

Spring 2014

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District



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Have You Seen This Invasive Plant?

Multiflora Rose

Multiflora rose grows as a thorny perennial shrub with arched canes but can also sprawl or climb in trees 10 feet or more. Multiflora rose can produce dense, impenetrable monocultures that exclude indigenous plants.

Characteristics:

- ◆ Alternating, compound leaves with 7-9 leaflets
- ◆ Distinct hairs/fringe at branch points extending up to halfway up the length of the leaf stalk
- ◆ Large thorns
- ◆ Twigs and stems mostly green or red



Flowers in spring and early summer with clusters of white to pinkish-white flowers and produce red berries in fall.

For a free invasive plant species identification guidebook stop by our office!

For more information, visit www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov or contact the us at (315) 946-4136.

2014 Water Quality Programs—Save these Date

Landowner Water Quality Management: “What is on my property and in my waterfront?”

6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

Learn how you can make small improvements to your property while also impacting the water quality for your waterfront or near water properties.

**JULY
31TH**

Landowner Water Quality Management: “Reduce, Recycle, Reuse “

6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

The 3 R’s are a common theme when it comes to manmade homeowner wastes, however it applies on your own property with nature’s best gifts that can help you to reduce the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicide needs, recycle your yard wastes and reuse your current water supply from storms.

**AUGUST
21ST**

Landowner Water Quality Management:

“Get Down Low and Dirty with Well and Septic Concerns” 6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M.

“Waste want, want not” is something we have to think of hard everywells that will improve not only your personal water quality but also the water quality for an entire community.

Benthic Mat Building Class

(Space is limited 12 participants per class)

July 2nd—3:00-5:00 & July 9th—6:00—8:00

Cost per person is \$45.00 Register by e-mail

wayneswcd1@rochester.rr.com



Water Chestnut Handpulls

**9:00 A.M.—12:00 Noon
call 315-946-4136**

- June 28th — Maxwell Bay / East Entrance
- July 5th — Clark Creek & Spiegel Drive
- July 12th — Port Bay—South Shore
- July 19th — Sodus Bay —Second Creek
- July 26th — Sodus Bay Bridge



Tree & Shrub Sale of 2014

Forestry Conservation provides public opportunities through the Forever Green program



Despite uncooperative seasonal weather, the Wayne County SWCD annual tree and shrub sale had an extremely successful year. Over 158 conservation customers placed tree/shrub and conservation plant orders totaling sales of 9,050 total plants.

- ◆ Conifer transplants (always a popular choice among Wayne County residents) totaled 5,050 plants, consisting of Colorado Blue and Norway Spruces and Douglas Fir.
- ◆ For deciduous shrubs, 470 total plants were sold with American Cranberry and Butterfly Bush being the most popular. White and Red Oaks and Sugar and Red Maple trees made up a majority of the 1,820 deciduous trees that were distributed.
- ◆ Newly added to this year's sale were two species of blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries, which sold a total of 400 plants.

Groundcover plants were again offered this year, selling 540 individual plants. SWCD offered 'Conservation Packs' that consist of 10 plants in different varieties.

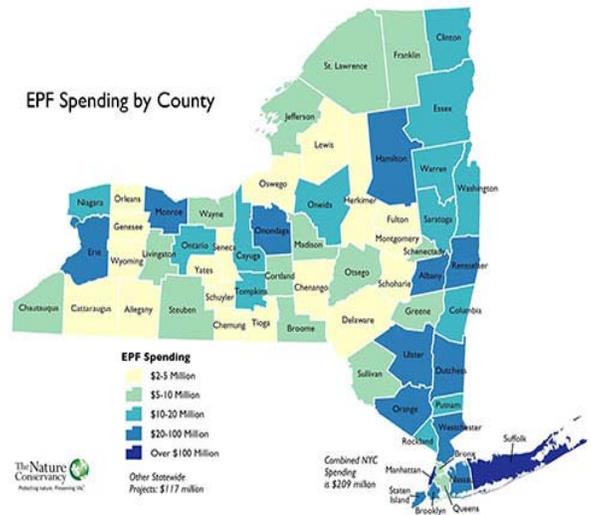
Also offered, the District sells habitat boxes for Bluebirds, Bats, and Wood Ducks. These items are offered year-round, while 46 different boxes sold at this year's sale. The Wayne County SWCD would like to thank everyone that placed an order with us this year and hope you come back again next year. Thank you

Sign up for news and event updates at our new website
www.waynecountyNYsoilandwater.org

20 Years of Protecting New York Environment & Wayne County

The NY Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) and the state's environmental agencies safeguard our clean air and water, protected parklands and working farms, and good quality jobs. Wayne County directly benefits from three lines of the EPF annually through Wayne County's SWCD and through partnerships with the Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLOWPA) and other NYS DEC grant programs!

For over 20 years the EPF has conserved our farms, forests, and clean water; supported our parks, zoos and recycling programs; and revitalized our waterfronts. A recent analysis by The Trust for Public Land found for every \$1 the Fund invests, \$7 is returned to New York State. Through various programs, the Environmental Protection Fund supports more than 350,000 jobs across a spectrum of industries, including outdoor tourism, agriculture and the protection of drinking water for millions of New Yorkers.



All told, EPF supported industries generate approximately \$40 billion every year and locally has supported over 2 million dollars of infrastructure and another 1 million dollars in monitoring, program development and special projects in all the communities in Wayne County! Every Township and Village has benefitted directly for the continued support of the Real Estate Transfer Tax and the newly instated bottle bill.

Happy 20th Anniversary! And we look forward to many more years of conservation for New York State!

Wayne County NY Envirothon



Wayne County, NY held its first Envirothon on April 24th. Four teams competed for \$100 scholarships and a chance to go to the NY State Envirothon finals where they compete against other winning teams.

It was a windy cold day but all teams made it through the five interactive testing stations set up around the grounds of the Montezuma Wildlife Center. Although it was a close competition right to the end, the “Lions” of Lyons Central High School pulled off a win with their outstanding oral presentation on “Sustainable Agriculture”.

*Bernadette Rice, Beth Burnett, Faith McDonald, Horace Burghdurf, Kaitlin Alexander, Tyler DuVall, Nelson Hand, Gracie Wright, Jarrod Stone, Levi Dowd, Megan Hand, Megan Luckette, Elyssa Mullen, Alexandra Marr, Emily Gifford, Fred Finewood, Erica Hunt, Ben Wunder, Anne Galbraith, Tarah Granger —in no specific order

The 2014 Wayne County Envirothon group made up of four teams
 Congratulations to all teams!

The Envirothon is a high school natural resources competition that involves students learning about the earth sciences: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and agriculture sustainability.

This year’s Wayne County Envirothon tests were written and administered by Soil and Water Conservation District staff. Students were judged for their knowledge, insights and solutions to environmental concerns.

Working together students learn a lesson in team building as well as many who participate in Envirothons go on to become park rangers or wildlife conservation officers and often times leads them toward science, agriculture and environmental fields.

Interested in volunteering or becoming a participating team? Contact WCSWCD at 315-946-4136



The Lyons team will be moving on to the New York State competition May 21-22 at SUNY Morrisville. * Alexandra Marr, Emily Gifford, Fred Finewood, Erica Hunt, Ben Wunder, Anne Galbraith, Tarah Granger * names in no specific order



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* Tyler DuVall, Nelson Hand, Gracie Wright, Jarrod Stone



* Teachers: Carrie Griffith, Joe Bonnono, Terry Elmer, Denise Skinkle

District increases pond stocking opportunities with the First Annual Fish Sale

While the Wayne SWCD has been offering services for pond inspection and permitting for pond management in support of the Triploid Grass Carp for many years, there has been an increased interest from pond owners for other varieties and species of fish.

Running now until June 19th, 2014 the District will be offering an ordering opportunity for pond owners to obtain five (5) other species of fish to stock their personal ponds with in addition to the traditionally offered Grass Carp.

The order form is included in the center fold of this newsletter. For more information please see insert!

DEC permit to stock the grass carp. We can help decide how many fish should be stocked through site inspection, pond evaluation and plant identification. We also deliver the fish to your pond. Grass carp can live up to ten years, so ponds can be restocked with grass carp every two years with up to 15 grass carp per pond acre (NYS DEC).

You will need to have a permit before filling out an order form. Both permit applications and order forms can be found on our website and at our office.



STOCKING PERMITS REQUIRED
Permits for fish stocking are still required and the direct link to NYS DEC's Fish stocking application can be found on our website under the "PRODUCTS" tab
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