

Seneca County Soil & Water Conservation District News

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Fall 2009

2009 WEED HARVESTING

By: Jim Malyj



Aquatic Plant Harvesting began this year in July. Weed densities were very light to moderate. This was probably due to the cool and cloudy first half of the summer.

A total of 300 tons of vegetation were harvested from Cayuga Lake and 54 tons from the Cayuga/Seneca Canal.



**CONSERVATION
TREE & SHRUB
SEEDLING PROGRAM!!**

ORDER FORM INSIDE

CONTRACTOR EDUCATION

A series of **Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan Workshops** have been held to train the persons responsible for installing, constructing, repairing, maintaining or inspecting erosion and sediment control measures or constructing post-construction stormwater management practices at SPDES-permitted construction sites. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has asked Soil & Water Conservation Districts to offer this training.

NYS DEC Stormwater Permit GP-0-08-001 requires developers, contractors, and subcontractors to identify at least one trained individual from their company to be responsible for implementation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans and have a least one *trained individual* on site on a daily basis when soil disturbance activities are being performed. Qualified inspectors and trained individuals must have 4 hours of training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control endorsed by NYS DEC, SWCD, or CPESC Inc. Training is good for 3 years.

P.J. Emerick from Ontario County SWCD will be conducting a class in Wayne County at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building in Newark on January 15, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 pm. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Henry Kelsey at the Wayne County SWCD office 315-946-4136 for registration information.

The fee for this class is \$85.00.

All programs and services of the Seneca County SWCD and NRCS are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

Agricultural Assessments Soil Group Worksheets

Landowners filing for an agricultural assessment in 2010 must file applications with their local town assessor by March 1st. To complete an application for an agricultural assessment exemption, landowners must have a Soil Group Worksheet prepared by the Soil & Water Conservation District for each tax parcel they intend to enroll. Landowners who have previously had a soil group worksheet completed for a tax parcel do not need a new one unless the total parcel acreage changed.

Agricultural land does not automatically receive an agricultural assessment exemption.

Landowners must apply each year with their assessor to remain eligible. For more information contact your local assessor or Real Property Tax Service.

Contact Seneca County SWCD, 315-568-4366, to **make an appointment** to have your soil group worksheet completed. You will need a current copy of your tax bill for each parcel that is qualified for this program. The cost per parcel is \$20.

Remember, it's up to the landowner to give the application to their assessor, we do not provide this information to them.



2010 Planting Program

By: Kristin White

I've been working hard on our 2010 Conservation Planting Program a.k.a. Tree & Shrub Program! I've added a few new species to our order form as well as brought back a few favorites!!

Trees and shrubs help us & the environment in so many ways. They provide food & shelter to many wildlife animals. They can be used to create a living fence for privacy around your yard or a wind break to help break the chilling winds in the winter or provide shade on those hot summer days. Trees add to the quality of life by producing oxygen and removing carbon dioxide from the air we breathe. Trees alter the environment in which we live by moderating climate, improving air quality, conserving water, and harboring wildlife. Trees make our homes more beautiful and valuable, and life there more bountiful!

Planting a seedling with your child or grandchild is a great outdoor project! As your child grows, so will your seedling.

An order form is included with this newsletter. You can also print one from our website. Be sure to tell your friends & family about this program. Last year we brought awareness of this program to a lot of new people. The pick up location will still be at the County Fair Grounds in Waterloo.

Order forms & payments are due by **Friday April 2, 2010.**

Pick up day is **Friday April 30th!**





CONGRATULATIONS TO

Erin & Mark Peruzzini

Erin gave birth to a baby girl on October 27th! Kara Anne was born 7lb. 10oz. and 21 1/2" long.



Holiday Gift Ideas

Give the gift of a Blue Bird or Bat box this holiday season. A finder book for the grandchildren would make a great stocking stuffer. Visit our website for sale items.

Farmers interested in completing an AEM assessment are encouraged to call Jim Malyj at Seneca County SWCD 315-568-4366. A Tier 1 Worksheet can be printed from our website www.SenecaCountyswcd.org



Agricultural
Environmental
Management

WEATHER STATIONS IN SENECA COUNTY

By: Erin Peruzzini

Seneca County SWCD was able to provide through State funding nine weather stations for wine producers within Seneca County.

Weather Stations are approved by Cornell Cooperative Extensions Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program and are networked with the Network for Environmental & Weather Applications (NEWA). NEWA is a network of electronic weather instruments; associated pest forecast models, and radar weather forecasts. NEWA makes it possible for growers to share resources for weather data collection, analysis, distribution, and archiving.

Currently there are no weather stations located in Seneca County that tie into the NEWA system.



The weather stations will be provided by Rain Wise Inc. The Rain Wise MKIII Weather Stations measure temperature, dew point temperature, relative humidity, rainfall, leaf wetness, solar radiation, wind speed, and wind direction.

Letters were mailed to wineries in September. We had a great response but due to limited funding we were only able to fund the first nine wineries that responded to our letter.

The weather stations will be up & running by the end of December, if not sooner.

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Our Board meetings are held monthly on the 4th
 Monday at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room
 at Academy Square Building

SALE ITEMS	
Bat Houses	\$18.00
Bluebird Houses.....	\$15.00
Reusable Shopping Bags.....	\$2.00 ea.
Fertilizer Tablets	\$.10 ea.
Finder Books.....	\$4.50 ea.
History of Tile Drainage Book.....	\$11.00 ea.
Finger Lakes from Space Map	\$23.95
Orange Marking Flags	\$1.00 for 10
Soil Sample Kit	\$15.00
Soil Survey Book	\$10.00 s/h
Topographic Maps	\$6.00
Wildflower Seeds, 4oz. bag	\$12.00
3/4 oz.	\$6.00
Animal Guards for drains.....	\$2.50—\$6.50
Soil Group Worksheet.....	\$20.00 a parcel
Bulkhead Permit.....	\$100.00