

ALBANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

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Winter/Spring 2010

2009 Conservation Bus Tour

On September 10, 2009 the District hosted a Conservation Bus Tour to help area residents and local legislators to understand how several innovative local projects, provided by the District, are protecting clean water and natural resources in Albany County. Approximately 30 people participated in the bus tour.

The tour included a visit to one of the several Dry Hydrants installed around the County that offer fire protection to homeowners in rural areas. The District and the Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council received funding from Senator Neil Breslin, Assembly Member John McEneny, and the Albany County Legislature to support the District's Dry Hydrant Program, which provides financial and operation benefits to fire districts, increasing fire safety and responsiveness. District staff help locate and evaluate potential sites, then provide a field survey, hydrant design, materials and installation assistance. Members of the Knox Fire Department provided tour attendees with a demonstration of the workings of a hydrant.

Also visited was one of the County's largest dairy farms to view Agricultural Environmental

Management (AEM) practices that protect the riparian and aquatic ecosystems on and around the farm. "Even in these tough economic times, protecting the land and water resources we depend on remains a top priority," said Mark Stanton of Stanton Farm in Coeymans Hollow, NY. Keeping the clean water clean is important to the environment, our family, our cows and to our farm business."

"Over the years, the Stanton family has adopted numerous conservation practices that protect natural resources," said Charles Houghtaling Vice Chair of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. "Their well managed farm also provides the open space, wildlife habitat and scenic landscape vital to maintaining the rural quality of life in Albany County."

In recognition of their long-standing commitment to conservation, the Stanton's were presented with an AEM Award by the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District. The award is an AEM "Partnering to Protect the Environment" sign, which can be seen at the entrance to the farm.

Another stop on the tour featured the Elm Park Demonstration Rain

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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

Board of Directors
Meetings
Second Tuesday Of
Each Month At 1:00pm



**Items For Sale
At The District Office**

Bluebird House	\$11.25
Wren House	\$12.00
Wood Duck Box	\$35.00
Small (3lb) Feeder	\$15.00
Large (6lb) Feeder	\$20.00
Planting Gel (1 oz)	\$1.50
Marking Flags	\$8/100
Weed Mats	\$8/10
Fertilizer Tablets	\$10/100
Topographic Maps	\$6.48
Rain Gauge	\$5.00
All of the above items are subject to 8% sales tax.	
NY Standards and Specifica- tions For Erosion and Sedi- ment Control	\$50.00
Erosion & Sediment Control Field Notebook	\$27.00
Stormwater Management Design Manual	\$32.00

All prices are subject to change

**Also available for
review:**

- **Albany County Soil
Survey**
- **Flood Rate Maps**
- **NYS Freshwater
Wetlands Maps**
- **Historic Aerial
Photographs**
 - 1940 1" = 660'
 - 1952 1" = 660'
 - 1960 1" = 660'
 - 1969 1" = 1320'
 - 1977 1" = 1320'

Bus Tour (Cont.)

Garden in Bethlehem, which is one of five sites managing rainfall in an ecologically sustainable manner. The rain gardens are designed to capture runoff from adjacent parking lots, roofs, and other impervious surfaces, helping to prevent contaminated stormwater runoff from entering nearby waterways. Stormwater runoff picks up contaminants as it washes across impervious surfaces from petroleum products, fertilizers, road salt, litter and more. These gardens were constructed by Conservation District staff, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Master Gardeners, Stormwater Coalition members and municipality staff. Demonstration Rain Gardens are also located in the Vietnam Memorial Park in Cohoes, Shaker Heritage Site in Colonie, the William Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville and the Tawasentha Park Office in Guilderland.

The District would like to express its appreciation to Assembly Member John J. McEneny for making this tour possible. Thanks to Dana Sherman and the Knox Fire Department, Mark Stanton (Stanton Farm), Nancy Heinzen (Stormwater Coalition of Albany County) and Susan Pezzolla (Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County) for providing the narrative at each of our stops. As well as the Westerlo Town Park for providing a space for us to offer refreshments.

Projects like these are made possible through the partnership of natural resource professionals from the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Stormwater Coalition of Albany County, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council and the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee.

Invest In The Future Of Our Youth And Environment

As a fund-raiser for the Capital Region Envirothon, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Albany, Schenectady, and Schoharie Counties are once again teaming up to offer bulbs and flowering plants. While not listed in the enclosed order form, they can also be ordered through the District. We have full color flyers that include complete descriptions of the packets available. Some of the plants include: **Hostas, Daylilies, Gladiolus, and Peony**. The packets are reasonably priced, with individual packs starting at just \$5! To find out more, or to have a flyer mailed to you, please call us at **(518) 765-SWCD** or email **susan.lewis@ny.nacdnet.net**. We will be taking orders for the fund-raising program thru March 15th. We will have pick up of these plant materials at the same time as our other Trees and Shrubs, April 16th and 17th.

Visit us at : www.albanycounty.com/swcd

NRCS Announces 2010 Sign-up For Conservation Assistance

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced that applications will be accepted until January 22, 2010 for New York farmers and private forestland landowners to be considered for 2010 Conservation Program funding. These programs include: the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). EQIP, AMA and WHIP are voluntary conservation programs that provide financial and technical assistance to landowners willing to implement practices to improve natural resources and wildlife habitat on privately owned agricultural and forest lands.

EQIP is a comprehensive program that helps agricultural producers to implement practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, enhance grazing management, manure management, wildlife habitat management, and more. Assistance can be in the form of engineered structures, such as manure handling facilities, and conservation field practices such as grassed waterways. Additionally, EQIP includes incentive payments for adopting new management techniques that achieve greater environmental benefits. This year producers will be able to apply for eligible practices under several EQIP Focus Areas including: Livestock Waste, Cropland, and Grazing. Private forestland owners will also have the opportunity to apply for practices that improve the health and productivity of their

woodlands under the EQIP Forest Management Initiative.

The Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) in New York will focus on practices that improve irrigation efficiency. One of the primary goals of AMA is to assist agricultural producers in mitigating risk through production diversification or installation of conservation practices.

In New York, WHIP will have two focuses; the first is to improve habitat for at-risk shrub-dwelling bird species. The second focus area is for establishing and enhancing grassland habitat for declining bird species, pollinators and other grassland wildlife species. WHIP shrubland wildlife habitat applications must be submitted by January 22, 2010. WHIP grassland habitat applications will be accepted on a continuous basis, and a deadline for 2010 batching and ranking will be announced at a later date.

Applications for EQIP, WHIP, and AMA are competitive and are ranked based on national, state, and locally identified resource priorities and their overall benefit to the environment. Interested landowners can apply for all programs at their local USDA-NRCS office. For sign-up details or additional conservation program information contact your local USDA NRCS office or visit <http://www.ny.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/>

Round 15 Agricultural Non-Point Source Grant Award \$47,400

Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District has been notified of another successful application for Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Funds for work beginning as early as spring, 2010. All grant funds are passed through to farmers enrolled in the Agricultural Environmental Management program as a cost share for installing or implementing projects that protect water quality.

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets directs funds for projects that plan (AEM Tier III) or implement (AEM Tier IV) Agricultural Best Management Practices on New York State farms. Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, submit competitive proposals for work in their counties. Preference is given to proposals located within a

watershed identified as a priority water body, such as those used as drinking water sources (both surface water and groundwater) and either threatened or impaired.

Considerable preparations must be made before the grant request is submitted. Farmers interested in participating in AEM projects must complete several surveys, identify specific needs and agree to cost share and comply with specific construction standards.

As environmental compliance becomes more stringent, these funds help keep Albany County farms viable for future generations, support local businesses and keep water resources clean.

General Tree Descriptions

Species	Description	Site	Uses
Deciduous			
American Cranberry*	8-12' shrub	Full sun, prefers well drained soil	Wildlife use & screens
Blackberry	4-5' shrub	Full sun, well drained soil, hardy plant	Wildlife use & erosion control
Black Cherry	50-60' tree	Prefers deep moist fertile soil	Wildlife use
Black Walnut*	50-70' tree	Prefers deep rich moist soil	Wildlife use
Currant	3-6' shrub	Prefer cool moist growing area, partial shade	Wildlife use
Elderberry*	5-12' shrub	Tolerates wet soil & roadside conditions, best in full sun, can tolerate partial sun	Wildlife use
Highbush Blueberry	6-12' shrub	Acidic soil, full sun	Wildlife use
Hybrid Poplar	100' tree	Rapid growing, wet tolerant	Windbreak
Lilac	8-15' shrub	Well drained to moist neutral soil, full sun	Screens, windbreaks & wildlife use
Red Osier Dogwood	7-9' shrub	Prefers wet or swampy conditions	Erosion control
Sassafras*	30-60' tree	Prefers moist, sandy soils & full sun	Wildlife use
Serviceberry	6-20' tree	Prefers moist, well drained acid soil, full sun/ partial shade	Wildlife use
Strawberry Bush	6-12' shrub	Partial to full sun, well drained soils	Wildlife use
Stream Co Willow	10-18' shrub	Poor drought tolerance, shade tolerant	Erosion control & wildlife use
Sugar Maple	60-75' tree	Prefers well drained moist fertile soil	Wildlife use
Sycamore	75-100' tree	Fast growing, prefers moist soil	Windbreak
Tulip Tree*	70-90' tree	Well drained soil, prefers slightly acidic soil, full sun	Wildlife use & riparian buffers
Thornless Honey Locust*	40-60' tree	Tolerant a wide range of soil conditions, residential and urban areas, full sun	Wildlife & urban use
White Oak*	50-80' tree	Deep moist well drained acidic soil, full sun to partial shade	Wildlife use
Conifer			
American Larch	40-80' tree (deciduous conifer)	Full sun, cold tolerant, wide range of soil conditions	Wildlife use
Balsam Fir	45-75' tree	Prefers well drained, acidic, moist soils, more shade tolerance than other firs	Windbreak & wildlife use
Canaan Fir	40-55 Tree	Tolerant of wetter soils	Windbreak & wildlife use
Concolor Fir	30-50' tree	Prefers deep, rich, moist, well-drained soils, no heavy clays	Windbreak & wildlife use
Douglas Fir	40-80' tree	Neutral or slightly acidic, well drained, moist soils	Wildlife use
Fraser Fir	30-40' tree	Prefers moist, well drained loam soils, sun or partial shade	Wildlife use
White Pine	50-80' tree	Moist well drained fertile soil, full sun	Windbreak & wildlife use
Canadian Hemlock	40-70' tree	Prefers acid soils, sun or partial shade	Wildlife use
Black Hills Spruce	30-60' tree	Prefers rich, moist soil, full sun	Windbreak & wildlife use
Colorado Blue Spruce	30-60' tree	Prefers rich, moist soil, full sun, very adaptable	Windbreak & wildlife use
Norway Spruce	40-60' tree	Moderately moist, sandy, well drained soil, full sun or very light shade	Windbreak & wildlife use
White Cedar	40-60' tree	Full sun, well drained soil	Windbreak & wildlife use
Ground Cover			
Pachysandra	6-12" evergreen, ground cover	Moist well drained acidic soil prefers shade	Erosion control
Conservation Pacs			
The following species are included in one of the conservation pacs along with those marked with *			
American Beech	50-70' tree	Prefers well drained, moist acidic soils, best in full sun, can tolerate partial shade	Wildlife use
American Bittersweet	20' climbing vine	Grows in poor soils, prefers full sun	Wildlife use
American Filbert	8-15' shrubby tree	pH adaptable, sun to light shade	Wildlife use
American Mountain Ash	15-30' small tree	Moist soils of lowlands	Wildlife use
Basswood	60-100'	Best located in moist sites, full sun/partial shade	Wildlife use
Red Oak	60-75' tree	Sandy well drained acidic soil, full sun	Wildlife use
Red Chokeberry	6-10'	Partial shade, soil adaptable	Erosion control & wildlife use
Silver Maple	50-70' tree	Tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, prefers full sun	Shade & wildlife use
Spicebush	6-12' shrub	Medium wet, well drained soil, full sun	Wildlife use
Tag Alder	15-20' shrub	Sun/partial shade, excellent on streambanks	Screens & windbreak
White Flowering Dogwood	15-20' tree	Wet to dry soils, prefers partial shade	Wildlife use
Witch Hazel	20-30' small tree or large shrub	Prefers moist soil, tolerant of city conditions, sun or shade, avoid dry situations	Wildlife use & windbreak



Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District 2010 Annual Spring Tree and Shrub Sale



Last Day To Order : March 19, 2010 - **Call after this date for product availability**
 Pick up dates : Friday, April 16th - 7am to 6pm and Saturday, April 17th - 9am to 12pm
 Phone # (518) 765-7923
 All plants are bareroot stock

SEEDLINGS

Species	Size	Price For			# Ordered	Total \$
		10	100	500		
American Larch	12-18"	\$11.00	\$75.00	XXX		
Balsam Fir	6-12"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Concolor Fir	8-14"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Douglas Fir	10-18"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Fraser Fir	8-14"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
White Pine	10-18"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Black Hills Spruce	6-12"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Co. Blue Spruce	10-16"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Norway Spruce	10-16"	\$11.00	\$75.00	\$185.00		
Total \$						

DECIDUOUS - TREES & SHRUBS

Species	Size	Price For		# Ordered	Total \$
		10	30		
American Cranberry	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Blackberry	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Black Cherry	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Black Walnut	9-12"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Currant - root cutting	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Elderberry	9-12"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Highbush Blueberry***	12-24"	\$22.00	XXX		
Hybrid Poplar	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Lilac	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Red Osier Dogwood	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Sassafras	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Serviceberry	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Strawberry Bush	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Stream Co Willow - rc	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Sugar Maple	18-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Total \$					

***will receive 5 of each (early & mid)

TRANSPLANTS

Species	Size	Price For		# Ordered	Total \$
		10	30		
Balsam Fir	8-15"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Canaan Fir	8-15"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Douglas Fir	15-18"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Fraser Fir	15-24"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Canada Hemlock	12-18"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Co. Blue Spruce	15-18"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Norway Spruce	15-18"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
White Cedar (Arborvitae)	8-15"	\$18.00	\$45.00		
Total \$					

DECIDUOUS - TREES & SHRUBS - Continued

Species	Size	Price For		# Ordered	Total \$
		10	30		
Sycamore	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Tulip Tree	12-24"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Thornless Honey Locust		\$13.00	\$35.00		
White Oak	12-18"	\$13.00	\$35.00		
Boyne Raspberry (10)		\$25.00			
Heritage Raspberry (10)		\$25.00			
Boyne (5) & Heritage (5)		\$25.00			
Total \$					

Boyne - Summer bearing

Heritage - Fall bearing

CONSERVATION PACS

Pac	Contains 2 of Each	Price	Total \$
Fast Growing Shade	Tag Alder, Thornless Honey Locust, Basswood, Silver Maple, Tulip Tree	\$12.00	
Native Flowering	Am. Mountainash, Spicebush, Am Cranberry, Red Chokeberry, WF Dogwood	\$12.00	
Nut Tree	Am. Beech, Black Walnut, Am. Filbert, Red Oak, White Oak	\$12.00	
Songbird	Am. Cranberry, Am. Bittersweet, Elderberry, Sassafras, Witch-hazel	\$12.00	
Total \$			

Note: Pacs are offered as a unit and cannot be interchanged

NONE OF THE ABOVE TREES AND SHRUBS ARE TAXABLE

All trees and shrubs sold are to be used for effective conservation practices such as windbreaks, soil erosion, etc. and will not be planted for ornamental purposes. Trees and Shrubs sold will not be removed with roots attached for resale. This is in compliance with New York State Sales and use Tax Regulations, 20 NYCRR, Section 529.2(C).

Please Note All Prices on Page 2 Include Tax!!!

WILDFLOWER SEED MIXES

	Coverage	Price	# Ordered	Total \$
Original Mix 3/4 oz	450 sq. ft	\$5.40		
Original Mix 4 oz	2,500 sq. ft	\$11.34		
Sunny 3/4 oz	450 sq. ft	\$5.40		
Sunny 4 oz	2,500 sq. ft	\$11.34		
Shady 3/4 oz	225 sq. ft	\$5.40		
Shady 4 oz	1,200 sq. ft	\$11.34		
Bird & Butterfly 3/4 oz	250 sq. ft	\$7.02		
Bird & Butterfly 4 oz	1,350 sq. ft	\$15.12		
Enviro-Friendly 3/4 oz	250 sq. ft	\$7.02		
Enviro-Friendly 4 oz	1,350 sq. ft	\$15.12		

Contact the District for a list of species

GROUND COVERS

Pachysandra	root cutting	10 for \$6.48		
Pachysandra	root cutting	30 for \$16.20		
			Total \$	

MULCHES AND PLANTING SUPPLIES

Description	Size	1 Bag	3 Bags	# Ordered	Total \$
Woodchips	Approx. 2.0 cu.ft.	\$2.70	\$7.00		
screened 1/2 - 3/4" hardwood & softwood chips					
Compost	Approx. 1.2 cu.ft.	\$2.70	\$7.00		
screened yardwaste & compost					

Fertilizer Tabs	slow release tablets	\$.12 ea.	\$10.80/100		
Planting Gel	1 oz treats approx. 1200 seedlings	\$1.62/oz	XXX		
Marking Flags	30" flag stakes - orange	\$.12 ea.	\$8.64/100		
Weed Mat	24" X 24" lightweight polyethylene	\$.92 ea.	\$8.64/10		
Staples	4 landscape staples 6"X1"X6"	\$.92/4	\$8.64/40		
Tree Protectors	24" - flat polyethylene sheets	\$1.50 ea.	XXX		
Tree Protectors	36" - flat polyethylene sheets	\$2.00 ea.	XXX		
Tree Protectors	60" - flat polyethylene sheets	\$2.80ea.	XXX		

Tree protector diameter is approximately 3 5/8 inches

Total \$

Visit our website at www.albanycounty.com/swcd

Make checks payable to:
Albany County SWCD
PO Box 497
Voorheesville, NY 12186

Check your orders:

No refunds or replacement due to shortages after you leave the site. The District is **NOT** responsible for orders not picked up on time. The Albany County SWCD accepts **NO** responsibility for tree loss due to circumstances beyond its control and makes no provision for replacement of stock.

Page #1 Total \$ _____

Page #2 Total \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE & ZIP CODE _____

DAY PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____

PICKUP DATES: April 16th & 17th

PICKUP LOCATION : 24 Martin Road

William F. Rice Extension Center

Voorheesville, NY

There will be a \$30 charge on any returned checks

Eligibility for participation in all practices offered is administered without regard to race, religion, color, disability, age, sex or national origin

New This Year

This year the District staff has decided to offer a few new items at the Annual Tree and Shrub Sale. As always, we would love to hear from you for ideas for the future.

Red Lake Currant is a vigorous and hardy multi-stemmed shrub. Unlike most other fruit crops, currants prefer a cool, moist growing area and partial shade. A Northern slope with protection from direct sun is ideal. The red berries attracts many kinds of birds.

The **Strawberry Bush**, a native perennial shrub, grows 6-12' with bright green leaves that become dark red in autumn. They tolerate different types of well drained soils and grow best in partial to full sun.

American Larch is a deciduous conifer tree that grows to 80'. They are intolerant of the shade, however they are very cold tolerant. The elegant needles turn golden yellow in the fall.

Those of you who are interested in planting hardwood trees or other deciduous plants should consider purchasing **Tree Protectors**. These are flat polyethylene sheets that are formed into tubes when placed around the trees of translucent plastic which protect deciduous seedlings from wildlife which frequently kill or damage young trees. They can even shield your trees and shrubs from the effects of severe weather. Tree tubes also promote straightness and help prevent the formation of crooked and gnarled trees. A tree tube will fit loosely around your tree, allowing for several years of protection before needing to be removed. The diameter of the protectors is approximately 3 5/8" and can be expanded to achieve larger diameters by coupling two or more together. These protectors can be easily removed and reused elsewhere.

Look for these great items and more on the order form enclosed with this newsletter.

Rain Barrels

The Albany County Soil and Water District is pleased to announce it will provide New England Rain Barrels to Albany County residents at the price of **\$75.95**. The Soil and Water District has teamed up with The New England Rain Barrel Company to offer these rain barrels to help residents conserve water, save money and reduce storm water run-off. Non-residents are also able to purchase a rain barrel through this program.

The average homeowner uses approximately 40% of water for outdoor use. A one inch rain-fall on a 1,200 square foot roof will yield over 700 gallons of water. Using a rain barrel is an excellent way to conserve some of this water. A quarter inch run-off from an average roof will easily fill the barrel. If you have 5 storms a season, that equals 275 gallons of free water. Rain barrel use reduces the stress on municipal water systems during the summer months and improves storm water management.

The rain barrels are made from 55 gallon blue plastic recycled containers. The top does not come off, so no children or pets can get in the barrel. It has a six inch diameter inlet opening covered with a screened louver to keep insects and debris out. The barrels have 2 brass spigots; one to allow you to connect a hose for watering, and one for overflow. You can connect a hose to the overflow spigot and redirect the water away from your home. It even comes with a 5 foot hose with a shutoff valve. You can join multiple barrels for additional capacity.

Orders may be placed through May 7, 2010 and the rain barrel pick-up day is Saturday May 15 at the Soil and Water District Office, 24 Martin Road, Voorheesville from 12 noon until 3 p.m. To order a rain barrel and for further information, call The New England Rain Barrel Company at 877-977-3135 or order online at www.nerainbarrel.com

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Tire Roundup



Utilizing NYS Conservation Project Financial Assistance funds, the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District held 2 Tire Recycling events for county residents in 2009.

During the collections 127 residents brought their used tires to the Albany County Department of Public Works for recycling. A total of 2303 were collected and recycled in this project. Those who participated in our free program saved a total of over \$6900 by not having to pay disposal fees at their local recycling facility. Plus the tires collected were recycled into other products instead of taking up space in the landfill and posing environmental risks.

This event would not have been possible without the help of the Albany County Department of Public works. Thank you for making this program a great success!