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SPECIAL EVENTS:

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS—2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM
- APRIL 24 TH—LAST DAY TO ORDER TREES
- REGIONAL ENVIROTHON - SHERBURNE ROGER'S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER — APRIL 18TH.
- ARBOR DAY—APRIL 27TH
- EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL WORKSHOP—APRIL 4TH, APRIL 18TH, MAY 2ND, AND MAY 16TH FROM 7:45 AM TO NOON EACH DAY
- TREE PICK -UP—MAY 4TH, 8 AM TO 6 PM
- OVERSTOCK SALE—MAY 7TH (8AM TO NOON)
- FISH STOCKING SALE ON MAY 14TH, LAST DAY TO ORDER MAY 8TH

Conservation Highlights

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HAB Summit

The Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Summit took place at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry on March 5th and 6th, 2018. Certain parts of the event were invitation only and then at the end of the two day event they held a public session. The summit was kicked off by the Commissioners of DEC, DOH, and Ag and Markets. The goal of the summit was to provide expert opinions and recommendations from the group to form the action plan which will be created by the State Departments in the coming months.

The lakes being discussed at this meeting were Cayuga, Owasco and Skaneateles although there are a total of 12 lakes across the state (mostly Fingerlakes) that the state has identified for action. Discussions on day one consisted of three areas: Intro to HABs, HABs Prevention and HABs Mitigation. The HABs mitigation discussion was based on agriculture and was covered by the Districts and local farmers. Doug Kierst of the Cayuga County SWCD, along with Greg Rejman and Jim Greenfield (Cayuga County farmers), Mark Burger of Onondaga County SWCD, Jon Negley of Tompkins County SWCD and Amanda Barber of Cortland County SWCD served on the moderated panel. Discussions on day two consisted of: Watershed Coalitions and Lessons Learned, Drinking Water Treatment, and Monitoring. The public session was then presented on May 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm and could be streamed online for those who were interested.

2018 Water Quality Symposium

Each year the Conservation District Employees' Association, Inc. and the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee put together a training for all District Employees and Board Members to attend. The Water Quality Symposium took place at the Double Tree by Hilton Syracuse, NY from March 13th -16th, 2018. District Employees and Board Members attended several classes at the training. The attended training consisted of topics such as: AEM Planning for Plain Sect Farms, NRCS New Planning Program & Job Approval Authority, Small Lake & Pond Ecology, Management of On-Site Wastewater Treatment, Human Resources, Pipeline & Hydraulics, Sizing Culverts for Municipalities—How Districts Can Help, USACE—Permit Overview, WEPP (Replacement for RUSLE2), NYS Stormwater Erosion & Sediment Control Implementation, Records Retention & Audits, Manure Storage Issues, NYS Retirement System, WAVE, WQIP & PWLs and Manager Forum. The training is offered to SWCD Directors, Staff, WQMA Committee Members, and Cooperating Agencies and Organizations.



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



Rainbow Trout available at
the District

2018 Spring Tree, Shrub & Groundcover Sale

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District will be holding their 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 24, 2018. The pickup date will be Friday, May 4, 2018. Supplies are limited, so order early for the best selection. There will also be an Overstock Sale on Monday, May 7, 2018 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 Sennett. To order on-line you can also go to the District's site at www.cayugaswcd.org.



2018 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 8, 2018. The pick-up date is Monday, May 14, 2018 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 or to order on-line you can go to the District's site at 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. We are offering workshops on the following Wednesdays:

- April 4, 2018**
- April 18, 2018**
- May 2, 2018**
- May 16, 2018**