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SPECIAL EVENTS:

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM (NOV. MTG. IS THE 1ST WED. DUE TO HOLIDAY)
- CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS—SEPTEMBER 22ND AND 23RD 2015 AT EMERSON PARK
- HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS DAY—SEPT. 26TH, 2015
- COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY—OCT. 12TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY—OCT. 24TH, 2015.
- VETERAN'S DAY—NOV. 11TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—NOV. 26TH – 27TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Conservation Highlights

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Soil Health

Over 50 people, farmers, extension and NRCS took part on September 4, 2015 at a Soil Health Seminar held at the Cuddeback Farm in the Dutch Hollow Brook Watershed. There were several speakers throughout the day: Ray Archuleta demonstrated soil health samples, Frank Gibbs discussed biological underground cities, Robert Schindelbeck explained the Cornell Soil Health Test, and Matt Ryan performed a demo on the cover crop inter-seeder.

Pictures above and to the left are from the **Soil Health Seminar September 2015**

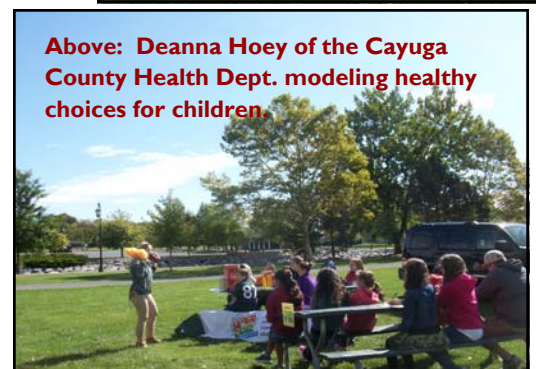
Conservation Field Days

Fields Days took place on Tues., Sept. 22nd and Wed., Sept. 23rd at Emerson Park in Owasco. Seven schools attended over the two days with approximately 350 sixth grade students. There were volunteer instructors from SUNY –ESF, NYS DEC, County

Health, County Planning, Cornell Coop. Ext., and many more. Many thanks to all who participated and helped to educate our young minds about conservation and the environment.



John Everard of NYS DEC educating the children on fish.



Above: Deanna Hoey of the Cayuga County Health Dept. modeling healthy choices for children.

Peters Dairy Farm Project



A silage leachate collection system was installed on the Peters Dairy Farm in the Seneca River Watershed this fall. The system was installed to capture silage leachate from the existing bunk silo, collect the low flows (highly concentrated leachate) in a tank, and treat the high flows (during rain events) in a vegetated treatment area, thereby protecting water quality in the

Seneca River Watershed. The system consists of a concrete swale to collect the leachate, a collector box to direct the leachate to the appropriate area, a storage tank for the low flows, and a level lip spreader to distribute the high flow leachate to a vegetated treatment area.



Recycling Event Dates

Household Electronics
Waste Drop-Off Event
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Registration Required
Please call 255-1183

Booth Road Bank Stabilization Project

In September, the District worked with the Town of Scipio to stabilize an eroding road bank. The unstabilized road shoulder dropped off steeply for 18 feet down into an Owasco Lake tributary. Soil, gravel, and asphalt were eroding into the stream, polluting the water and creating a hazard to motorists. One truck had already slid off of this embankment last winter.

District personnel extended the existing 42" culvert by 20 feet on the downstream side in order to lessen the slope. The toe of the slope was stabilized with three tiers of precast concrete blocks. Stone was then placed above the culvert, sloping up to the newly widened shoulder. The Town of Scipio assisted with the project by trucking stone and installing a new guide rail.

