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WAYNE COUNTY



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Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District

BE GREEN

2013 Annual Forever Green Conservation Tree and Shrub Sale will begin the end of January. Purchases will run through the March 22, 2013 and pick ups will be April 18 & 19. Just in time for Earth Day!

Landscape planning? Conservation variety information is available by calling the office.

NYSDEC Updates and Changes for Environment Conservation

- CAFO Updates and Changes: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6285.html>
- Dish Detergent & Nutrient Runoff Law- Lawn Fertilizer: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/74885.html>
- NYS Burning Law: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/58519.html>
- New Release of the updated Priority Water Body Listing for NYS: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/31290.html>

Agriculture Environmental Steward & Conservation Farm of the Year Award at the Ag Development Harvest Tour

Wayne County is one of the largest Agri-production Counties in the Country according to the U.S. Census. What the Census doesn't capture is the number of conservationally minded farmers we have in Wayne County. This year the AEM program was exceptional in participation with its many active partners WC Farm Bureau, Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Planning's Ag Development Board and of course all of the actively participating farmers and producers.

Overall, the rebirth of these two awards was very difficult to award this year, due to the intense involvement. A committee reviewed nominations, made recommendations and determined 2012's Agriculture Environmental Steward and Conservation Farm of the Year award to be given at the Ag Development Harvest Tour at the end of September.



How-Bar Farms, Lyons NY 2012 Conservation Farm of the Year Operated by Scott Albrecht



Mark Humbert, Rose NY 2012 Ag. Environmental Steward

Conservation Farm of the year was awarded to How-Bar Farm of Lyons, NY operated by Scott Albrecht. The conservation participation, community involvement and stewardship of the operation was demonstrated through many years of planning on this operation. Even though times were tough, conservation was a consideration in the management changes that were made as the farm approached its centennial status.

Agriculture Environmental Steward was awarded to Mark Humbert for his outstanding leadership and participation within many agri-community activities and the continued conservation leadership on his own operation. Mark also has been an active participant in water quality in relation to Ag and a continued to educate his own youth and their peers about the importance of good stewardship.

New services available for Wastewater Treatment Systems in Wayne County

Wayne County has a diverse terrain of infrastructure to support some of the townships with wastewater treatment but not all. For those folks that have individual treatment systems, the Wayne District has reached out to their Soil & Water Family to try and partner to better provide those missing services.

Recently, it has been our privilege and pleasure to partner with Ontario County Soil & Water to assist with services and education of wastewater treatment for townships that are in need. The highly regarded NYS Uniform Procedures Program (UPP) for onsite wastewater treatment system inspection recently expanded to reach the Town of Geneva in Ontario County and select towns in Wayne County.

components for new construction and repair/replacement, as well as performing existing system inspections.



Photograph: Septic tank pumping during the inspection is part of the process.



Ontario SWCD Technician Tad Gerace performs soil investigations to assist in the proper location of wastewater system

This service is increasingly requested by lending institutions and real estate professionals to ascertain the working condition of existing systems at the time of property deed transfer. This program protects home buyers, lenders, and realtors, and offers significant water quality benefits to local watersheds.

Call Tad Gerace @ 585-396-1450 x 21 for a request form & to schedule an inspection.

Through partnership we are able to provide!

Wayne County Conservation programs offered by SWCD for 2013

- Agriculture Environment Mgt
- Critical Area Seeding
- Aquatic Vegetative Mgt
- Fish Stocking: Grass Carp
- Pond Site Inspection
- Soil Group Worksheets
- Maps—Topo/Geography
- Envirothon & Youth Ed

- Uniform Procedures Program –Septic Asst
- Watershed Municipal Planning
- Permitting
- Drainage Assistance
- Beaver Eradication Assistance
- Conservation Tree & Shrub Sale
- Stream Monitoring

Erosion Control through Hydroseeding Soil Stabilization

Soil erosion occurs from weather events but also because of the health of the soil. Soil types, composition, organic compounds and aeration practices can all make a difference in its stability.

In 2012, the District added Hydroseeding to the tool kit for stream and roadbank stabilization, drainage and construction site stabilization.

Hydroseeding is a water base application of



seed and an organic “tactifier” that acts as glue to hold the soil and seed in place for a period of time until the seeds can get a root base to hold the soil down. Although seeding and general mulching is still an approved soil conservation practice, hydroseeding because of the included moisture allows for the material to begin growing sooner than traditional mulching.

In 2012, the District assisted with mulching for the Arcadia—Lyons Canal Trail, scheduled to open in the spring of 2013.

Bring Community into the Holidays in Wayne County

Stocking Stuffers Available

Know your Invasive Plants with the Wayne County Quick Reference Invasive

Plant Species Identification Guide.

This pocket size 60 page book lists both Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Plants and is printed on a moisture resistant paper.

Available at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office for \$3.00 or call and we can ship them at an additional charge.

Remember your feathered friends this holiday season and order a new Blue Bird House, Wood Duck House or Bat Box.

Look for our Ad next month as we gear up for our Annual Tree Sale.

Happy Holidays from All of Us,
At Wayne County Soil and Water
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Giving Tree

As part of the community tradition, Wayne County Soil & Water will be collecting gently used kids clothing (for K-5), small games, toys and non perishable food items to distribute to the local schools for kids this holiday season.

Please do not worry about wrapping items, as we will assist with wrapping.

Collections can be dropped off Monday through Friday until the end of the year.





Going Green in 2013 with Conservation Lawn Care

In 2013, we challenge everyone to go green and find out what kind of conservation you can practice in your own yard!

- NYS DEC wants to help homeowners plan for better use of their own natural environment. Visit this webpage <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/52570.html> for an article titled "Green Lawn and Garden Tips."
- Wayne County Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener Program offers a lot of experience right in your back yard. For more information on the program and events please visit their webpage at <http://blogs.cce.cornell.edu/wayne/2011/11/02/events/>
- Cornell University's Small Farms Program offers many resources for small farm businesses but also for your backyard scientist. They also put out a quarterly publication with new updates and available information on a variety of topics: <http://smallfarms.cornell.edu/quarterly/>
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service has something for everyone when it comes to conservation. The Backyard Conservation program is a neat one to view: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/features/?cid=nrcs143_023535

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