



# CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

Cayuga County Soil & Water Conservation District

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**BOCES** — The Cayuga County SWCD is busy working at the new Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES site located in Aurelius. The picture to the left shows the tree spade removing and replanting trees. The picture below shows District equipment loading soil stockpiles excavated from the foundation of the new building.

◀ Left & Below ▼ :



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### Meetings

- *Monthly Board Meeting—  
December 14th, 2005  
(2nd Wednesday of the  
month)*

### \*\*Trade-a-Tree Dates & Times

Dec. 27 –30: 8am—3:30 pm  
Jan. 3-6: 8am—3:30 pm  
Jan. 9-13: 8am—3:30 pm  
Jan. 7 (Saturday) :  
8am –12 pm

## TRADE-A-TREE FOR A TREE

—After Christmas this year, trade in your old tree for a free transplant! The Cayuga County Trade-a-Tree for a Tree program offers residents an opportunity to recycle their dead Christmas tree in exchange for a free balsam fir transplant (transplants will be available for pick-up on Friday, May 5th). It's fast, easy, and free! Location: Cayuga County Natural Resource Center @ 7413 County House Road, Auburn. Dates and times found in the right hand column of this page.



## Yawger's Creek

**Project**— Picture to the right shows District staff, DEC staff and Army Corps of Engineers staff assessing stream bank erosion for future projects.

Right ▶



- *Merry Christmas &  
Have a Happy  
New Year!*



## DeWall Farm Project



At the DeWall farm on Mentz Church Road, many improvements were made. The before picture on the left shows how the manure was being pushed directly out of the barn and into a dirt area for loading into the spreader. A stream, which is a tributary to Seneca River, is approximately 70 feet from the end of this barn. Also a pipe from the milkhouse was flowing directly into the tributary.

◀ LEFT

In the after picture you see the improvement of a new manure concrete loading pad area with curbing to prevent the flow of manure into the adjacent tributary. A new milkhouse waste storage tank was installed and the milkhouse waste is now collected and pumped into the manure spreader on a daily basis and is dispersed through their daily manure spreading. A road drainage system and gutters have also been installed to prevent the runoff from the road and roof from flowing over this area.

RIGHT ▶



## Owasco Inlet Project

The picture below is showing the eroded *Valley Wall* on the Owasco Inlet.

Below ▼



▲ Above

The picture above shows the *Vegetative Buttress* that was installed to stabilize the toe of the wall and reduce erosion. The buttress was constructed using alternative layers of rip-rap stone and soil and then planted with 2,000 trees and shrubs that will provide additional stability and shade over the water.