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CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS



Cover Crops

Cover Crop application on wheat stubble, four no-till plots planted on 8 acres. Wheat, rye, winter peas, nitro radish, hairy vetch and red clover were planted. Soil savings after established cover would be 2.58 t/ac of soil will stay on the land, the cover crop will be used for green manure at plow down in spring.

Patterson Farms Wins Statewide Award

The Patterson family of Auburn, New York is the recipient of this year's New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Award. The Paterson's, along with the Cayuga County SWCD, were honored by the State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Empire State Potato Growers and American Agriculturist Magazine during the Agriculture Leadership Luncheon at Empire Farm Days in Seneca County.



Conservation Field Days

This year's Conservation Field Days were held on September 18th and 19th, 2012 at Emerson Park. Over 300 sixth grade students from Union Springs, Cato-Meridian, SS Peter and Paul School, Herman Ave. Elementary and St. Joseph's attended. Stations covered a wide variety of topics, from bee-keeping, to forestry, to wetlands, etc. Many thanks to all those who hosted a station!

▲ Above: Jason Cuddeback from Soil & Water giving a lesson on surveying at Conservation Field Days at Emerson Park.

Special Events

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM
- OCTOBER BOD MTG. CHANGED TO 10/3 AT 10:00 AM
- OFFICE CLOSED—COLUMBUS DAY—10/8
- OFFICE CLOSED—VETERAN'S DAY—11/12
- OFFICE CLOSED—THANKSGIVING 11/22 & 11/23

Invasive Species Prevention Act

On July 24, 2012 NYS Governor, Andrew Cuomo signed legislation to protect New York's waterways and natural habitat from the devastating environmental effects of invasive species. The act shall take effect on the 180th day after it was signed into legislation.

"This new law will give the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Agriculture and Markets the tools they need to protect our state's ecology from the harm that invasive species can cause," Governor Cuomo said. This legislation ensures that the regulations governing invasive species are appropriate for New York's Farming community and plant nurseries, while also protecting the environment.

Invasive species threaten New York's environment by out-competing native species, diminishing biological diversity, and changing whole ecosystems. Invasive species are widely available in commerce for landscaping and aquaria, and include species such as Hydrilla, an aggressive aquatic invader that chokes out native plants, clogs water intakes and impedes recreation. Other invasive species, such as the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Long-Horned Beetle, can devastate New York's timber and forest products industry. Millions of dollars are spent annually in the United States to control such species.

Stems & leaves of Hydrilla



Emerald Ash Borer

Ron Podolak's Retirement

After **40** years of service with the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District **Ron Podolak** is celebrating his retirement. Please join us as we honor him.

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2012
Time: Hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm and Dinner at 7 pm
Location: Sunset Restaurant
93 N. Division St.
Auburn, NY 13021
Cost: \$18.00 per person

Make checks payable to "Sara Podolak" and mail to the District Office

For more information and to make reservations, please contact

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Household Electronic Waste Collection

The Cayuga SWCD, CC Planning Department and Cornell Cooperative Extension collaborated on a Household Electronics Recycling Event. The event was held at the District office on September 22, 2012. Despite the wet weather, nearly 600 vehicles participated in the 4 hour event, collecting an estimated 56,000 pounds of household electronics including air conditioners, computers, microwaves and televisions.

