

## FY 25/26 Budget Explanation for **Increases/Decreases**

### Woodbury County Conservation

#### Adm. - 06100

**26000- Stationary/Forms** - I reduced this another \$500 as we seem to be going down in usage, wonder if there is more electronic usage causing this. Used for letterheads, envelopes, cards etc.

**40200 – Typing Printing & Binding –** Increased this line item \$500 as we print more camping envelopes, firewood labels, camping coupon books. Always seem to be over on this one.

**44901 – Contractual Services –** I increased this \$152 to cover our Web site hosting fee and support for the year. Hosting has increased some and we occasionally need support work done.

**48000 – Dues & Memberships –** This increased \$700 as our dues and memberships to statewide organizations increased. These are broken out in the budget description turned into the budget Directors/auditor's office.

**49601 – Owego Drainage Taxes –** Had to increase this \$3000 as the counties share of the drainage taxes has gone up and we need to cover.

**63500 – Machinery & Equipment – Motor Vehicles -** Increase of \$20,000 on this line item as in the past two years the cost of vehicles has gone up between 7-25% depending on bids. We cannot replace vehicles on our 5 – 7 year plan if we keep buying less for more.

**64600 – Mach/Equip- Computer Software –** Increase of \$800 in this line item as our Adobe software has gone up for the yearly price we get from WCICC.

The Administration section of the budget showed an increase of **\$24,652.00** with \$20,000 of it being the motor vehicle line item increase.

#### PARKS - 06110

**25100 - Lubricants –** Increase of \$2,500 as we are always over on this line item, oil and grease are cheap compared to expensive repairs and breakdowns.

**29400 – Wearing/Safety Apparel –** Reduced this by \$500 as we seem to not be spending total as we had in the past. This cycles depending on seasonal uniforms and safety equipment that is needed.

**41401 – Cell Phone Expense –** Added the new Technician position at Southwood and that is the cell phone allowance, \$500 by the county. This caused the increase.

43201 – Water/Sewer – History of past years budgets shows we are always over on this item, just trying to catch up with costs by increasing it to what is being spent. Increase of \$1,000.

64600 – Machinery Equipment- computer software – Increase of \$1,200 for NCIC costs for law enforcement computers. This is a yearly cost for the 8 computers we have in the law enforcement vehicles. That works out to \$150 per officer for the computer software MACH.

Increase of \$4,700 for the parks section of the budget.

## Naturalist – 6120

29400 – Wearing/Safety Apparel – Reduced down \$55 to round number, will see if this account needs to be adjusted in the future as we watch expense history.

40200 – Typing, Printing & Binding – Printing of materials has been stagnant lately so I have reduced by \$1,200 and we will monitor this as well. We have a brochure for Nature Center to redo so this expense could go up in the near future.

41301 – Travel Expenses – Increase in this line item of \$700 as we have added a third Naturalist and have more travel expenses.

42200 – School of Instruction – Increase of \$600, with new Naturalist we will have more school of instruction costs.

44000 – Repair & maintenance – Reduced by \$200 as Naturalist Vans are in good condition as of now and shouldn't need any major repairs.

The Naturalist section of our budget showed an increase of \$45.

## Nature Center - 06123

43202 – Garbage – Increase of \$158 to cover actual cost of our garbage contract here at the Nature Center.

Nature Center section of our budget showed an increase of \$158