



CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Grant Funding Awarded to the Cayuga SWCD

The Cayuga SWCD has been notified by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets that one (1) additional proposal submitted to the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program has been funded. Waste Storage Facilities – Total project cost is \$1,875,989 (\$1,104,383 State dollars). This project is located in the Cayuga and Owasco Lake Watersheds. The Cayuga SWCD has been notified by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets that three (3) proposals submitted to the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Waste Storage and Transfer System Program have been funded. The total program award amount was \$1,117,763 of State funding. Projects include:

1. Waste Storage & Transfer System – Total project cost is \$771,460 (\$385,000 State dollars). This project is located in the Cayuga Lake Watershed.
2. Waste Storage & Transfer System – Total project cost is \$461,585 (\$347,763 State dollars). This project is located in the Cayuga Lake Watershed.
- Waste Storage & Transfer System – Total project cost is \$782,780 (\$385,000 State dollars). This project is located in the Seneca River Watershed.

The Cayuga SWCD has also been notified by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation that three (3) proposals submitted to the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program have been funded. The total program award was \$1,047,770 of State funding. Projects include:

1. Cayuga County Erosion Control – Total project cost is \$400,000 (\$300,000 State dollars). This project involves the construction of retention basins, rock lined waterways and road/culvert crossings that will handle the intense storms that have affected the Villages and Towns of Cayuga County, providing relief and stabilization to areas "in need".
2. Owasco Lake Streambank and Riparian Buffer Restoration Project – Total project cost is \$350,000 (\$280,000 State dollars). This project involves the construction of streambank protection measures in the Towns of Locke and Moravia. This will reduce erosion and sedimentation occurring from the streambanks, decreasing excessive nutrient inputs to Owasco lake, and improving water quality.
3. Owasco Lake Watershed Streambank and Shoreline Repair Project – Total project cost is \$613,270 (\$467,770 State dollars). This project involves the stabilization of ~3,000 feet of eroded Owasco Lake shoreline an streambank segments throughout the watershed in Cayuga, Onondaga and Tompkins Counties. The project will address the influx of silts, sediments, and nutrients into Owasco Lake and its tributaries.



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Monthly Board Meetings

2nd Wed. of the month at 10 am

February 14, 2018

March 14, 2018

Agricultural Agency Awareness Day Open House!

Date and Time: Thursday February 15,
2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: Natural Resource Center,
7413 County House Rd., Auburn

Stop in anytime between 10am to 2pm!
Representatives from the following
agencies will be available to provide
information on their programs/services
and answer questions:

- Agricultural Engineering Services (AES)
- Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) Cornell
- Cooperative Extension (CCE) Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- New York Farm Bureau (NYFB)
- Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Refreshments will be provided!
For more details call Cayuga County Soil & Water at (315) 252-4171 ext. 3.

TRADE-A-TREE FOR A TREE—

After Christmas this year, residents traded in their old tree for a free transplant! The Cayuga County Trade-a-Tree for a Tree program offered residents an opportunity to recycle their Christmas tree in exchange for a White Spruce transplant coupon (transplants will be available for pick-up in the spring on May 4, 2018 at the Tree Sale). It's fast, easy, and free! Location: Cayuga County Natural Resource Center @ 7413 County House Road, Auburn.



Cover Crops



▲ *Forage Mix Cover Crop planted on an organic dairy in the Mill Creek Watershed.*

▲ The District implemented 2,692.35 acres of cover crops in the Owasco and Cayuga Lake Watersheds. A mix of grass, legumes and tillage radish were utilized as the erosion control and forage cover crops. They were planted using no-till drill, broadcast seeder and inter-seeder methods.

Annual Tree, Shrub and Groundcover Sale

New on-line ordering available this year at www.cayugaswcd.org. Order by April 24, 2018 and pick up trees on May 4, 2018.

Spring Fish Stocking Sale

Order on-line by May 8, 2018 and pick up fish on May 14, 2018 between 11—11:30 am.



Rye Grass Inter-seed into corn silage — Cayuga Lake Watershed.

Erosion & Sediment Control Trainings

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. Upcoming trainings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

- Feb. 21, 2018*
- March 21, 2018*
- April 4, 2018*
- April 18, 2018*
- May 2, 2018*
- May 16, 2018*

