 2021.

2021 District Budget Highlights

- Anticipating 12% reduction in County Appropriation for operating costs
- Maintaining 5 full-time staff, 1 part-time, 1 seasonal and 2 contract engineers.
- Currently expecting \$3.7 million in grant and program expenses for 2021.
- ***State budget will decide Environmental Protection Fund balance in 2021. Income from the EPF funds our grant and program budgets.***
- ***NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee has forewarned all Soil and Water Districts of delays in payments.***

Summary

- COVID has slowed implementation on conservation projects in 2020 mostly due to construction material shortages and lack of personnel across the market...BUT, many projects have still been completed.
- Cash flow will be critical in 2021 for the District to accomplish workplan goals.
- Re-strategizing revenue sources will be needed beyond 2021 if budget cuts continue at the State and Federal level to maintain services under continued environmental stresses such as HABs, Invasive Species, Climate Change, etc.

A scenic landscape featuring a large body of water in the foreground, framed by the dark, silhouetted branches of a weeping willow tree on the left and right. In the distance, a range of low hills or mountains is visible under a clear sky. A single hot air balloon is floating in the sky, positioned slightly to the left of the center. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues and greys, with a bright white sun flare on the left side.

Questions?