



Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District

Winter 2011 Newsletter

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DISTRICT HIRES NEW PROGRAM LEADER

By Thomas DeRue, Interim District Manager



After a lengthy search for a new District Manager, the District Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Lindsey Gerstenslager. Ms. Gerstenslager will be on the job by mid November as she departs from her position with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Onondaga County. Her previous experience in agricultural education and community outreach will be an asset to the District and to the local agricultural community, especially with the District's role in the competitive nonpoint source programs administered by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Lindsey earned her bachelor's degree from State University of New York of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, and recently has received a Masters of Science in Education, concentrating in Career and Technology studies at the State University of New York at Oswego.

During her work experiences she has developed skills in the field of commodity and production agriculture and environmental education. In her most recent job, she was active in the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Agricultural Programs, and worked daily with the Soil and Water Conservation District in Onondaga County.

Lindsey becomes the District's fifth Manager in its history. Tom DeRue, who became the District's first Manager in the 1980's, will welcome Lindsey to her first day of work. Mr. DeRue has been filling in over the past few months, while the search was in progress. He says he is looking forward to the transition to Lindsey's leadership, and stated, "She is a rare find, and I was so glad to see her chosen for the job, because she is really excited about being here." She will supervise a staff of five employees and administer a number of programs and services.

Contact Lindsey by email at WayneSWCD1@Rochester.rr.com or 315.946.4136

TREE SEEDLING

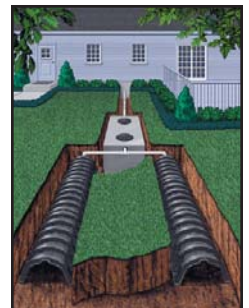


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Septic Maintenance Funds Available

By: Denise Buisch, District Secretary/Treasurer

Thanks to a state sponsored grant by NYS Assemblyman Robert C. Oaks, small grants are available to low income homeowners towards the repair of failing on-site septic systems in priority watersheds. For more in formation or an application, contact the SWCD office, 10 Leach Road, Lyons, NY. 315.946.4136



Natural Resource Conservation Service Announces Program Sign-up Attention: Landowners Wanted!

Submitted By: Emily Mombourquette, Soil Conservationist

The close of a successful 2010 fiscal year for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) means that FY 2011 program signups will be rolling out and opportunities for agriculture producers and landowners to participate in the NRCS programs will be right around the corner. Two major program opportunities include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP). Each program is different and may be applicable to your land use.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program is a voluntary financial and technical assistance program that helps eligible landowners address their environmental resource concerns by implementing conservation practices. Eligible landowners include livestock and crop producers, as well as forest landowners who have a Forest Stewardship plan. EQIP has both Local and Statewide focus areas. Local focus areas include Livestock waste, Cropland, Forest Management, and Grazing. Statewide focus areas include Air Quality Initiative, Organic Initiative and Conservation Activity Plans. Participants can have one application to one local focus area. This is a competitive program and funded applications are determined by a statewide ranking system specific for each focus area. This is a great program to help tackle environmental resource concerns on your farm or forest land.

The Wetland Reserve Program is a program which is entailed to protect, preserve and restore valuable wetlands to improve such things as wildlife and migratory waterfowl habitat, water quality, aesthetics and ground water recharge. To be eligible, land must be restorable to wetland conditions which includes wetlands farmed under natural conditions, farmed wetlands, prior converted cropland, commenced converted wetlands, farmed wetland pasture, stream corridors, and land substantially altered by flooding. There are three options in the WRP program for landowners to choose from. A ten year agreement offering 75% cost share for restoration work, 30 year easement with 75% cost share and \$990.00 per acre payment or a permanent easement which will pay 100% of the costs to complete restoration work and a \$1,320.00 per acre payment.

If interested or you would like more information on these programs or any other programs NRCS has to offer please contact Bill Jones, District Conservationist or Emily Mombourquette, Soil Conservationist at 315-946-9912.

Ag Assessments

By: Ronald Thorn, District Technician



New York State Agricultural Districts Law entitles landowners to a partial tax exemption for qualifying agricultural lands. The Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers assistance for county constituents by completing Soil Group Worksheets for each parcel which are then reviewed by your local assessor for the tax exemption qualifications. Throughout the winter months, SWCD will be working on completing worksheets and encourage land owners to request these services beginning now.

If you own land that is in agricultural production you may qualify for this exemption. All requests for soil group worksheets are due for our office by **FEBRUARY 26th 2011**. To find out if you qualify contact your local assessor.

Which is more environmentally friendly: Real or Artificial Christmas Trees?

By: Scott DeRue, District Technician

Every holiday season, there is a choice whether to buy a real or fake Christmas tree to decorate homes with. Many people will be surprised to find out real farm-grown Christmas trees are more environmentally responsible than their artificial counterpart. To buy a real pine or fir tree each year is cleaner, less wasteful, and better for a family's health. The following points will support why real Christmas trees are a better choice:

- While the trees are growing, it removes carbon dioxide and other gases from the air and emit fresh oxygen.
- Christmas trees are grown on farms just like any other crop. The trees are grown on soils that usually do not support other crops.
- Christmas tree farms limit land erosion. Their thick, lush branch intercept rain and limiting soil displacement caused by precipitation and their roots stabilize soil.
- Tree farms create a scenic green belt which provides refuge for wildlife.
- To ensure a constant supply, for every single Christmas tree harvested, three new seedlings are planted.
- Tree-cycling – the recycling of real trees, creates beneficial mulch that can be used in gardens, playgrounds, or hiking trails.
- The plastics used in artificial trees are extremely difficult to recycle and once thrown away, it will remain in landfills for centuries.
- Older artificial trees can contain lead, “exposing children and adults to enough lead to be at least a noteworthy public health issue.” (Journal of Environmental Health, 2004)

Being a farm, some Christmas tree farms do use pesticides and fertilizers. It is the responsibility of the individual farmer to track and record how much and how often the chemicals are applied. The ultimate environmentally friendly Christmas tree would be a ball-root tree from an organic farm that can be replanted once the Holidays have passed.

The Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition Introduces New Website

By: Scott DeRue, District Technician

The Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition (OWSC) is in the process of launching its new webpage, www.owsc.org, for continued information for the public. Established in 2005, the OWSC is a group of government entities that work cooperatively to fulfill Municipal Separated Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit requirements and to meet the 6 minimum control measures depicted in the permit. By the joint efforts, the Coalition can use numerous resources available and utilize collaboration of information to accomplish the annual goals of the organization and to meet the needs of communities impacted.

A MS4 means a conveyance or system of conveyances owned or operated by a state, city/town, county, district, or association designed or used for collecting and/or conveying stormwater, is not a combined sewer, and is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works. The 6 “minimum control measure” elements of the MS4 stormwater management program should result in significant reduction in pollutants discharged into water bodies when implement.

The minimum control measures are:

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| 1. Public education and Outreach | 5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management |
| 2. Public Involvement and Participation | 6. Stormwater Management for Municipal Operation |
| 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination | |
| 4. Construction Site Runoff Control | |

For more information log on to www.owsc.org.

What to plant?

Having a hard time deciding what to plant this spring? Don't know what trees will do well on your land? Take a look at this chart to help with your selection!

CHRISTMAS TREES	Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, White Spruce, Fraser Fir, White Pine, Austrian Pine
ENVIRONMENTAL FORESTRY	Black Cherry, Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Lilac, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Red Oak, Red Maple, Sunset Daylily*, Ninebark*,
HABITAT/FOOD WILDLIFE	Blackberry, Black Cherry, Butterfly Bush, Colorado Blue Spruce, Fraser Fir, Norway Spruce, Red Oak, Red Maple, Red Trillium*, Spring Beauty*, Witch Hazel*, Forsythia, White Cedar
NATIVE	Blackberry, Black Cherry, Raspberry, Red Oak, Red Maple, White Pine, Red Pine, American Mountain Ash*, Juneberry*, Spicebush*, Wild Flowering Dogwood
SHELTERBELT	Butterfly Bush, Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Lilac, Norway Spruce, White Pine, White Spruce
FAST GROWING	Tag Alder*, Thornless Honey Locust*, Basswood*, Silver Maple*, Tulip Tree*, Douglas Fir, White Pine
SOIL TOLERANT (meaning they do well in a variety of different soil types)	Blackberry, Black Cherry, Butterfly Bush, Norway Spruce, Red Maple, Sunset Daylily*, White Spruce, Witch Hazel*

* Available only in packets

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Please Read This Section! IMPORTANT DETAILS BELOW:

1. Complete this form with your name, address & phone number. All species are available in units of 10, 25 or 100. All are priced per unit. Using the appropriate line for each item you wish to order, specify the number of units and the total price.

PLEASE DO NOT ADD SALES TAX. Return this form and payment to: **WCSWCD**

2. Acknowledgements will be sent once your order is received and processed. Please note you will not receive a second mailer – keep your original acknowledgement and mark your calendar for pick up.

3. Anticipated distribution dates are: Thursday and Friday April 7th & 8th 8:00-4:00 Saturday April 9th from 8:00-12:00

Pick up will be at The SWCD conservation barn **8338 Ridge Rd. East in Alton, NY.**

Your Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Daytime Phone (Important if we have ?'s): _____ **Email** (if you prefer): _____

FOR OFFICE USE: 09 - _____ **Ck:** _____ **Date:** _____

I have received my 2011 plant order on _____. If picking up later than the original dates, I understand it risks the viability of the plants I ordered and that the District is NOT responsible for loss of plant stock due to mishandling, late pickup or poor weather conditions.

Pickup Acknowledgement: _____ **Customer Signature**

Please do not sign until you have picked up your order!

	Name & Approximate Size	Pricing Per Unit	Order Selections	Total \$
CONIFER SEEDLINGS	Douglas Fir - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	Norway Spruce - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	Concolor Fir - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	Colorado Blue Spruce - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	Fraser Fir - 8-14 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	White Pine - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
	Red Pine - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		NEW!
	Austrian Pine - 10-16 inches	\$25 per 25/ \$60 per 100		
CONIFER TRANS-PLANTS	Douglas Fir - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$110 per 100		
	Norway Spruce - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$110 per 100		
	White Cedar - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$110 per 100		NEW!
	Colorado Blue Spruce - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$110 per 100		
	White Pine - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$110 per 100		

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DECIDUOUS (Trees and Shrubs)	Name & Approximate Size	Pricing Per Unit	Order Selections	Total \$
	Black Cherry - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$40 per 50		
	Lilac - 1-2 feet	\$15 per 10/ \$40 per 50		
	Red Maple - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/ \$40 per 50		
	Red Oak - 1-2 feet	\$15 per 10/ \$40 per 50		
	White Oak - 1-2 feet	\$15 per 10/ \$40 per 50		NEW!!
	Forsythia - 1-2 feet	\$15 per 10/\$40 per 50		
	American Cranberry - 18-24 inches	\$15 per 10/\$40 per 50		NEW!
VARIETY PACS	Butterfly - 2 each: Ninebark, Butterfly Bush, Black Cherry, Lilac, Sunset Daylily	\$15		
	Fast Growing Shade - Black Alder, Honey Locust, Tupelo, Silver Maple, Tulip Tree	\$15 per pac		
	Nut Tree Pac - American Beech, Black Walnut, Am. Filbert, Red Oak, Burr Oak	\$15 per pac		NEW!!
	Fern - 2 each: Christmas, Cinnamon, Maidenhair, New York, Ostrich	\$15 per pac		
	Native Flowering - 2 each: American Mountain Ash, Juneberry, Spicebush, Sand Cherry, W.F. Dogwood	\$15 per pac		
	Songbird Pac - 2 each: Arrowwood, American, Bittersweet, Elderberry, Sassafras, Witch Hazel			
	Perennial Flower Pac - Alice in Wonderland, Daylily, Blue King, Snow Queen, Iris, Autumn Joy Sedum(L)	\$15 per pac		
	Wild Flower Pac - Black-eyed Susan Bluebells, Solomon's seal False, Red Trillium	\$15 per pac		
OTHER	Ground Cover: Myrtle	\$28 per 50		NEW!
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	Blue Bird Nesting Box (NYS tax included)	\$10		
	Wood Duck Nesting Box (NYS tax included)	\$25		
	Bat House (NYS tax included)	\$16		
	100 Marking Flags (NYS tax included)	\$9/bundle or 10 cents each		
	Fertilizer Tablets (NYS tax included)	10 tabs \$1.50 100 tabs \$12.00		

TOTAL YOUR ORDER	<p>PLEASE RETURN PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM</p> <p>Make checks payable and send to: WCSWCD, 10 Leach Rd. Lyons, NY 14489</p> <p><u>PLEASE REMEMBER – THE CONFIRMATION WE MAIL WILL BE OUR ONLY CONTACT UNTIL YOU PICK UP YOUR ORDER DURING THE DISTRIBUTION!</u></p> <p><u>Thursday and Friday April 7th & 8th 8:00-4:00</u> <u>Saturday April 9th from 8:00-12:00</u> <u>8338 Ridge Rd. East in Alton NY.</u></p> <p>ORDER NO LATER THAN MARCH 20th!</p>	<p>Please do NOT add sales tax</p>
		<p>Grand total:</p> <p>\$</p>