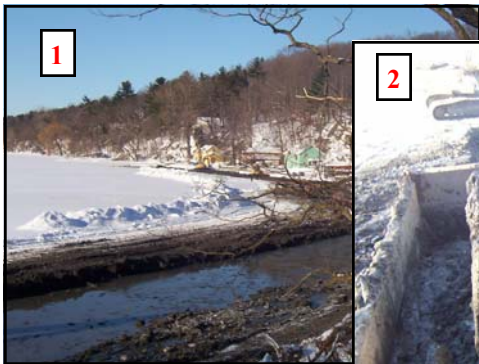




Calendar of Events:

Monthly Board Meetings -
2nd Wednesday of each
month
District Annual Tree Sale
May 6th

Owasco Lake Sediment Removal Project: Began project in January 2005. Removing silt and sediment from the Southeast side of Owasco Lake. Reason is to allow boaters to navigate safely around the south end of the lake and into deeper water. The following photos depict both the dredging of the actual lake bed and the approved material storage site. ▼



◀ **Pictures to left :**

Picture 1— Represents the dredged project area.

Picture 2—Showing District staff and equipment loading dredged material for transport to the material storage site.

Pictures to right: ▶

Picture 3—Represents additional silt fence

Picture 4—Shows District equipment working at being installed by District staff. the material storage site.



Erosion Control Project:

Installed 2000' of subsurface drainage tile at a local farm in the Town of Springport. The tile will divert the water from passing through the crop field.



▲ *Before Installation*

◀ *During Installation Process*

AMA: The Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) is a voluntary program for agricultural producers that provides technical assistance and cost share funds to address natural resource concerns such as water conservation and quality, soil erosion, and the transition to organic farming. AMA is a competitive program available to any agricultural producer who owns or has control of cropland, hayland, pasture or other land on which crops or livestock are produced.

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| What practices are eligible? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prescribed Grazing ● Fencing ● Watering Facilities ● Animal Trails and Walkways ● Pest Management ● Plus other approved practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stripcropping ● Grassed Waterways ● Critical Area Planting ● Cover Crops ● Diversions ● Residue Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forage Harvest Management ● Buffers ● Water and Sediment Control Basins ● Agrichemical Mixing Facilities ● Composting Facilities |
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Will my project get funded? Projects submitted by **Close of Business April 8, 2005**, will be ranked and funded based on an environmental/cost analysis. The highest ranking projects will be cost shared until all funds are obligated.

Where can I find more information? For more information please contact Katie Nash or Shannon Bozeat at the Natural Resources Conservation Service located at 7413 County House Road, Auburn, NY 13021. Phone (315) 252-4171 ext. 3

Problem Solving:

The Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District in cooperation with the Water Quality Management Agency and Cayuga County Planning are working together on trying to reduce nutrient and bacteria deliverance into Owasco Lake after storm events. This material has resulted in past beach closures at Emerson Park. This is an ongoing project .

-Continue to watch our newsletter for updates on this issue.-



Pictures 1 & 2:

Picture 1: Represents post stormwater runoff.

Picture 2 : Represents a grass swale with standing water.



New Hope Project :

The Cayuga County Soil & Water District staff with assistance from the AmeriCorps helped finish the construction of the basement at the new Town Building in New Hope. They helped to waterproof concrete walls, stud walls, insulate and put in a drop ceiling for their new “community hall”.



◀ *Pictures to left and right represent the construction process.* ▶

Think Spring !!

Don't forget to order your trees from the 2005 Annual Spring Tree, Shrub and Groundcover Sale at Cayuga County SWCD. Order forms are available at the Cayuga County SWCD office at 7413 County House Road, Auburn.

Please place your orders before April 29, 2005.