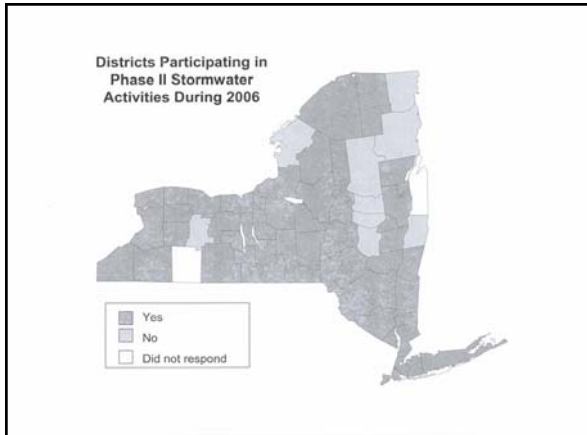




Calendar of Events:

Monthly Board Meetings -
Normally 2nd Wednesday
of each month
March BOD Mtg.—
Monday, March 12, 2007
Water Quality Symposium
March 13th –16th at
Auburn Holiday Inn
District Annual Tree Sale
May 4th

Farm Lane Crossing—Located in the Town of Owasco. This farm lane is part of a large parcel of land currently being considered for purchase under the Farmland Preservation Program. Installing a properly sized culvert with headwalls will reduce existing erosion and provide access to an existing crop-field. Construction will begin in early Spring. [Current Picture](#) ▶



NYACD 2007 Albany Legislative Day -

On Monday, February 12th, 2007, PJ Emerick traveled to the Capital Region to attend the opening meeting of the NYACD lobbyist presentation. The presentation discussed a proposal to provide stormwater management technical assistance to municipalities and the NYS DEC. For several years now, Conservation Districts statewide with certified personnel, have been providing technical assistance to landowners, municipalities, and the NYS DEC. NYACD supports a funding proposal to provide stormwater management technical assistance at \$3 million for partnerships with Soil & Water Conservation Districts to provide the following stormwater services:

- Technical Assistance for development site plan reviews
- Construction Site Compliance Checks
- Technical Assistance to Regulated MS4 Municipalities (Auburn could be considered an MS4 by 2008)
- Provide Technical Stormwater Assistance to Municipalities concerning planning and zoning.

The map to the left shows counties currently participating in the Stormwater Reimbursement Program.

On February 14th, 2007, PJ met with seven Assemblymen and Senators to voice our support for the continued funding of Soil & Water Conservation Districts from the Environmental Protection Fund beyond the \$3 million for the 2008 Budget, with increases to \$6.8 million by the year 2010.

Think Spring !!

Don't forget to order your trees from the 2007 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 27, 2007.

Hoopes Park Project —Auburn ▶

Cayuga County SWCD worked with the City of Auburn to remove sedimentation from Hoopes Park. The material was hauled off site to an upland location.



GRAZE-A-PALOOZA??

To learn, taste and experience the passion for grass-based agriculture in New York, please join us for: A celebration of healthy grass-based farming, food, and families will be the focus on

March 31st, 2007 from 9am to 5pm

at the White Eagle Conference Center in beautiful Hamilton, New York.

Lunch will feature NYS grown grass-fed meats.

Admission is \$30.00 which includes lunch, trade show and materials.

Pre-registration is required - Call Kim Totten @ (607) 334-3231 Ext. 4 or register on-line @ www.cnyrcd.org

District's State Fair Booth -

A new booth (picture below) has been built for the State Fair by Tim Lozier and AmeriCorps volunteers from Cayuga County. The committee is looking forward to working with the updated and natural look of the newly constructed booth. Plans are in the works for new displays and handouts in an effort to reach more of the public that SWCDs serve. Don't forget to head to the Horticulture Building at the State Fair to see our new and improved booth. ▼

We are pleased to have the following on our **Program:**

- Dr. Kate Clancy, Consultant, Scientist, and Author of Greener Pastures: *How grass-fed beef and milk contribute to healthy eating*
- Jerry Brunetti, Internationally recognized speaker, Founder of Agri-Dynamics and Author of *The Keys to Herd Health*
- Dr. Susan Beal, DVM Big Run Healing Arts specializing in Homeopathic Medicine and Herbal Remedies for Livestock
- Holly Burley and Gary Burley, East Hill Pasture –Based Dairy Farm and Contributors to GRAZE Magazine
- Mike Deback, Leona Meat Plant and All Natural Beef Company James Ochterski, Cornell CCE, Schuyler Co. Balancing Grassland Bird Habitat

Practical Farmer Sessions Include: Soil life, Stocking rate strategies, Tree crops, Young Grazing Families, Grassland Birds, Ask the Vet, Knapweed/Bedstraw Eradication, Startup Custom Grazing Operations, Ask the Butcher, Small Farm Marketing, Grass-Fed Meats for Pets, Grazing Small Grains and More!!



Car Raffle to benefit the Envirothon

Tickets available at the SWCD office for a

New 2007 Pontiac Solstice

Donation is \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. Limit of 6,000 tickets are being sold. This is a special order car that is selling so fast they are not on show room floors yet!

Aggressive Red Convertible
Get your tickets while they last!