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Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District



Cayuga County Aquatic Vegetation Control Program

The Cayuga County Aquatic Vegetation Control Program has just begun for the summer. The program's objectives are to increase the accessibility and usability of the county's water bodies, while seeking to leave the lakes in the most ecologically intact manner possible. The water bodies that our program covers are Owasco Lake, Cayuga Lake, Otter Lake, Lake Como and Fair Haven Bay. For daily or weekly updates of where the harvester is, please visit us on Facebook. We will also be generating a full report on the Cayuga County AVC program at the end of the harvesting season.



Picture above shows the harvester used for the Aquatic Vegetation Control program.

Special Events:

- MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS (2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00 AM)
- JULY BOD MTG. WILL BE ON WED. JULY 16TH, 2014 AT 10 AM.
- JULY 4TH, 2014—HOLIDAY AND OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- EMPIRE FARM DAYS—AUGUST 5TH—7TH, 2014 IN SENECA FALLS.
- STATE FAIR BOOTH—AUGUST 21ST—SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2014 AT THE NEW YORK STATE FAIRGROUNDS IN SYRACUSE.
- LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2014—HOLIDAY AND OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
- CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS— SEPTEMBER 16TH AND 17TH, 2014 AT EMERSON PARK

Senator Seward Delivers State Funding to Protect Owasco Lake

NY State Senator James L. Seward (51st District) announced that the new 2014-15 state budget includes at his insistence, \$200,000 to implement the Dutch Hollow Brook Watershed Restoration Project. The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA) proposed to work in partnership and implement a local initiative that collaborates with municipalities, farmers, and rural landowners. Our objective is to improve water quality in Owasco Lake through the implementation of Watershed Quality Improvement Best Management Practices throughout the Dutch Hollow Brook Watershed. The SWCD and OWLA will manage and monitor the selection, design and construction of structural and nonstructural BMPs that will most likely reduce the movement of sediment, nutrients, pesticides, and other pollutants from the Dutch Hollow Brook landscape into Owasco Lake.



Left: One of many sites in need of BMP implementation.

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If anyone is interested in [pasture or cover crop seeding](#) with the no-till drill please contact [Jason Cuddeback](#) or [John Fraser](#) at the Cayuga County SWCD office.

Owasco Lake Day—Wednesday, June 25 at Emerson Park

On Wednesday, June 25, 2014, Doug Kierst, Executive Director of the Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District went to the Owasco Lake Day and spoke to the public regarding the District's role in the community.



Above: Bluegill fish from the program in June of 2014.

Fish Stocking Program at the District -

The Cayuga County Soil and Water Conservation District held a successful fish program this spring and summer. If there is enough interest, we may have another in September. We would like to thank everyone who purchased fish and also Don Shaw for providing the fish for our program. If anyone is interested in purchasing fish in September, please contact us and let us know.

Soil Health Seminar— Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at Cuddeback Farms

A Soil Health Seminar will be sponsored by Cayuga County SWCD, Cornell Cooperative Extension, NYSSWCC and AEM. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 **at Cuddeback Farms on 4730 State Route 38A, Skaneateles, NY 13152**. The event will run from 9 am to 4 pm and will include: live tillage demonstrations, speakers, question answer session and lunch. Credits for CCA and DEC will be available. The agenda can be found on our website at www.cayugaswcd.org.



Please RSVP by August 15, 2014 by calling 315-252-4171 ext. 3 or emailing Jason Cuddeback at jcuddeback@cayugaswcd.org

◀ **Left:** Picture of well attended Soil Health Seminar from 2013.