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**SPECIAL
EVENTS:**

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM
- CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS—SEPTEMBER 18TH AND 19TH, 2013 AT EMERSON PARK
- HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS DAY—SEPT. 21ST, 2013
- COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY—OCT. 14TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY—OCT. 26TH, 2013.
- VETERAN'S DAY—NOV. 11TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—NOV. 28TH – 29TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Conservation Highlights

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Autumn is Here

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District is preparing for fall. The season of harvest is upon us. The AVC program is finishing up for the season and has harvested five lakes within the County. The new school year has begun and our summer crew has gone back to school for yet another year. We will be hosting our annual Conservation Field Days for sixth graders at Emerson Park on September 18th and 19th. We will also be hosting a few recycling events this fall. For more information on these programs, please check out our website at www.cayugaswcd.org



Pictures above and to the right are from the **Soil Health Seminar August 2013**

Soil Health

Over 100 agency folks from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Farmers took part in the August 2013 Soil Health Seminar held at the Cuddeback Farm in the Dutch Hollow Watershed. There was a farmer panel and soil health demonstrations covering soil compaction, microbial activity in soil, how to maximize pore spaces in soil and cover crops. There was also no-till and zone tillage equipment on display. Demos of the tillage equipment ran into the night to show off how these systems can reduce compaction while increasing soil microbial activity and improve pore space for drainage during storm events.



Critical Area Seeding



Above: Before picture of Critical Area Seeding in Cayuga County.



Above: After picture of Critical Area Seeding in Cayuga County.

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District received a Critical Area Stabilization Grant through the Great Lakes Basin Program for Erosion and Sediment Control. The SWCD applies grass seed, hydraulic mulch, and fertilizer to steep slopes using a hydroseeder/mulcher, in order to stabilize the soil through vegetative establishment.

The Owasco Lake Watershed – Storm Drain Medallions



Remember to stop by the District office and buy some Zero Phos fertilizer for your lawn. This is a great way to prepare for the upcoming season.

Recycling Event Dates
Fall Electronics Recycling
 Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013
 9am—1pm

Household Electronics Waste Drop-Off Event
 Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013
 Registration Required
 Please call 255-1183

If you do not sow in the spring you will not reap in the autumn. ~Irish Proverb



Petrus

Ann passed away on August, 3, 2013 at the age of 67. Ann served on The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors for 9 years from 2002 to 2011. She also served as a County Legislator representing

that flows into them greatly impacts the quality of the water. Currently, storm drain medallions are being placed in the Town of Owasco and the Village of Moravia with the eventual goal of having them placed in all municipalities throughout the watershed.



Above : Storm Drain Medallions

Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Cayuga County

The Emerald Ash Borer has been confirmed by the Federal Animal and Plant Health Identification Service to have been discovered at the Hejamada Campground and RV Park in Montezuma. Three adult borers were found there. Adults are roughly 3/8 to 5/8 inch long with metallic green wing covers and a coppery red or purple abdomen. The Emerald Ash Borer is smaller than a

penny in size and the adults leave very distinctive D-shaped exit holes in the outer bark of the branches and the trunk. The insect is an invasive species that feeds on ash trees. They may be present from late May through early September but are most common in June and July. Signs of infection include tree canopy dieback, yellowing, and browning of leaves. For more information,

please visit the NYS DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7253.html> or look for upcoming public workshops.



Emerald Ash Borer

In Memory of Ann Petrus

the Town of Brutus for the same time frame of 2002 to 2011. She served on many Boards and Organizations throughout the County. Ann was a committed volunteer who was dedicated to helping better her community. She will be greatly missed.

May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
 Until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of His hand.~
 ~Irish Blessing