

Agricultural Group Drainage Program Annual Report

Through the Agricultural Group Drainage Program, the Wayne County SWCD completed maintenance on 9 projects in 2016. The projects combined totaled over 13 miles of drainage channel maintained in nine different towns. Maintenance work included mowing of overgrown vegetation, debris blockage removal, channel dipping, and culvert work, as needed. These projects worked directly through or along 75 landowner properties and benefit many more within the watersheds. These projects help drain a total watershed area over 17,000 acres, thousands of which are agricultural lands that directly benefit from the work completed.

Butler Creek & Slyburg Project: These were two separate projects that were combined into one in the town of Butler. Maintenance was completed on about 2.5 miles of drainage course, but a half mile section was not completed due to landowner permission issues. Work on the project consisted of mowing and removing blockages. There are also three culvert crossing along the project that are in need of replacement. Two of the crossings have already failed and the third is in very poor condition.



Farnsworth Project: For this project, mowing and blockage removal was completed along a 0.6-mile section of drainage channel in the Town of Marion. Much of this project was not done due to landowner issues with previous work completed without permission by a private individual. The District completed work though or along 20 properties.



Bear Creek Project: This project is 2 miles long and flows through the Towns of Walworth and Ontario. The entire length of the project was mowed and dipped about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. This project has five culvert crossings that are in poor condition and will need to be replaced in the next couple of years. Work was completed through 12 properties.



Ki-Ham-Law Project: This project is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and located in the Town of Macedon. The project was mowed and dipped. Due to the depth of the ditch, this project requires a long stick excavator to dip. The work on this project provides beneficial drainage to a 30-acre piece of muck land.



Quaker Road Project: This is a 1.2-mile-long project in the Town of Macedon. The entire project was mowed, fallen trees were removed, and dipped for about a half mile. Work was completed through five properties.



Route 14 Project: This project is located in the Town of Lyons and is one-mile long. The entire length of the project was mowed and about a half mile section was dipped, outside the NYS DEC regulated wetland. Work was completed on six properties.

