



Cayuga County SWCD

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Special Events:

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9:00 AM
- VETERAN'S DAY—NOV. 11TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY—NOV. 25TH—26TH—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OBSERVED—DEC. 24, 2021—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- NEW YEAR'S OBSERVED—DEC. 31, 2021—OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

**HAPPY
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Conservation Highlights

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Cover Crops

It's that time of year again when cover crops are planted to protect unwanted nutrients and sediments from entering sensitive water bodies. Cover crops can slow the velocity of water moving across the landscape while consuming left over nutrients that are left over from the previous crop. If you are interested in cover crop or soil health please contact Jason Cuddeback-CCA, 315-252-4171 x6221.



Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Round 17



Our partners at the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets have announced the next round of AEM funding. This voluntary, incentive-based program enables agricultural producers to document existing environmental stewardship and can further advance their contributions to the community and our environment. Have you participated in the AEM Program? Do you have an interest in documenting your efforts to preserve our County's natural resources? Contact Cayuga County SWCD for more information about the program and how we can work together to protect our County's watersheds!

Our Owasco | Farmer-led | Facts driven | Flexible

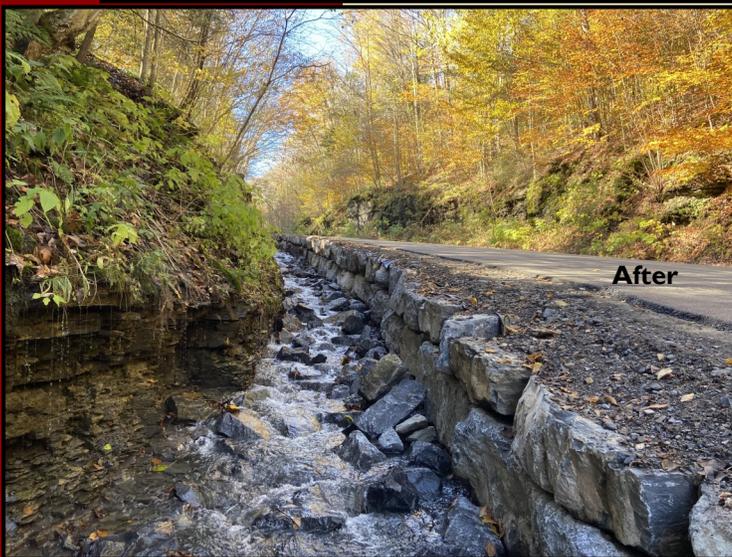
The Our Owasco project is working to promote a better understanding of farmers and to recognize, value and accelerate their efforts to adopt farming practices that help protect the land, and subsequently improve water quality running into the Owasco Lake.

Over the coming months, in support of the long-running AEM work by farmers, SWCDs, and partners, the project will be working with farmers, the Owasco Lake watershed community and your local ag professionals to demonstrate, and accelerate, this positive response to farming practice change. The project will be featuring stories of change from the farming community and hosting farmer-focused sessions to share ideas and learn more about soil health topics.

To find out more please contact the Cayuga County SWCD.

Scott Gulf Road Project

The Cayuga County SWCD, in partnership with the Cayuga County Highway Department, was able to stabilize 2,100 feet of a tributary to Grout Brook in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed, as well as providing road shoulder stability to Scott Gulf Road. Recent severe storms have resulted in significant flooding and damage to the tributary and road shoulder, making the road unsafe to travel as well as causing severe erosion and sedimentation to Grout Brook. The District installed stacked limestone in areas where a shale wall was pinching the stream and road, to provide road stability while improving the flow conditions. Similarly, the District installed grade control structures along the stream reach to reduce the slope of the stream, stream velocity, promote aquatic habitat, and build the stream bed back to its natural state after years of incision. Vulnerable streambanks were protected with angular limestone to provide roughness to the stream, while improving the structural integrity to the road. This project was partially funded by a New York State Water Quality Improvement Project Grant.



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