

Ontario County SWCD
480 North Main Street
Canandaigua, NY
14424
(585)396-1450
www.ontswcd.com

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter



TABLE OF CONTENTS:

Kashong	1
Cover Crops	2
George Barden	3
Septic Tips	3
Fish Sale	4
Into the Woods	5
Ag Plastics	6
OWSC	6
Field Days	7
Rain Barrels	7
Fun on the Farm	8
Smart Sprayer	8
Waste Storage	9
Genesee River	10
Healthier Soils	11
Contractors	11
Staff	12
Sponsors	12
Sponsors	13

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

- Next
OCSWCD
Board Meeting
is on Oct. 16,
2019
- Rain Barrel
Workshop in
Naples Oct. 22

KASHONG CONSERVATION AREA

The Ontario County SWCD and Ontario County Dept. of Public Works assisted the Town of Geneva with the Kashong Conservation Area Upland Water Retention Project. District staff helped to design two basins that, during a rain event, will hold back water and slowly release it through a 6 inch outlet pipe. This will slow down water and allow for sediment to be deposited upslope in the basins. By collecting and slowing down stormwater in upland areas such as the Kashong Conservation Area we are able to reduce the amount of sediment entering Seneca Lake during major storm events. The Kashong Conservation Area is a public park in Geneva, N.Y. where you can find these drainage basins and learn more about stormwater control practices.



DURING CONSTRUCTION
& PLANNING



BASIN 1



BASIN 2

Interseeded Cover Crops

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District has been working with several farmers in Ontario County to establish cover crops through the Climate Resilient Farming Program. At one farm, they interseeded a rye and radish mix between corn rows. In the fall, when the corn is harvested, the radish and rye mix will already be established and will provide cover throughout the winter and spring before the next crop is planted.



Early August

Rye interseeded in cabbage



Late August



Mid July

Early August



Late August



Happy Retirement to George Barden!

George Barden has retired as the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector. We congratulate him on his many years of dedicated service protecting Canandaigua Lake!

Tips for Septic Systems:



- Septic tanks should be pumped every 3-5 years to remove solids that will not decompose.
- NYS Department of Health estimates a life span of 25 to 30 years for a properly designed, maintained and serviced onsite wastewater system.
- Don't buy septic tank additives. They have never been proven to reduce or eliminate the need for pumping.
- Don't use a garbage disposal. The excess food waste puts added pressure on your system. Look into composting your food waste as an eco-friendly alternative.
- Keep fats, oils, and greases out of your septic system. Also, don't put household chemicals down your sink. That includes paint!
- The Department of Environmental Conservation's guide to keeping wastewater systems working properly states to not flush material that does not easily degrade such as paper towels, medication, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, 'flushable' wipes or personal hygiene products.

Need a septic system inspection? Call us at (585)396-1450. Go to <https://www.ontswcd.com/septic-system-programs> to find out which inspector you need to contact based on your address.

2019 Fall Fish Sale

Interested in stocking your pond this year?

The 2019 Fall Fish Sale Deadline is quickly approaching!

The deadline to submit your order form will be **September 20th, 2019**. The form is available on our website: <https://www.ontswcd.com/fish-program>

You will need to fill out a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation "Application for Farm Fish Pond License" in order to stock any farm pond and mail it to your local DEC office. For the application, go to: www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/farmfishap.pdf

In order to stock Triploid Grass Carp in your pond, you will need a permit from the DEC. This process could take up to 3 to 4 weeks, so it is best to start now! Go to: www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/grasscarpstockap.pdf

Call us at (585)396-1450 or email info@ontswcd.com for more info!



Into the Woods

Conserving Your Forest

Whether you want to enhance the scenery in your backyard woods, provide superb habitat for wildlife, use your land as an extra source of income, or conserve your woods for generations to come, this workshop can assist in bringing your vision to life.

WILDLIFE AND YOUR WOODS

No matter the size of your woods, you can maintain or improve wildlife habitat values on your property by avoiding habitat fragmentation and protection/restoration of habitat corridors.

NY DEC Biologist, Mike Palermo

YOUR WOODS AND WATER

By taking a few simple steps, you can ensure that your woods will continue to improve its production of clean water through best management practices.

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District, Conservation District Educator, Alaina Robarge

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR WOODLOT

Private land is critical to the health, beauty, and economy of our Town. Learn about the first steps to sustainably managing your woodlot.

NY DEC Forester, Brice June

LAND CONSERVATION: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN and CAN I BE A PART OF IT?

If you have an interest in conserving your land for future generations, bring your questions, Max has the answers!

FLLT Director of Conservation, Max Heitner

Wed., October 23rd, 6-8 pm

**Canandaigua Town Hall
Onnalinda Conference Room
(Lower level)**

This event is FREE and open to the public. Registration is preferred.

**Contact Kyle Ritts to register:
kritts@townofcanandaigua.org
585-394-1120 x2221**



Ag Plastics Recycling Program

The Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District is working with USAg Recycling to offer an Agricultural Plastic Container Recycling Program in mid-October! Contact Tucker Kautz at (585)396-1450 or tucker.kautz@ontswcd.com.

Only non-refillable plastic containers from 1 gallon to 55 gallon barrels made from high-density polyethylene (HDPE) embossed with recycling symbol #2 on the bottom are acceptable. Larger containers, such as 250 gallon totes are accepted but must have all metal removed and cut into 2' x 2' strips. 5 gallon buckets must have metal handle removed. Multi-gallon containers must have caps and booklet removed. All containers MUST be clean, empty and pressure rinsed or triple rinsed and dry. Any container that is not clean will be returned to the owner.

You must call and advise us of the approximate amount of containers you will have for recycling. The program offers on farm pick-up; collection dates and locations are based on the anticipated amount collected. Large plastic bags to store clean containers are available for free.



Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition



Over the summer months, Alaina Robarge has been visiting summer camps and fairs teaching a variety of water quality lessons for the Ontario-Wayne Stormwater Coalition! The OWSC is also working on coordinating future events with different groups to mark storm drains in neighborhoods throughout Ontario County and Wayne County. Markers next to storm drains help raise awareness about the link between the storm drain system and water quality. Pesticides, garden chemicals, soap from car washing, pet waste, and oil from automobiles all get washed off lawns, driveways, and streets into our storm drains which lead into our waterways. If you know a group that would be interested in helping mark storm drains, such as a local scout troop or club, email alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com or call (585)396-1450.

Stormwater Tip: Picking up after your dog is a huge step you can take to protect our water quality! Dog waste carries twice the amount of bacteria than human waste. Don't let it wash away with the next rain event. The OWSC has been handing out free pet waste bag dispensers at markets and fairs, as seen on this adorable pup!



2019 Conservation Field Days



On September 11th and 12th, schools from all over Ontario County brought their 6th grade students to 4-H Camp at Bristol Hills. The students went around to different stations all day to learn about tree identification, birds, pond life, spiders, geocaching, wildlife populations, invasive species, and much more. The event is coordinated by the Ontario County Cornell



Cooperative Extension and Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District. Thank you to all of our instructors, teachers, students, bus drivers, and volunteers for making this such a successful Conservation Field Days!



Upcoming Rain Barrel Workshop in Naples



Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Town of Naples are holding a Rain Barrel Workshop at the Naples Fire Hall on **October 22nd, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm**. Come build a rain barrel for \$20. To register, call (585)396-1450 or email alaina.robarge@ontswcd.com.

You must pre-register by October 15th, 2019. Please make checks payable to Ontario County SWCD. Call or email us with any questions! This is a great opportunity to recycle rain water from your roof.



Fun on the Farm

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District will be at Fun on the Farm at J. Minns Farms on Friday, September 20th, 2019 and Saturday, September 21st, 2019.

On Friday, area schools will bring their 3rd and 4th graders to the farm for a preview of Fun on the Farm with a wagon tour of the farm. There are educational stations that the kids will go through. Alaina Robarge will be displaying the watershed model and teaching the students about water quality!

Everyone is invited to attend Fun on the Farm on Saturday. This is an excellent event for the community and it's **free**! There will be many agricultural products that are available to be sampled, as well as farm tours and lots of animals to see.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Hosted by the Minns Family

J. Minns Farms and Sons

3379 Seneca Castle Road

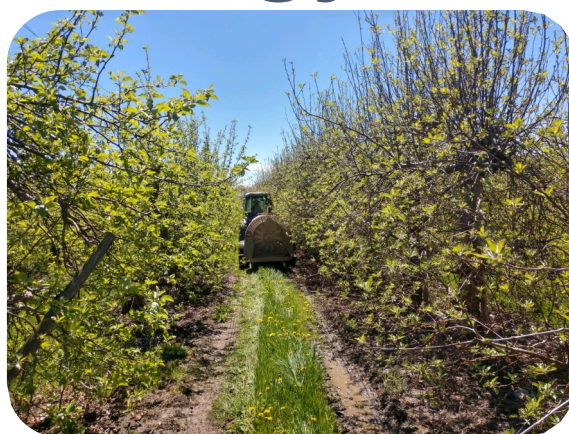
Stanley, NY



Smart Sprayer Technology

With funding through the New York Grown & Certified Grant Program, Red Jacket Orchards recently retrofitted machines with smart sprayer technology to control the volume of pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides used on their orchard fruit. The sprayers with the new volume control units show an estimated 20-30% reduction in chemical use vs the continuous stream of spray chemicals that is typical of an orchard tower sprayer. These units are part of a larger Integrated Pest Management system that includes scouting,

determining the economic threshold, and then spraying the minimum amount needed to treat the identified pest threats.



CAFO Waste Storage Projects Underway

It has been a busy season for construction with one completed manure waste storage and two more underway. These projects help farms store manure until conditions are more favorable for application on fields when crops can best utilize the nutrients. These projects are supported through the Agricultural Environmental Management Program and with funding from NYS Agriculture & Markets.



Genesee River Watershed Projects

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District has funding from the Genesee River Watershed to install projects that are focused on phosphorous and sediment reduction. These projects will be used for water quality protection on farmland in the Genesee River Watershed, which is shown in blue on the map below. Examples of practices that could be installed include grassed waterways, underground outlets, water and sediment control basins, cover crops, and stream exclusion fencing. Below is a picture of a recently installed water sediment control basin. If you are interested in one of these projects for your farm and you are within the Genesee River Watershed, please contact us at **(585)396-1450** or email tucker.kautz@ontswcd.com.



Cleaner Water, Healthier Soils

Check out these cover crops in Ontario County



CONTRACTOR SOLICITATION

Interested in bidding on General Construction Projects?
Interested in bidding on Agricultural Construction Projects?
Interested in bidding on Stream, Shoreline and Stormwater Construction Projects?

Ontario County Soil & Water Conservation District is compiling a list of Contractors to be used in future Requests for Proposals as part of our Procurement Policy. If you are interested in adding your business to the distribution list, please contact the District at 585-396-1450 or info@ontswcd.com.

All Contractors must provide Certificate of Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation coverage. All bids are subject to the review and approval of the ONTSWCD Board of Directors. The District reserves the right to remove Contractors from the distribution list.



Ontario County SWCD Staff:

District Manager: **Megan Webster**

Treasurer/Secretary: **Diana Thorn**

Senior Conservation District Technician: **Tucker Kautz**

Water Resources Technician: **Katie Lafler**

Conservation District Technician: **Tad Gerace**

Conservation District Educator: **Alaina Robarge**

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Inspector: **Tyler Ohle**

Canandaigua Lake Watershed Administrative Assistant: **Jamie Noga**

Ontario County SWCD Board of Directors:

Samuel Casella, Chairman, Practical Farmer

Kenneth Livermore, Vice-Chairman, Grange

Rich Russell, County Supervisor

Mark Venuti, County Supervisor

Jim Peck, Farm Bureau Representative

Edward Jackson, At Large

Amanda Button, Practical Farmer

Thank You To Our Newsletter Sponsors For Their Support!



Get in Touch!

(866)547-3954

customerinfo@meadowviewtreefarm.com

Office: 9678 Lawrence Hill Road

Springwater, NY 14560

Farm/Warehouse: 7727 State Route 21

Naples, NY 14512

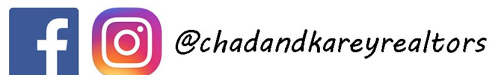
Thank You To Our Newsletter Sponsors For Their Support!



The Chad & Karey Team
www.chadandkarey.com
16 Lakeshore Drive
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Chad Loblaw: 585-746-8805
chadloblaw@gmail.com

Karey Grover: 585-690-8425
kareymgrover@gmail.com



**VERN VALLANCE
SEPTIC SERVICE**

*Prompt
Courteous Service*

585-624-1440
989 Honeoye Falls #6 Road
Rush, NY 14543
www.vernvallanceseptic.com

**We provide septic tank
cleaning, real estate
inspections (if not
required to be done by
Ontario County SWCD),
install risers, repair
baffles, as well as leach
field restoration and
trouble shooting
problems.
Call us today for an
appointment.**