

# ALBANY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWS

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Fall 2013

**Albany County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District**  
PO Box 497  
24 Martin Road  
Voorheesville, NY 12186  
518-765-7923

## **District Directors**

John Santacrose  
*Chairman/At Large*  
Edward Kleinke  
*Farm Bureau*  
Herbert Reilly  
*County Legislator*  
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*Grange Rep.*  
Vacant  
*County Legislator*

## **District Staff**

Susan L. Lewis  
*Administrative Manager/  
Technical Assistant*  
Joseph F. Slezak  
*Field Manager*  
Peter S. Bayzon  
*Natural Resource  
Specialist*

## **USDA,NRCS**

Eric Swanson  
*District Conservationist*  
Dianna Stanton  
*Soil Conservationist*

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

**Board of Directors  
Meetings**  
**Second Tuesday Of  
Each Month At 1:00pm**  
**Open To The Public**

## **Farmer Recognized for Resource Protection**



On August 6, 2013 Tim Lippert, Owner and Operator of Crosby Farm was presented with an Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) "Farmers Partnering to Protect Our Environment" road-side sign in recognition of his exemplary stewardship of natural resources and commitment to environmental protection.

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District presented this sign award at the farm on Bradt Hollow Road in Berne followed by a potluck luncheon

with neighbors, agency representatives and distinguished guests.

AEM is a nationally recognized, voluntary program helping New York farmers to farm cleaner and greener.

Farmers have long been regarded as the original stewards of the land because their livelihood directly depends on the health and vitality of the soil and water resources. By participating in AEM, farmers can document their environmental stewardship and contribute to a positive image of agriculture in their communities. If a potential environmental concern is identified through the AEM assessment process, farmers can then take steps to plan for and then implement an appropriate course of action through the AEM 5 tiered approach. The farmer is always the ultimate decision-maker which helps to ensure that farm business objectives are met while also achieving local, state and federal environmental and water quality goals. In addition, AEM increases the awareness of nonfarm community members of how agriculture benefits the environment and their communities, and how farmers are already working to protect our natural resources.

Tim worked with the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District to plan and install practices that prevent soil erosion, keep nutrients on the farm and keep clean water clean. Crosby Farm has implemented high tensile fencing, water infrastructure, a stream crossing and an animal trail and walkway for a fully functionally pasture management system. Crosby Farm sells USDA All Natural Grass Fed Beef, Pastured Chickens and will soon have Pick Your Own Blueberries.

"Tim Lippert is an excellent steward of the land and has become an example of resource minded pasture based farming" said Soil and Water Conservation District Field Manager, Joseph Slezak.



**Items For Sale  
At The District Office**

Bluebird House	\$11.25
Planting Gel (1 oz)	\$1.50
Marking Flags	\$8/100
Weed Mats	\$8/10
Landscape Staples	\$8/40
Fertilizer Tablets	\$10/100
Topographic Maps	\$6.48
Rain Gauge	\$5.00
Multi-purpose Bags	\$1.85
T-shirts	\$9.26

All of the above items are subject to 8% sales tax.

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'  
 \*1969 1" = 660'  
 1977 1" = 1320'  
 \*1982 1" - 1320'  
 \*1986 1" = 1000'

\* Previously available in the  
 USDA Farm Service Agency  
 Office



**Manage Your Livestock So They Work For You  
Grazing Training**

The Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council and the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting a grazing workshop in Albany County this summer. The workshop will take place at **Helder-Herdwyck Farm, 450 Long Road, East Berne, on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2:30pm.**

We will be meeting at a working farm so please plan on exercising proper biosecurity measures. We would prefer you not wear your barn boots (clean clothes, wash hands, disinfect footwear and wear plastic booties – we will provide booties).

The workshops are being sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk RC&D Council, Helder-Herdwyck Farm, the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District and CNY RC&D Council in partnership with the NESARE Professional Development Project: *Utilizing Holistic Planned Grazing as a Regenerative Engine for Sustainable Agriculture*. With additional funding from the New York Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative.

To receive a workshop flyer or to register, please contact Susan Lewis from the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District at (518) 765-7923 or [susan.lewis@ny.nacdnet.net](mailto:susan.lewis@ny.nacdnet.net).

**Save Some Rain For A Sunny Day**

The Conservation District would like to encourage the residents of Albany County and surrounding areas to apply a simple backyard conservation practice to their homes in an effort to prevent soil erosion and to promote infiltration of rainwater into the soil profile. By purchasing and installing a rain barrel you can collect and store rainwater from your roof that would otherwise be diverted into storm drains and streams. A one inch rainfall on a 1,000 square foot roof will yield over 620 gallons of water. By keeping this storm water from running off of your property, you are helping to keep the local waterways cleaner and healthier. Stormwater can carry anything that may be on your lawn, including fertilizers, uncovered soil or dog droppings to the storm drain systems and then eventually to the closest stream. Many times it is the volume of stormwater that can damage a stream by eroding the bank and scouring the bottom.



The Conservation District currently has 53 gallon terra cotta colored rain barrels available for \$80.00 a piece. The barrels are made from recycled food grade barrels. Whether your water needs are for plants, gardens, or general use, each barrel is drilled, screened, and fitted for catching water straight from the downspout of your house, garage, or shed. These barrels are designed to be used outdoors, with overflow connections, a nylon spigot and a drain plug. They can also be linked together for additional capacity. The barrels have screw on lids, and the overflows are designed to fit any standard garden hose to make it easier to redirect the overflow.



# Fall Fish Sale 2013

Albany County Soil & Water Conservation District

(518) 765-7923

**ORDER DEADLINE : Friday, October 11, 2013**



**PICK-UP : Friday Morning, October 18, 2013 : you will receive notification of the time**

Species	Price	Quantity Ordered	Total Cost
4-6" Largemouth Bass	\$2.65 each		\$
6-8" Channel Catfish	\$1.95 each		\$
4-6" Rainbow Trout	\$2.30 each		\$
5-7" Brook Trout	\$2.30 each		\$
Fathead Minnow (forage fish)	\$.16 each		\$
			<b>Subtotal</b>
			<b>8% sales tax</b>
			<b>Total Due</b>

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

**Although rare, I understand that a seasonal shortage of a species may occur at the hatchery and I would accept a reduced quantity with a refund. I realize the District is NOT responsible for loss of fish occurring during transport to pond by owner.** \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (for reminders) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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:

- Max. pond temp. 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

#### MINNOW:

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

#### BROOK TROUT:

- New York's official freshwater fish
- They prefer water of 52 to 56° F.
- Their diet is extremely varied, including tiny larval insects, small fish, field mice and snakes

#### CATFISH:

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

#### RAINBOW TROUT:

- Max. pond tem. during July and August is 65-70 °F
- Pond depth should be at least 8-10 feet
- Stocking ratio : approximately 600 fish for a one acre pond
- Trout should not be stocked with bass

Delivery : Orders will be available for pick-up at the District Office parking lot on Martin Road in Voorheesville, Friday Morning, October 18th. During the week of October 7th you will receive confirmation of your order and an exact pick up time.

**If you do not receive confirmation before October 15th, 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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NON-PROFIT ORG.  
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**15 Gallon Slow Release  
Watering Bags For Trees, Shrubs  
and Evergreens**



**Available for \$18.50**

**Limited quantities - Call to ensure availability**

**Help us to cut costs and  
reduce waste!**

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