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<p>June 2011</p>  <p>Page 2 Tree and Shrub Sale</p> <p>Page 3 Education Programs Fish Stocking Sale</p> <p>JUNE 22 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>Keeping Your Water Well</i></p> <p>Town of Geneva Town Hall 3750 Preemption Road, Geneva NY</p> <p>presented by SLAP-5 details page 3</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">New Staff at SWCD</p> <p>Ontario County SWCD is pleased to welcome Kerry Haefele to the staff as a full-time water quality technician. He will be working with the Agricultural Environmental Management program as well as with construction soil erosion control and onsite wastewater management issues. He brings a wealth of soils and computer expertise to the position. Kerry has served as Assistant to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector for a number of years.</p> <p>A native of Naples, NY, Kerry is a graduate of Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York, with a BS degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a MS degree in Geotechnical Engineering.</p>  <p>His prior work experience includes employment as an Information Technologies Consultant as well as civil and geotechnical engineering positions.</p> <p>Kerry replaces Robert Stryker, who has taken a position as District Manager of the Livingston County Soil and Water Conservation District. We extend best wishes to Robert in his new responsibilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Envirothon Winners</p>  <p>A Geneva High School Envirothon team will represent Ontario County in the 2011 New York State Envirothon to be held at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, May 25 & 26.</p> <p>Members of the team are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kat McCorkle Katrina Amberg Melissa Marquez Ara McCorkle Emily Tyman <p>Faculty advisors are Mrs. Kerry Mette and Mr. Tom Snyder.</p> <p>Envirothon teams are tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and a current issue selected by the state or province hosting the international Envirothon.</p> <p>The 2011 current issue, <i>Estuaries</i>, establishes an oral presentation problem. Each team's solution to the problem is judged as part of their score. The 2011 international contest will be held in Nova Scotia during the summer.</p>
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Forms available from our website: www.ontswcd.com

Tree and Shrub Sale
 Fish Stocking Order
 DEC Farm Fish Pond License Application
 AEM Tier I Survey
 Request for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Inspection

2011 Tree and Shrub Sale

Successful completion of the Annual Ontario County SWCD Tree and Shrub Sale established more than 24,600 native species seedlings in the landscapes of the county.



Photograph: some of the orders packaged and ready to go.

Tad Gerace and Bill Hershey, with assistance from George Barden, packaged trees and shrubs for distribution to purchasers. Elaine Borgeest served as cashier for the pick-up days when overstock was available for purchase.



Photograph: Bill Hershey packing trees on a cold day in the dairy barn.

Bluebird boxes were a highly popular item with online orders received from as far away Indiana.



Photograph: Tad Gerace: packaging accomplished.



Photograph: Elaine Borgeest and Tad Gerace assist a customer.

SWCD Tree and Shrub Programs in recent years have specialized in offerings of native plants that are non-invasive and provide habitat for native birds, butterflies and amphibians.

Native plants are adapted to local soils and climate conditions and require less fertilizer and other chemical inputs than non-native species.

Windbreaks for driveway and livestock protection, plantings for energy conservation and for soil erosion control are among the uses for SWCD Tree and Shrub seedlings.

Conservation Education

Finger Lakes Community College Day Care children met Edith Davey, SWCD Conservation Educator to observe life in the pond on the FLCC campus on May 10th. The children and their teachers enjoyed a sunny morning of looking at damsel fly nymphs, tadpoles, frogs, snails and other pond dwellers.



Photograph: a class of FLCC Day Care children and Edith Davey

Upcoming education events include a “**Keeping Your Water Well**” program on behalf of Seneca Lake Area Partners in 5 Counties (SLAP-5) which will be held at the Town of Geneva Town Hall, 3750 Preemption Road on Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Groundwater, protection and maintenance of private wells, well water test results and management of onsite wastewater systems will be discussed.

DAMAGING STORMS CAUSE SOIL EROSION

A series of intense rainfall events this spring have caused widespread damage to farmland, driveways, roads and other infrastructure. Assistance for farmers, residents and municipalities to address these issues is available from Ontario County SWCD.



Photograph: Valuable topsoil leaving a farm.

Farm Pond Fish Stocking Sale

Ontario County SWCD’s annual Fish Stocking Sale is now accepting orders for fish species suitable for area ponds:

SPRING/SUMMER

Rainbow Trout	(1-2 inch length)
Brook Trout	(6-8 inch length)
Koi	(4-6 inch length)
Grass Carp	(10-12 inch length)
Largemouth Bass	(3-4 inch length)
Fathead Minnows	(1-2 inch length)

Orders must be received by July 22, pickup is scheduled for July 28.



FALL

Yellow Perch	(3-4 inch length)
Koi	(4-6 inch length)
Grass Carp	(20-12 inch length)
Largemouth Bass	(1-2 inch length)
Fathead Minnows	(1-2 inch length)

Orders must be received by September 30, pickup is scheduled for October 6.

Prices and order forms can be obtained at our office or found on our website: www.ontswcd.com

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation “Application for Farm Fish Pond License” is required to stock any farm pond, and suffices for permission to stock a pond and/or take fish at a later date.

If you need an application, call 585-396-1450, stop by our office 480 North Main Street, Canandaigua NY, or obtain from our website: www.ontswcd.com DEC Farm Fish Pond License

Mail completed pond license forms to:
Bureau of Fisheries
6374 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414

Ontario County SWCD Staff Directory

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Tree & Shrub Sale

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Farmers interested in completing an AEM assessment are encouraged to **call Bill Hershey at the Ontario County SWCD 585-396-1450 ext 24**. The Tier 1 form may be found on our website: www.ontswcd.com, or obtained at the District office.



Have you seen these invasive, tree-destroying species? If so, please call 585-396-1450.

Emerald Ash Borer



Asian Longhorn Beetle

