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# Conservation Highlights

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## SPECIAL EVENTS:

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM
- APRIL 25 TH—LAST DAY TO ORDER TREES
- REGIONAL ENVIROTHON - BEAVER LAKE—APRIL 26TH.
- ARBOR DAY—APRIL 28TH
- EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL WORKSHOP—MAY 3RD (7:45 AM TO NOON) AND MAY 17TH (7:45 AM TO NOON)
- TREE PICK -UP—MAY 5TH, 8 AM TO 6 PM
- OVERSTOCK SALE—MAY 8TH (8AM TO NOON)
- FISH STOCKING SALE ON MAY 15TH, LAST DAY TO ORDER MAY 9TH

## Emerson Park Shoreline Stabilization

The shoreline of Owasco Lake at the Emerson Park kayak launch has been steadily deteriorating for some time. Sediment and nutrients are being washed into the lake as the shore erodes. As this is a public access point to Owasco Lake, not only water quality is being affected by the erosion, but public perception of the lake as well. Public access to the lake is also being impacted, as this is the area if a public kayak launch.



The District remediated this issue in March of 2017 by stabilizing the shoreline by sloping, reshaping, and armoring approximately 190' of shoreline utilizing 150' of rock rip rap and 40' of flexible revetment mats. The revetment mats are a new product we are trying out on this site at the request of the County Planning Department.

## NYS Ag Non-Point Program

The Cayuga County SWCD has just finished submitting grant applications for the NYS Agricultural Non-Point Source and Abatement Program. The program is in its 23rd round of funding and is led by the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee, in coordination with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. The program utilizes the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) process and provides funding for implementation of Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP).

This year, the Cayuga County SWCD applied for a total of \$4.9 Million Dollars in funding for the implementation of various BMP's around the county. These BMP's include cover crops, prescribed rotational grazing, riparian buffers, waste storage facilities, a composting system, and a covered heavy use area. The installation of these BMP's will reduce nutrient and sediment laden runoff to various watersheds from agricultural operations. The state committee will rank the applications that are received from Soil and Water Conservation Districts from around the state and award \$14.1 Million Dollars in funding to the top ranked applications.



Daylilies, Hostas,  
Conifers, Fruit Trees,  
Shrubs, etc.  
available for sale



Rainbow Trout available at  
the District

## 2017 Spring Tree, Shrub & Groundcover Sale

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding their 46th Annual Spring Tree Seedling and Groundcover Sale. As in the past, the District is offering a variety of New York grown conifers, hardwoods, shrubs, and groundcovers. These seedlings and other plants are a very low-cost way to prevent erosion and to promote wildlife in your area, as well as

create noise and visual buffers, and both snow and wind breaks. The Conservation District will be taking orders through April 25, 2017. The pickup date will be Friday, May 5, 2017. Supplies are limited, so order early for the best selection. There will also be an Overstock Sale on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 8 am to Noon. To get an order form and description brochure,

please call the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District at 315-252-4171 or stop by our office located on County House Road in Senett. For further information and updates you can also check the District's website at [www.cayugaswcd.org](http://www.cayugaswcd.org).



## 2017 Fish Stocking Program

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a Fish Stocking Sale this spring. The Conservation District is currently taking orders for a variety of fish for ponds including: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish and minnows. Grass carp will also be available, but landowners must have a NYS DEC permit in order to pur-

chase them. Orders will be taken through Tuesday, May 9, 2017. The pick-up date is Monday, May 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District. Barley rolls will be available for sale to help control algae in ponds. For further information you can also check the District's website at [www.cayugaswcd.org](http://www.cayugaswcd.org).



## Erosion & Sediment Control Workshops



In New York State, all construction projects that create an acre or more of disturbed soil must have a SPEDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity. All contractors completing earthwork on SPEDES permitted sites must have at least one individual on site that has completed a four hour erosion and sediment control training course. To be kept current, the training must be completed once every three years. The Cayuga County

Soil and Water Conservation District is offering these trainings to contractors, developers, inspectors, engineers, and government employees. *Now offering 4 CEC's to Code Enforcement Officers and Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals members. We are offering seven workshops this year and have three remaining classes yet to give. The upcoming workshops will be held on the following Wednesdays:*

**April 19, 2017**  
**May 3, 2017**  
**May 17, 2017**