

Contractor Of The Year

Fastracs, Inc. based in Red Hook was the recipient of the 2005 Contractor of the Year Award. Fastracs received the award "for demonstrated knowledge of erosion & sediment control and stormwater principles on the jobsite and for continued professional development of their staff to promote soil and water conservation". For many years, the District staff has been impressed with the job performance that Fastracs has displayed both on private and District projects. Congratulations to Leigh Cookingham, owner, and his team.



Pictured L-R: Brian Scoralick, Dist. Field Mgr., Leigh Cookingham, Fastracs (owner), Jerry Paschal, Fastracs (Foreman), Ed Hoxsie, Exec. Dir.

Conservation Reserve Enhanced Program

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This was the first time farms in Dutchess County were eligible to participate in the Conservation Reserve Enhanced Program (CREP). The District and NRCS implemented 2700 feet of fencing along a portion of a stream that feeds the Wappinger Creek watershed. This fencing will prevent stream bank erosion from grazing livestock while providing a limited access for the livestock to drink from the stream. It also returns the banks of the stream

to a more fully vegetated state including the planting of 400 trees to enhance the water quality. We will be monitoring this project through the next 2 years to make sure the tree population is viable for proper coverage of the stream.

