

ALBANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

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Spring 2010

**Albany County
Soil & Water
Conservation District**
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Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

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

NYS Grant Awarded for \$55,445 to an Albany County Farm for Implementation of a Rotational Grazing System

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. This project will exclude livestock from waterbodies by providing alternative watering sources and fencing out sensitive areas, reduce erosion in laneways, promote plant and animal health by supplying adequate home grown forage. All grant funds are passed through to farmers enrolled in the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) 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.

Please contact the Soil and Water Conservation District office to discuss AEM on your farm.

Help us to cut costs and reduce waste!

Would you like to receive our newsletter by email? Please email us at susan.lewis@ny.nacdnet.net or call 518-765-7923 and provide your name and the address at which you received this newsletter.



**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 Specifications For Erosion and Sediment 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'

NYSDEC Endorsed 4-Hour Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SC) Training

By May 1, 2010, Trained Individuals (TIs) and certain Qualified Inspectors (QIs) will be required to complete 4 hours of erosion and sediment control (E&SC) training to demonstrate that each TI or QI is knowledgeable in the principles and practices of E&SC. Training is required every 3 years after the initial 4-hour training.

An owner or operator of construction sites in New York State shall have a QI conduct specific site inspections. Certain QIs who work on these sites - individuals working under direct supervision of a licensed Professional Engineer or licensed Landscape Architect of NYS - are required to complete 4 hours of E&SC training under the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) General Permit (GP) for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (Permit No. GP-0-08-001).

TIs need training too. The Construction GP requires that an owner or operator shall have each contractor and subcontractor identify at least one TI as responsible for implementation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and be on site on a daily basis when soil disturbance activities are being performed.

NYSDEC developed its 4-hour course titled "Protecting New York's Natural Resources with Better Construction Site Management" to satisfy the training requirement. NYSDEC has partnered with eligible Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) to deliver this training through county Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the State on an on-going basis. Each person who completes the 4 hours of training will receive handout(s), wallet card with Stormwater Trainee ID#. Some trainers may offer this course with 4 continuing education credits for Code Enforcement Officers and municipal/county planning/zoning board members who complete the training.

(Adapted from: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8699.html#Who_Needs)

Albany County SWCD will host its fourth NYS DEC Endorsed 4 Hour E&SC Training on May 6, 2010. DOS Continuing Education Credits are available for Code Enforcement Officers and Zoning/Planning Board Members. The workshop is \$65.00 per person for contractors/developers and \$45.00 per municipal employee. Preregistration is required by April 23rd or until the course is full. Please contact the District for more information and a trainee form.

ATTENTION PRIVATE CONTRACTORS

Frequently people ask the District for names of contractors who can do conservation work in Albany County. We would like to create a list to have on hand in our office so that we may provide this information to them. If you wish to be added to this list, please contact the District and provide the following information: Company Name or Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, Email/Website (if applicable) and the types of services provided (ie: pond construction, tile and waterways, stormwater design and construction, stream bank erosion, etc.



Spring Fish Sale 2010

Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District

(518) 765-7923

ORDER DEADLINE : Friday, May 7th 2010



PICK-UP : Friday Morning, May 14th 2010 : you will receive notification of the time

Quantity	Species	Price	Total Cost
	4-6" Largemouth Bass	\$2.30 each	\$
	6-8" Channel Catfish	\$1.90 each	\$
	Fathead Minnow (forage fish)	\$.16 each	\$
			Subtotal
			8% sales tax
	Triploid Grass Carp***	\$19.50 each non-taxable	\$
			Total

A Farm Fish Pond License is needed to stock your pond. Contact DEC or the District for an application.

***A Triploid Grass Carp Stocking Permit is required by NYS DEC. Please call the District or DEC at (607) 652-7366 to ask for a permit application. Please allow 30 days for the permitting process.

NAME _____

ADDRESS (for reminders) _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

DAY PHONE # _____

HOME PHONE # _____

Please note : The District is not responsible for any mortality of stock which may occur during transport. Refunds will not be given for failure to pick up your fish on the designated pick up day. If you cannot pick up your fish, you must make arrangements to have them picked up. We have no way to hold your fish.

SEND PAYMENT AND ORDER FORM TO:

Albany County SWCD

PO Box 497

Voorheesville, NY 12186

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT

There will be a \$30 charge for any returned checks.

BASS:

- Maximum pond temperature during July and August is 75-85 °F
- Pond depth should be 6-8 feet
- Stocking ratio : 75-100 per acre with forage fish at a rate of 750-1000 per acre

TRIPLOID GRASS CARP:

- A non-chemical method of aquatic weed control
- Some aquatic vegetation commonly eaten by Grass Carp : Duckweed, Pondweed, and Milfoil
- Contact the District for informational packet

MINNOW:

- In newly built ponds it is best to stock with minnow prior to stocking fish
- Recommended stocking ratio 750-1000 per acre

CATFISH:

- Warm or cold water
- Temperature must exceed 70°F for 2-3 weeks in order to reproduce
- Will cohabitate with most other fish
- Depending on food availability will grow 5-10 pounds

Delivery : Orders will be available for pick-up at the District Office parking lot on Martin Road in Voorheesville, Friday Morning, May 14th. During the week of May 3rd you will receive confirmation of your order and an exact pick up time.

If you do not receive confirmation before May 11th, please call the District ASAP

Container Suggestion - Please bring a clean container with your own pond water, not tap or well water. Line each container with an unscented, heavy duty garbage bag and fill 3/4 full with water.

For increased survival, fish can be bagged and oxygenated for an additional fee of \$1.00 per bag (to be collected at pickup site)

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Return Service Requested

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Rain Barrel Reminder



Don't forget that the Albany County Soil and Water District will provide New England Rain Barrels to Albany County residents at

the price of **\$75.95**. The Soil and Water Conservation 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 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 shut-off 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