



Natural Resource Protection News

From the Town of Canandaigua Environmental Conservation Board

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Plant a Rain Garden For Beauty, For Water Quality, For Wildlife

Rain gardens are designed to allow stormwater running off hard surfaces to infiltrate into the soil. There are many benefits and a few patterns to observe in their construction.



The first quarter-inch of precipitation running off of a hard surface carries the greatest loading of contaminants. Bird droppings and dust from roofs; road salt, soil, oil and automotive fluids from driveways and other pollutants are washed off in that first flush of stormwater. Infiltrating runoff water into the ground where plant roots and soil filter out contaminants promotes clean water reaching our streams and lakes. More information about creating rain gardens can be found on the Environmental Conservation Board page of the Town of Canandaigua website.



Support Your Local Pollinators

The past few years have seen a sharp decline in the numbers of butterflies, honey bees and bumble bees that grace our landscapes and pollinate our crops. The reasons for the decline are the subject of much scientific research and debate. Among topics being investigated are pesticides and other chemicals suspected of being harmful to the insects.

Loss of habitat is one cause that everyone agrees upon as a prime culprit in the loss of pollinators. We can do something about that. Gardens can offer prime habitat for bees, humming birds, butterflies and other pollinators. More information about creating pollinator habitat can be found on the Environmental Conservation Board page of the Town of Canandaigua website.

YOU ARE INVITED to a FREE, FAMILY- FRIENDLY Hands-On Aquatic Invasive Species and Clean, Drained and Dry Boat Inspection Seminar

August 10, 2017: 6 p m- 8 pm
Crouch Hall, Onanda Park, County Road 16

Speakers: Dr. Bruce Gilman, FLCC and CLWA/FLI Watercraft Steward



Do you want to help keep an educated eye on the lake? Invasive aquatic plants hitch rides on boats and in bait buckets.

Learn what's native and what's not – and how to be sure you aren't transporting problems to Canandaigua Lake!