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**NCSWCD AG PROJECTS COMPLETED AND MORE CONTINUING**  
**INTO THE NEW YEAR**

More than a handful of agricultural projects were planned, engineered, grant funded, inspected, and completed by District staff for Niagara County farms this past year.

Completed projects include short term waste collection and transfer systems, stream crossing, pasture fencing, a heavy-use area for feeding, watering facility, a compost facility, agri-chemical handling facility, orchard micro-irrigation, and a vegetative treatment area for a bunk silo.

Current projects will continue into 2026 along with grant projects applied for through NYS Ag & Market grants and other sources. See page 13 for more information.



Upper Right - Agri-Chemical Handling Facility, Lower Left - Heavy Use Feeding Area, Lower Right - Irrigation System

**AEM GRANT ALLOWS FOR FREE SOIL TESTING AND COVER CROP**  
**ASSISTANCE FOR NIAGARA COUNTY FARMS**

The current round of AEM funding is allowing NCSWCD and other conservation districts to cover the costs of soil testing directly associated with planning activities for farmers participating with the District. Current, past, and new farms can work with NCSWCD to have new soil test done on their fields when planning or updating an existing farm plan. We cover tests using the Morgan extraction method from specific labs. District employees will be able to come take the soil samples and get samples to the lab for processing. A Morgan soil test is a soil testing method for extracting certain nutrients from the soil to assess fertility. Results are used for fertilizer and manure application recommendations.

AEM funds are also available to assist in the planting of cover crops. Assistance is determined by watershed, crop, and amount of acreage. Cover crops include but are not limited to radishes, turnips, wheat, triticale, and forage such as sudan grass, oats, rye, and clover. In 2025 alone we assisted with the implementation of over 1,200 acres of cover crops.

If you are interested in the AEM program please contact our office at 716-434-4949 ext 4.

AEM stands for Agricultural Environmental Management, an incentive based program from New York State that runs through soil and water conservation districts. AEM supports common sense, cost effective, and science based decisions to meet farm goals while protecting and conserving New York's natural resources. No farm is too big or too small to participate in the AEM program. Please contact the office to schedule a farm visit to see how we can create a farm plan and learn about future projects.



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## PASTURE AND ORCHARD WALKS BRING FARMERS TOGETHER TO HELP EACH OTHER

NCSWCD held two pasture walks and an orchard walk this past summer and fall. All three walks invited farmers and those interested to visit a local farm to see how District projects had been implemented and are working for them. Farmers, specialists, and residents from Niagara County and Western New York came to see how micro-irrigation sensors work in an orchard and allow for more direct watering and nutrient placement, how rotational grazing was keeping beef cows fed and pastures lush, and how we were able to improve a barnyard to keep manure out of waterways with a feed and watering area and manure storage. These projects were planned with District staff and grant funded.

Thank you to Bittner Singer Orchards, C&H Farms of WNY, and Feor Farms for hosting our 2025 walks. This years pasture walks will be posted on our website and facebook page as they are scheduled.



Upper Right -  
Heavy Use Area &  
Pasture Tour

Lower Left:  
Orchard Walk  
Discussion

Lower Right:  
Pasture Grazing  
Tour



### **NCSW CAN HELP YOU!**

Agricultural Grants  
Bird/Bat/Duck Houses  
Eighteenmile Creek RAP  
Invasive Species Control/Eradication  
Pond Site Evaluations  
Agricultural Value Assessments  
Educational Programs  
Equipment Rental  
Drainage /Tiling Assistance  
Permit Application Assistance  
Mining Assistance  
Erosion Control  
Flood Prevention  
Water Conservation & Wetlands  
Ground Water, Water Quality &  
Quantity  
Nonpoint Source Pollution  
Forestland Protection  
Wildlife  
Recreation  
Manure Management  
Waste Water Management  
Tree/Seed Sale  
Pond Stocking/ Carp Sale



### **NO-TILL DRILL RENTAL**

No-Till Drill rental is available for your next conservation seeding project. We provide the drill, delivery and cleaning. Customer provides the seed.  
Cost is \$15/acre + \$50 delivery in Niagara County.

### **INTER-SEEDER RENTAL**

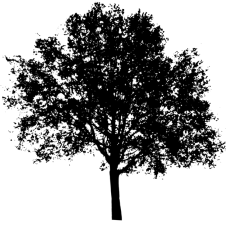
Inter-seeder rental is available for farmers to plant cover crops between corn rows. Planting can occur between v3 and v7 stage, and won't impact the corn being grown. First use of the inter-seeder is free, subsequent uses will cost \$5 per acre.



### **SOIL GROUP WORKSHEETS FOR AG EXEMPTION REMINDER**

If you received a letter from your town assessor about needing a new soil group worksheet for your property's ag exemption stop into or call the office as soon as possible. Requests will be done on a first come, first serve basis. Remember they are due back to the assessor by February 27th with all required paperwork complete.

The Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District is a local government subdivision under New York State law. The District was established as a public benefit by the County of Niagara in 1954. Your support of our programs aid in the District's conservation efforts to protect natural resources and water quality for our residents. In these wavering economic times, we thank you for your continued assistance in fulfilling our goals.



## NIAGARA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2026 SEEDLING ORDER FORM



EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS	APPROX. SIZE	BUNDLE of 25	BUNDLE of 50	BUNDLE of 100	QTY	TOTAL COST
Cedar, Red	10-18"	\$ 30.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 108.00		
Cedar, White - Arborvitae	9-12"	\$ 25.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Fir, Balsam	5-10"	\$ 27.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 97.00		
Fir, Concolor	12-18"	\$ 25.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Fir, Douglas	10-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 83.00		
Fir, Frasier	9-12"	\$ 25.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Pine, Austrian	7-12"	\$ 24.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 87.00		
Pine, Red	7-12"	\$ 28.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 101.00		
Pine, White	7-12"	\$ 26.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 94.00		
Spruce, Blue	9-15"	\$ 23.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 83.00		
Spruce, Norway	10-18"	\$ 25.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Spruce, White	10-18"	\$ 24.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 87.00		
EVERGREEN TRANSPLANTS	APPROX. SIZE	BUNDLE OF 10			QTY	TOTAL COST
Cedar, White	2-1, 12-18"	\$ 34.00				
Fir, Balsam	2-1, 6-12"	\$ 30.00				
Fir, Frasier	2-2, 8-12"	\$ 31.00				
Pine, White	2-1, 8-12"	\$ 26.00				
Spruce, Blue	2-1, 10-18"	\$ 26.00				
Spruce, Norway	2-1, 12-18"	\$ 26.00				
HARDWOOD SEEDLINGS	APPROX. SIZE	BUNDLE OF 10	BUNDLE OF 25	BUNDLE OF 50	QTY	TOTAL COST
Birch, Canoe	12-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 104.00		
Cherry, Black	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Hazelnut, American	12-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 104.00		
Hickory, Shagbark	12-18"	\$ 26.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 117.00		
Maple, Red	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Maple, Sugar	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Oak, Red	12-18"	\$ 20.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Oak, White	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Paw Paw	12-18"	\$ 26.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 117.00		
Pecan, Northern	12-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 104.00		
Persimmon	12-18"	\$ 22.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 99.00		
Redbud, Eastern	12-18"	\$ 22.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 99.00		
Sycamore	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Tulip Tree	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Walnut, Black	12-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 104.00		

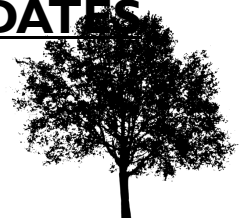
**\*\* ORDERS DUE \*\* FEBRUARY 28, 2026**  
 Please call for availability after 2/14

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - TREE PICK-UP DATES

**April 17th 8:00 -4:00**

**April 18th 9:00-12:00**

**4487 Lake Avenue Lockport, NY**



SHRUB SEEDLINGS	APPROX. SIZE	BUNDLE OF 10	BUNDLE OF 25	BUNDLE OF 50	QTY	TOTAL COST
Butterfly Bush	12-18"	\$ 20.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 90.00		
Dogwood, Redosier	12-18"	\$ 19.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 86.00		
Dogwood, White Flowering	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Elderberry	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Lilac	12-18"	\$ 23.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 104.00		
Nannyberry	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Serviceberry/Juneberry	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
Winterberry	12-18"	\$ 21.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 95.00		
SPECIAL OFFERS	APPROX. SIZE	BUNDLE OF 5	BUNDLE OF 10	BUNDLE OF 50	QTY	TOTAL COST
Apple, Starter Package	3-5'	\$ 110.00				
Apple, Wildlife Package	3-5'	\$ 69.00				
Chestnuts, American	8-12"	\$ 22.00				
Edible Fruit Pack			\$ 39.00			
Lavender Pack			\$ 37.00			
Nut Tree Pack			\$ 33.00			
Native NY Wildlife Pack			\$ 33.00			
Perennial Flower Pack			\$ 27.00			
Wetland Habitat Pack			\$ 33.00			
SEED				COST	QTY	TOTAL COST
Conservation Grass - Large Deer Plot Mix - 20lbs (1/3 acre)				\$ 31.00		
Conservation Grass -Tall Grass Mix- 20lbs - (1 acre)				\$ 26.00		
Milkweed Seed - 150mg Packet				\$ 5.00		
Wildflower Seed - 4oz bag (2500 sq.ft)				\$ 17.00		
OTHER ITEMS				COST	QTY	TOTAL COST
Fertilizer Tablets - 25 Count (20-10-5)				\$ 5.00		
100 Marking Flags - 30" wire				\$ 15.00		
Bat Roost - Bachelor				\$ 17.00		
Bat Roost - Maternity				\$ 28.00		
Blue Bird House				\$ 18.00		
Wood Duck House				\$ 48.00		
<b>Do NOT Add Sales Tax</b>				Al-	<b>Order Total</b>	\$
ready Included Where Due						

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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 An Email Reminder will be sent the week of Pick-Up

Seedling orders are filled on a first come, first served basis. As we have no control over the weather or your choice of planting sites, times or techniques, the SWCD WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for your trees and shrubs after they leave our distribution center. We cannot offer refunds or replacements. All trees and shrubs sold are to be used for effective conservation practices. Trees and shrubs sold will not be removed with roots attached for resale. This is in compliance with NYS Sale and Use Tax Regulations, 20 NYCRR, Section 529.2(c).

## \*\*EVERGREENS\*\*

### **Cedar, Red (*Juniperus virginiana*)**

This medium, slow growing native can reach 50' under adverse conditions in any soil type. Green needles turn rusty brown in winter. Its blue, waxy seed cones are beneficial food for birds, small mammals, and deer. Wood used for posts and archery bows. Aromatic heartwood used for closets and chests.

### **Cedar, White (*Thuja occidentalis*)**

Pyramidal shape. Lacy, feathery, light green needles on flat branches. Grows to 60' in loamy, moist soils. Slow grower used for windbreaks, hedges, and wildlife food and cover. This native is also known as American Arborvitae.

### **Fir, Balsam (*Abies balsamea*)**

A favored Christmas tree due to its aromatic fragrance. Has soft, 1" flat, deep green needles. Native tree with medium growth rate to 75' in cool, moist locations. Also excellent for wildlife food and shelter.

### **Fir, Concolor (*Abies concolor*)**

Also known as "White Fir". Has silver trunk and dense, silver-blue needles with bluish band. Likes rich, loamy soils. Grows to 100'. Easy-to-care for native that makes a great ornamental specimen.

### **Fir, Douglas (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)**

Very popular native fir used as Christmas trees, lumber, windbreaks and ornamentals. Grows to 100' in well-drained soils. Holds small, soft, green needles for a long time and shears well. Good resistance to disease.

### **Fir, Fraser (*Abies fraseri*)**

Premier Christmas tree. Grows to 40'. Needs well-drained soils. Intolerant of hot, dry places. Horizontal branches of shiny 1" green needles and gray bark. Slow growing native with a wonderful fragrance.

### **Pine, Austrian (*Pinus nigra*)**

Fastest growing pine. Grows to 60' in heavy clay to light sand soils. Has long, dark green 5" needles in bundles of two. Pollution and salt tolerant. Makes a good Christmas tree and a hardy windbreak.

### **Pine, Red (*Pinus resinosa*)**

Long, soft, dark green needles. Grows to 75'. Very tolerant of sandy, dry exposed sites. Native tree valued for lumber and windbreaks. Excellent for reforestation. Very hardy.

### **Pine, White (*Pinus strobus*)**

Shade tolerant native, grows well in variety of soils, except wet, clay. Fast growth to 100'. Long, soft, green needles in bundles of five. Graceful, plume-like crown. Good for timber and x-mas trees. Sensitive to salt and windburn.

### **Spruce, Colorado Blue (*Picea pungens*)**

Most popular of all spruces. Stiff, 1" needles range from dark green to silver-blue, depending on soil conditions and age. Grows best on moist, rich soils and will not tolerate drier conditions. Prefers full sun. Slow starting native, reaching 100' at maturity.

### **Spruce, Norway (*Picea abies*)**

Fastest growing spruce. Has extremely attractive, strong, sweeping branches. Shiny 1" flat needles. Prefers well-drained, moist soils. Grows to 100'. Recommended for windbreaks and screens.

### **Spruce, White (*Picea glauca*)**

Very hardy native, does well on variety of soils. Endures heat, drought, and crowding conditions. Grows to 60'. Dense, stiff, light green 1" needles. Good for windbreaks, pulpwood, and Christmas trees.



## \*\*DECIDUOUS TREES\*\*

### **Birch, Canoe (*Betula papyrifera*)**

Does well in cool, moist locations and can reach 80'. Oval green leaves turn bright yellow in fall and are a food source for butterflies. This native tree is also known as *Paper Birch* because its stunning snow-white bark peels off in paper-thin layers and *Canoe Birch* since it was used by Native Americans to make canoes.

### **Cherry, Black (*Prunus serotina*)**

Fast growth to 60' in various soil types. White flower clusters in May produce edible black fruits. Native tree used for furniture, firewood, jam, wine, wildlife food source. Easily identified by its thick burnt "cornflake" bark and when a young twig is scratched it has an almond-like scent.

### **Hazelnut, American (*Corylus americana*)**

Also known as *Filbert* this large, multi-stemmed native prefers rich, well-drained soil and is pH adaptable. Growing to 8-15' tall, it is shade tolerant. Its long slender 8" catkins produce an acorn-like nut in late September that is enjoyed by humans, small mammals, deer, ruffed grouse and other large birds. Will create thickets from root sprouts.

### **Hickory, Shagbark (*Carya ovata*)**

Plant a shagbark hickory in a large landscape for excellent shade. This Midwest native is named for its bark, which peels away in large, flat, curving plates, giving the tree a shaggy appearance. As a member of the walnut family, the hickory produces edible nuts. Enjoys moist, well drained soil. Matures to 60-80' tall.

### **Maple, Red (*Acer rubrum*)**

Known for its bright red flowers in early spring. Green foliage turns a brilliant red-orange in fall. Grows fast to 100'. Tolerates wet and swampy to rocky soils. Native widely used for wetland plantings. Great for wildlife habitat.

### **Maple, Sugar (*Acer saccharum*)**

Most known as the source of maple syrup. Green foliage turns a brilliant red-orange in fall. Grows to 65-75' at a rate of 2-3' a year. Prefers a deep, well-drained to rocky soils. Great for wildlife habitat.

**Oak, Red (*Quercus rubra*)** Native that does well on sandy to rich, loamy soils. Grows fast to 90'. Lustrous canopy of green leaves turn reddish-brown in fall. And "ski track" appearance on mature bark. Has small red flowers in Spring. Produces 1" acorns. Tolerates city conditions. Excellent for lumber and wildlife.

### **Oak, White (*Quercus alba*)**

A popular native shade tree that grows to 60-80' tall and is about the same in width as it is tall. It has irregular branching and attractive flaky, light gray bark. Rounded, grayish-green 4-8" long leaves become purple-red in the fall, dull leaf tips. Prefers full sun and acidic soil. Its small 1" acorns are popular with wildlife.

### **Paw Paw (*Asimina triloba*)**

A popular native fruit tree that grows to approximately 30' tall, at a rate of 1-2' a year. Prefers full sun and moist, well-drained soil. Needs to be protected from wind. Grows a large, yellowish-green to brown fruit that tastes like a mix of mango, banana, and citrus.

### **Pecan, Northern (*Carya illinoensis*)**

Also known as Hardy Pecan, this native starts bearing nuts in 8-10 years. Best in rich, moist, well-drained soils in full sun, it typically grows 75-100'. Medium green leaves turn yellow in summer and brown in fall. Non-showy, greenish-yellow flowers in May give way to edible nuts in the fall. A great urban shade tree. Acorns attract wildlife.

### **Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)**

An Eastern US native that grows 30-60' tall and 35' wide, in moist, sandy soils and full sun to partial shade. Distinctive dark gray bark and rounded oval crown. White to greenish-yellow flowers in late spring. Ripe, soft orange fruits in fall, so sweet you can eat them straight off the tree, are used for syrups, jellies and pies. Leaves can be used for teas. Great for rain gardens. Tolerant of drought, clay soil and air pollution.

### **Redbud, Eastern (*Cercis canadensis*)**

Rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green, then to yellow. Forms a spreading, graceful crown. Full sun or light shade. Partial shade, performs best in soils with consistent moisture. Grows to 20' to 30', 30' spread.

### **Sycamore (*Plantanus occidentalis*)**

This native tree is fast growing to 75' with a massive trunk of coarse mottled bark. It prefers moist soil and full sun. Deep red flowers in late March, followed by fuzzy-looking rounded fruit and yellow-brown Autumn foliage. Good urban tree. Can be used on difficult sites.

### **Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)**

This native likes full sun, moist slightly acidic soil and grows to over 70' tall. Its massive trunk boasts attractive gray bark and unique tulip-shaped leaves that turn golden in autumn. Beautiful flowers that bloom May to June resemble yellow - green tulips with reddish - orange centers.

### **Walnut, Black (*Juglans nigra*)**

Grows well in deep, moist soils to 100'. Has a broad oval crown and compound leaves of 15-25 dark green leaflets. At 4 to 6 years old, it will produce flavorful, oil-rich sweet nuts in September to October. A native whose lumber is valued for furniture, cabinets, flooring and gun stocks.

## **\*\*DECIDUOUS SHRUBS\*\***

### **Butterfly Bush (*Buddleia davidii*)**

Multi-stemmed, with fragrant 4-10" flowers summer thru fall. Grows very quickly in all types of soil to 8'. A little heavy pruning each spring will keep it under control. Plant near a garden to attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees.

### **Dogwood, Red Osier (*Cornus sericea, syn. C stolonifera*)**

Dense, fast growing 7-9' native also known as *red twig* for its dark red bark. Does well in damp soil conditions and is frequently used for bank erosion control. Hardy and attractive, it produces white flowers and berries, and boasts a purplish red fall color. Brilliant red stems are very showy in winter.

### **Dogwood, White Flowering (*Cornus florida*)**

Steady growing 15-30'. Does well in moist and well drained soil, full sun or partial shade. Hardy and attractive, it produces white flowers in the spring and red berries in the fall. Loved by birds.

### **Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)**

Vigorous grower to 12' in any type soil. Multi-stemmed, with clusters of purple-black fruits in late summer, used for jams and wine. A great native wetland plant. Good food source for wildlife.

### **Lilac, Common (*Syringa vulgaris*)**

Easy to grow, old-fashioned favorite. Masses of fragrant white to lavender flowers and bright green leaves in Spring. Will grow in well-drained soils to 15'. Makes beautiful natural screen spreading 6-10'.

### **Nannyberry (*Viburnum lentago*)**

A large full shrub with white flowers in the springs and blue berries in the fall. Berries are edible and known for a prune/banana like flavor. Grows in moist to well-drained soils and up to 20' tall.

### **Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)**

A native to North America, this 6-20' suckering multi-stemmed shrub thrives on moist, well-drained acidic soil and tolerates a wide pH range. White flowers in April produce dark purplish fruits in June. That is how it got its other recognized name of "Juneberry". This shrub is enjoyed by many types of birds. Prune regularly for best fruit production.

### **Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)**

Slow growing deciduous holly, easily grown in average or acidic, medium to wet soils, in full sun to part shade. Native upright, rounded shrub that typically grows 3-12' tall. Greenish-white flowers in spring give way to showy, bright red berries in late summer to fall, which persist thru winter on bare branches. Has elliptic, toothed, dark green 2-3" leaves that turn shades of maroon in autumn.



## **\*\*SPECIAL OFFERS\*\***

### **American Chestnut (*Castanea dentata*)**

Very important for wildlife, providing a prolific amount of nuts for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bears, and others. American Chestnuts do best in full sun on porous soils of moderate depth and fertility. For pollination, plant all seedlings less than 100 yards from each other where their roots will not be disturbed. Rapid growers, they will produce nuts within 7-10 years.

### **Apple Trees:**

All trees are 3-5' tall, 1/2" to 5/8" caliper, bare-root. The Nursery supplier will select and pack an assortment of various types for quality pollination.

### **Apple Starter Package (5 trees)**

Hardy, easy to grow varieties preferred for blight resistance and persistence.

### **Apple Wildlife Package (5 trees)**

Excess or misshapen trees not adequate for orchards, these are still suitable to enhance a backyard wildlife area and provide food for people, birds, deer, and other wildlife.

## **\*\*CONSERVATION PACS\*\***

**Each pac contains 10 seedlings total - 2 of each variety**

**Edible Pack:** Blackberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, Blueberry- Blue Ray & Jersey Plant in sandy, well drained soil. Full sun. Use trellises for blackberry and raspberry. Water strawberry more frequently while fruit is forming. Space blueberry 4-6' apart with both types in close proximity for pollination.

**Lavender Pack:** Fred Boutin, Frosso Fat Spike, Provence, Munstead, Hidcote Great way to add color and scent to your garden or home.

**Nut Tree Pack:** Five Oaks- White, Swamp White, Red, Pin, Sawtooth All selections grow 50-80' and require at least 6 hours of sun daily. Acorns provide food for not only humans, but a variety of birds and other wildlife.

**Native New York Wildlife Pack:** White Pine, Red Osier Dogwood, Black Cherry, Hazelnut, Serviceberry. Great for attracting wildlife.

**Perennial Pack:** Daylily- Dream Baby, Frances Fay, Stella De Oro, Iris- Blue King, Snow Queen. Plant in full sun to partial shade. Will flower year after year.

**Wetland Habitat Pack:** River Birch, Willow, Sycamore, Buttonbush, Red Osier Dogwood. These attractive trees and shrubs like the moisture and will provide habitat for birds and other wildlife in the wetter areas.

## **\*\*SEED & OTHER ITEMS\*\***

### **Milkweed Seed**

Female monarch butterflies only lay their eggs on native milkweed. Planting it will not only help the Monarchs but also used by many other pollinators and hummingbirds. Plant in full sun to part shade, 1/2" deep in well-drained soils. Blooms sweet-scented light purplish 2-6' tall flowers in summer. It produces pod-like fruits that split to release new seed attached to fluffy, silky hairs that aid in wind dispersal.

### **Wildflower Seed**

A 100% pure seed mix of balanced blends of beautiful & colorful annual and perennial native wildflowers. Good for renovating old pastures, commercial sites and unused portions of lawn. Will grow in all soil and sun types.

### **Deer Plot Mix**

A palatable, quick growing, annual forage mix that is perfect for the first time plot in an area. Can be seeded in early spring, April through May, or late summer. Contains forage oats, triticale, barley, ryegrass, and crimson clover.

### **Tall Mix**

An annual mix of grain producing species. Seed this mix from late May until July 4th. It will grow to 3-5 feet tall with adequate soil fertility provide good quality feed and cover for all game birds, turkeys, and deer through the late summer and fall. Contains wildlife grain sorghum, dwarf sunflower, millet, dwarf corn, and buckwheat.

### **Fertilizer Tablets**

A slow-release pellet 20-10-5 (nitrogen-phosphorous-potash) made specifically for 1-2 year old seedlings. Safe, easy, convenient. Planting instructions included.

### **Marking Flags**

Bundle of 100 fluorescent pink flags on 30" wire stakes.

### **Bat, Blue Bird, and Wood Duck Houses**

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### **PICKUP INFORMATION**

**Don't Forget, Mark Your Calendars Now!**

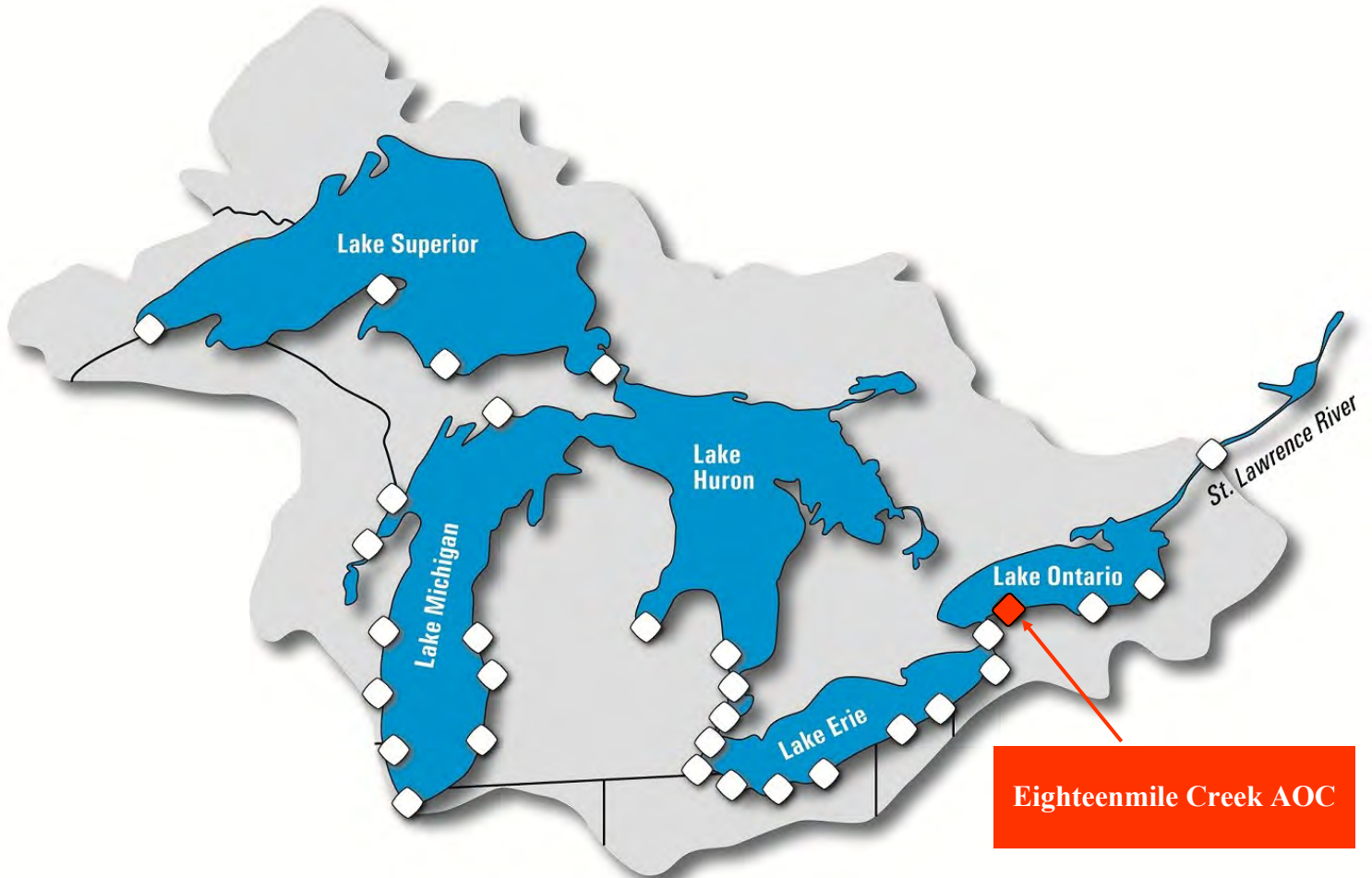
If you cannot pick up your order on the scheduled dates, please make arrangements with someone to pick it up for you.

**Pickup Days: Friday, April 17, 2026 8:00am to 4:00pm**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:00am to 12:00pm**

**Pick-Up Location: Niagara County Fairgrounds**  
**4487 Lake Ave (RT 78), Lockport**

Extra, Unsold Trees/Seedlings will be available for sale on a cash and carry basis on the above pickup dates. Follow us on Facebook to for a list of what we will have available!

# EIGHTEENMILE CREEK AREA OF CONCERN



## 2025 REPORT CARD



## A COMPILATION OF SUCCESSSES, IMPROVEMENTS & CURRENT CONDITIONS



# 2025 AOC Newsletter Update

Progress has continued at the Eighteenmile Creek Area of Concern (AOC) throughout 2025. In the past few years many studies have been completed to assess the status of each Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI). All of the studies and assessments have been posted the Eighteenmile Creek AOC website at <http://eighteenmilerap.com/DATA.html>.

## Degradation of Benthos BUI Removal!

One of the AOC program highlights for this year was the removal of the Degradation of Benthos Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI). There were three separate removal criteria for this BUI. In order to remove the BUI the assessments of the creek needed to satisfy the first criteria **or** the second **and** third criteria. The BUI removal criteria are written on the next page of the report card.

**Benthic Macroinvertebrates** are small aquatic animals and larval stages of insects that are found near stream bottoms attached to sticks, stones or sediment. Common benthic macroinvertebrates are stonefly and dragonfly larvae, snails, worms, scuds, and beetles.

The first criterion used DEC metrics to assess benthic macroinvertebrate communities and evaluate sites on a tiered scale (listed from best to worst) from non-impacted, slightly impacted, moderately impacted, to severely impacted. Recent surveys found that many AOC sites reached the slight to non impacted categories but other sites ranked in the moderate to severe impact categories. Since the first criterion wasn't met, the AOC needed to meet the second and third criteria. These criteria compare the AOC

community metrics and toxicity (a way to measure if sediment is having detrimental effects on organisms) to Oak Orchard Creek. Oak Orchard Creek is used as a reference site because it has similar geography/characteristics but doesn't contain PCB or other legacy contamination. Oak Orchard Creek has also been a reference site for other AOC and Superfund projects. Recent sample results showed macroinvertebrate community data in the AOC was similar or superior to Oak Orchard Creek's, meeting the second BUI removal criterion. Sediment toxicity data from the AOC were similar or superior to the reference sites while also exceeding standards for survival and growth, meeting the third criteria.

The Degradation of Benthos is the third BUI removed from the Eighteenmile Creek AOC. There are two BUIs remaining; Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption and Bird or Animal Deformities/Reproductive Problems. These BUIs will be reassessed when appropriate as Superfund cleanup occurs upstream of the AOC.

A link to the report can be found scanning the QR code below:



## Superfund Update

Throughout 2025 the USEPA Superfund program made progress cleaning up areas in the Creek Corridor. The Creek Corridor is the furthest upstream portion of the creek and contains the highest levels of PCB contamination. This includes properties like Upson Park, the former White Transportation Company, former Flintkote Property, and other properties directly adjacent to Eighteenmile Creek. A brief summary of each superfund Operable Unit (OU) is below.

**OU1/2-** Throughout the spring and half of the summer Severson Environmental Services excavated contaminated sediments from the Former White Transportation Company. During the second half of summer and into December excavation of contaminated floodplain soil and creek sediment continued at Upson Park. Once contaminated soil/sediment is removed it is replaced with clean material. In the future, Severson will continue working their way downstream and excavate contaminated sediments from Eighteenmile Creek and floodplain areas. Areas where the former Flintkote factory was located will be excavated and have a cap installed over contaminated soils.

**OU3-** The OU3 project area starts where OU2 ends in Eighteenmile Creek near Harwood Street, and continues downstream 5.3 miles just past the convergence of the Eighteenmile Creek East Branch, in the Town of Newfane. This section of the creek is also referred to as the Sediment Transition Area. The area, contains approximately 21% of the overall PCB mass in the creek and is also highly erodible during major flow events or other disturbances to the sediment. The Record of Decision was signed in September 2024 for this area and the project will be in the remedial design phase for at least another year.

**OU4-** The fourth OU of this project involves remediating lead contaminated soils at certain residential properties in neighborhoods close to the former Flintkote factory. In early 2024 there were 33 residential properties, but additional soil sampling during a second phase of this OU has increased the number of properties being remediated. Remedial action for this part of the project is ongoing.



**Left-** A temporary dam allowing water to drain as Severson stages equipment in the floodplain.



**Right-** Excavators staged at Upson Park as creek and floodplain remediation continues.

# Where are we at with the BUIs?

It's easiest to discuss these as their own separate topics.

BUI 1. Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption	
<b>Removal Criteria:</b>	<b>There are no AOC-specific fish and wildlife consumption advisories issued by New York State</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>A few years ago migratory fish such as trout and salmon had their advisories modified to allow one meal per month. This is an improvement, but resident fish above and below Burt Dam continue to have elevated levels of PCBs. An AOC consumption advisory is expected to remain in place until remedial work is complete and there has been a declining trend of contaminant levels in fish. Knowing Superfund remedial work will take years to complete this BUI is unlikely to be removed in the near future.</b>
BUI 5. Bird or Animal Deformities/Reproductive Problems	
<b>Removal Criteria:</b>	<b>PCB concentrations in fish tissue from comparable functional feeding groups are similar to reference site(s); OR</b>  <b>PCB concentrations in fish and other prey are below tissue concentrations known to cause deformities or reproductive impairment in piscivorous wildlife.</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>It's well known that fish in the AOC have elevated levels of PCBs. Therefore, the first part of the BUI will not likely be met until after remediation is complete (see BUI 1 Discussion). The second criteria for deformities or reproductive impairment is also impaired based on the SUNY Brockport mink study.</b>
BUI 6. Degradation of Benthos	
<b>Removal Criteria:</b>	<b>Benthic macroinvertebrate communities are “non-impacted” or “slightly impacted” according to NYSDEC indices; OR</b>  <b>Benthic macroinvertebrate community condition is similar to unimpacted control sites of comparable physical and chemical characteristics; AND</b>  <b>Toxicity of sediment-associated contaminants is similar to unimpacted control sites of comparable physical and chemical characteristics.</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	<b>REMOVED IN 2025!</b>

**Benthos photos-** These photos show some of the field work that helped assess the Degradation of Benthos BUI removal criteria and led to the BUIs removal in 2025. Samples were collected using a ponar dredge, run through a sieve bucket, and processed for lab analyses.



## WHAT IS THE EIGHTEENMILE CREEK AREA OF CONCERN (AOC) ?

Eighteenmile Creek has been designated as one of 43 “Areas of Concern” (AOC) in the Great Lakes Basin. Eighteenmile Creek received this designation because of poor water quality and contaminated sediments present throughout the watershed. Eighteenmile Creek’s long history of use by major industries in the area, especially near the City of Lockport and Town of Newfane, has played a large role in the present condition of the creek.

## WHAT IS THE EIGHTEENMILE CREEK REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN (RAP) ?

A RAP is an integrated, whole ecosystem approach to remediating impaired water bodies. The RAP first identifies use impairments, their causes, and contaminant sources, using existing studies and data. Next, existing regulatory and non-regulatory cleanup and restoration programs which apply to the water body are identified. A coordinated cleanup and restoration strategy is then developed to eliminate the use impairments. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation produced the Stage 1/2 RAP in 1997 in an effort to restore the integrity of the creek’s ecosystem. An update to the RAP was written in 2011 by Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District.

## WHAT IS THE EIGHTEENMILE CREEK REMEDIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) ?

The Eighteenmile Creek RAC is comprised of a group of local, state and federal stakeholders, representing industries, organizations and local communities with a vested interest in the health of Eighteenmile Creek. The RAC is responsible for implementing the RAP, monitoring restoration efforts, and assessing ongoing needs and conditions. After a brief hiatus, the RAC reconvened in 2005 and is currently making progress in moving the RAP forward.

**If you have a vested interest in Eighteenmile Creek and want to help advance the RAP, contact our office and we would be happy to speak with you!**

## GREEN Outreach and Clean Sweep

Through the Global Rivers Environmental Education Network (GREEN) we’ve teamed up with our local General Motors plant in Lockport to explore the Eighteenmile Creek watershed. The program allows students from Lockport, Newfane, and Niagara BOCES to visit streams within the Eighteenmile Creek watershed and county to investigate water quality issues. Throughout the school year classes discuss solutions to the issues found on their fall field trips. Two classes implemented watershed improvement projects in spring 2025. Projects completed this year include expanding a pollinator habitat in the Olcott Harbor and removing invasive/nuisance species from Royalton Ravine Park. Be sure to look at these projects when visiting the area.

Our 2025 Clean Sweep event was successful thanks to Cub Scout Pack 4. The team of 33 volunteers collected over 395 pounds of garbage at Fisherman’s Park!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
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# Annual Fish Stocking & Grass Carp Sale



Order Deadline: May 1, 2026

**TENTATIVE Pickup Date:** third/fourth week of May - Fish Pick-Up will be in the morning one week day in May, once pick-up dates are set, we will email/call

**General Information:** Stocking rates usually are 50-100 bass and a minimum of 1000 minnows/shiners per acre. Do not skimp on stocking minnows, as game fish cannot grow without an adequate supply of natural food. If your pond is relatively new, be sure there is vegetation for reproductive habitat and aquatic life for a food chain. Recommended time to establish a pond with minnows before stocking other game fish is one year.

**\*\*You must obtain a stocking permit from the DEC prior to pickup for fish other than carp. For Carp you MUST obtain a Triploid Grass Carp permit from the NYS DEC before submitting your order because the issued permit tells you how many carp you are allowed. Stock TG Carp in ponds which have been properly protected so they are unable to escape through inlets and outlets into other NYS waters.**

**Pickup Information:** Pickup will be at the SWCD office located on the Niagara County Fairgrounds, 4487 Lake Ave in Lockport. You will need to bring a container to support the bagged fish. **Fish will be in oxygenated bags.** These fish are highly perishable and must be transported quickly.

## 2026 Fish Stocking & Grass Carp Sale

Type of Fish	Cost	# of Fish	\$ Amount
Bass 2-4"	25/\$125		
Catfish 3-5"	12/\$55		
Sunfish/Blue Gill 2-3"	1lb./\$95 Approx 25		
Golden Shiners 2-3"	1lb/\$40 Approx 100		
Golden Shiners 2-3"	5lb/\$165 Approx 500		
Fathead Minnows 1"+	1lb/\$36 Approx 200		
Fathead Minnows 1"+	5lb/\$150 Approx 1000		
*Grass Carp 12-14"	1/\$30*		
(*NYS sales tax included as required)		<b>Total Due</b>	

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**\*ALL 3 Original DEC Grass Carp Permits must accompany order**

We do not accept credit cards. For additional information call (716) 434-4949 Ext. 4

## TYPES OF FISH AVAILABLE

**Largemouth Bass** - Found throughout NYS, they are considered one of the state's most important sport fish. These members of the Sunfish Family (Centrarchidae) prefer weedy, rocky areas to provide both protection and food supply. Usually weighing 3-5 lbs, they can get over 10 lbs and 2 feet in length. They are carnivorous; which means they'll eat small fish, crayfish, frogs, snakes, and some small mammals and birds if given the opportunity.

**Channel Catfish** - Catfish are characterized by scaleless skin and barbels, better known as whiskers, about their mouth. Channel catfish have a deeply forked tail and dark spots. The spotting, however, diminishes with age. Consequently, older channel cats are frequently mistaken as blue catfish. But the anal fin on blue cats has a flat outer edge and channels have a rounded edge. They can grow to be 4ft long and weigh up to 58lbs.

**Sunfish** - Sunfish include pumpkinseed and bluegill. They are small to medium-sized fish with a single anal fin (bottom rear) and a two-part dorsal fin (back). They are spiny-rayed, with one or more sharp spines found on their dorsal, pelvic (bottom front) and anal fins. These spines help protect them from being eaten by large fish and can prick the fingers of any angler who is not careful when removing the hook. Sunfish are green to brown on their backs and upper sides shading into brown, orange, or pink with traces of vertical bars along their bottom sides. The breast is yellow to copper-orange, and the sides of their heads have metallic blue and green overtones. The large, square-shaped, blue-black gill flap and conspicuous dark blotch on the back of the soft-rayed portion of their dorsal fins distinguishes bluegills from their close relatives, the pumpkinseed. Both fish average four to ten inches in length.

**Golden Shiners** - The golden shiner can be found throughout most of the US. These fish can be found in large schools around submerged structures where they primarily feed on zooplankton. The golden shiner spawns several times throughout summer while the water temps are 68-81 degrees. Spawning can be aided with the use of structures such as sunken evergreens or stacked pallets. The abundant reproduction of this fish makes it an excellent choice for stocking where predatory species are present. These fish are larger than fathead minnows (up to 6 inches in length) and are preferred by large predators.

**Fathead Minnows** - Fathead minnows are small and seldom exceed 3 inches in length. They are sturdy, heavy-bodied fish with small mouths and a lateral line that stops under the dorsal fin. They are generally dull in color, with dark bodies and a slight brass tint on the sides. They prefer ponds and slow moving water in streams. Fatheads spawn every 21 days, attaching their eggs to the under-side of hard surfaces in the water, such as rocks, boards and PVC pipe, in warm waters of 65-85 degrees from April to September.

**Triploid Grass Carp** - The grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*) is one of the largest members of the minnow family, commonly reaching weights in excess of 25 lbs. They can live up to 10 years. Native to Asia, this carp lacks the barbells and spiny dorsal and anal fin rays characteristic of its North American relatives, bearing a closer resemblance to a large creek chub. It is called "triploid" since it has been bred to retain an extra chromosome, rendering it sterile. Grass carp feed strictly by grazing on aquatic vegetation and are effectively used as aquatic plant control agents in over 50 countries. **Must have a NYS DEC Permit to purchase.**

## GRASS CARP HELPING KEEP ROYALTON RAVINE POND CLEAN

NCSWCD has been stocking the Royalton Ravine pond with triploid grass carp for the past ten years as part of a conservation project supported with funds from New York State Ag & Markets. In recent years the carp have struggled to keep up with some of the aquatic weeds and plans were in place to have the pond treated to combat this problem. The carp seem to have caught wind of this plan and stepped it up this year, clearing the pond of the invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil and bladderwort. Fishermen were able to enjoy the hot days of summer catching the many

fish the pond has to offer.

Cattails have also been a hindrance to fisherman and park workers over the years. NCSWCD worked with Smith Creek Fish Farm to treat the cattails and make the pond more accessible to park visitors. Royalton Ravine park will continue to be a priority for the District.



# USFS GRANT CLOSES OUT WITH 500 PLUS TREES PLANTED AROUND NIAGARA COUNTY

2025 was the final year of the District’s USFS tree planting grant project to replace trees lost to the emerald ash borer. This project funded planting a wide variety of trees to make the community more resilient to invasive species or tree diseases that can spread. District staff coordinated with the Niagara County Parks Department and the Cities of Lockport and Niagara Falls to plant 22 different species that totaled 520 young trees in parks and cities of Niagara County. NCSWCD provided the trees, stakes, and tree watering bags for the project through grant funds. The county and cities planted the trees and cared for them.



If you have visited Krull, Oppenheim, West Canal, Outwater and/or Royalton Ravine Parks chances are you have seen many of the replacement trees planted. If you have driven through the Cities of Lockport or Niagara Falls you also may have seen some of these trees along streets.

Thank you to everyone that had a hand in this great project.



Niagara County Parks Planting Crew at Royalton Ravine Park



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## DISTRICT AG PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS

The Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District spent 2025 working on numerous agricultural projects, below are some of the highlights.

A beef cattle farm was experiencing issues with the cattle damaging pasture during the muddy fall season and entering Twelvemile Creek, a Class C stream that runs through the property. Our District Engineer worked with the farm’s owner to design and install a heavy use feeding area, watering facility, short term manure storage and transfer system, along with a stream crossing and fencing in the pastures. They also hosted one of our pasture walks to highlight the project to local and surrounding farmers. Attendees watched as the cattle were turned out on the area for the first time and discussed the how’s and why’s of the project.

A fruit farm in the County worked with NCSWCD to install a micro-irrigation system in several blocks of their orchards to more efficiently apply water to the trees. A second farm installed sensors to monitor the trees water needs and send a signal to a monitoring network when the tree requires water so that the irrigation system can be turned on. Not only does the monitoring system allow for water savings but also the wear and tear on the orchards from farm traffic.

Additional projects include a compost facility to create compost that can be incorporated into a vineyard to improve soil health and an agri-chemical handling facility to reduce the risk of chemical spills while loading, mixing, or unloading chemicals.

NCSWCD worked with the dairies around the county on various projects. District employees created a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) for a farm and performed weekly SWPPP inspections for another. SWPPP’s are exactly what the name says they are, plans to keep stormwater from washing loose soil from projects into waterways.

A short-term waste collection and transfer station was designed and installed on a dairy farm that allows manure to be contained until the farm is able to spread. A vegetated treatment area for a bunk silo was designed and monitored during construction.

Farms all need to have an AEM plan in place to be funded by the District. Ag projects are grant funded and include AEM (Agricultural Environmental Management), CRF (Climate Resistant Farming), FL-LOWPA (Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance), and NY G&C (New York Grown & Certified) grants. Many of which come from the NYS Department of Ag and Markets.



Upper Left: Heavy-use Feeding Area & Manure Storage Building

Upper Right: Erosion Control for Heifer Barn Construction

Lower Left: Orchard Irrigation Header Installation

Lower Right: Stream Crossing at Twelvemile Creek



**ARE YOU A CONTRACTOR AND WANT TO BE ADDED TO OUR CONTRACTOR LIST?****IT'S FREE! GIVE US A CALL**

If you would like to be added to our Contractor's List please call the office at 716-434-4949 ext 4. The list is available for anyone working with the District or NRCS on projects as well as individuals that call for recommendations.

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**The Ongoing Fight Against Japanese Knotweed in Niagara County**

This past summer, NCSWCD continued its ongoing efforts to eradicate the invasive Japanese knotweed from sites across Niagara County. Since this project's inception in 2015, the amount of knotweed treatment has ballooned as more community members detect and report previously-unreported knotweed patches across the county. In 2015, our program began as 4.5 acres found between 20 different sites. Today, that total eclipses 79 acres across 560 patches.

Fortunately, NCSWCD has a longstanding partnership with the Western New York Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (WNY PRISM) whose assistance with knotweed treatment has proven invaluable to our efforts each year. The PRISM terrestrial crew members provided assistance for several days at some of our larger sites in Niagara Falls, making the herbicide treatments go quicker.

Japanese knotweed has been an ongoing priority for NCSWCD's treatment for several reasons. It spreads aggressively through its roots, spreading quickly underground before shooting upwards through wood, stone, or even asphalt. Once above ground, knotweed gets up to 15 feet tall, where it grows in dense stands which destabilize foundations, overtake gardens, and smother out beneficial native plant species. Insects, birds, and mammals which rely on these native species decline in turn, and ecosystems collapse as knotweed continues to expand.



Herbicide Being Injected into Japanese Knotweed

Knotweed Crew with Partially Treated Knotweed Patch. Treated vs. Non-Treated



By spot-treating knotweed via injection or foliar spray, knotweed can be removed and opportunities for more-desirable plants are opened. We have seen promising results from these efforts. 29% of sites NCSWCD treated in 2025 have 20 or fewer knotweed plants, which allows our crew to expand its treatment to other invasive plants, including tree-of-heaven and multiflora rose. Where knotweed has been absent for 3+ years, NCSWCD has also begun revegetating previously-infested sites with native grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs to stabilize slopes and improve native habitats, with the native species carefully chosen to match the landowners' wants.

If you have seen knotweed in Niagara County or would like to discuss opportunities for improving wildlife habitat on your property, feel free to give our office a call. We will happily answer any and all questions you may have about knotweed and its treatment, or how your home can blend aesthetic, functionality, and ecological value for wildlife.

**2026 EDUCATIONAL EVENTS & TRAININGS**

**TEACHERS & STUDENTS**

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Are you a Niagara County environmental science teacher? District staff is available to present to students on numerous topics that may be in your curriculum. Please reach out to our office for more information.

**CONTRACTORS**

NYS Erosion, Sediment Control & Stormwater Training 4-Hour Course  
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 Trainings start at 9:00am and are held at 4487 Lake Avenue Lockport, NY 14094

Pasture Walks, Orchard Walks, Farm Tours will be announced as scheduled. Please check our summer newsletter, website, or facebook page for more events.

For More Information on any of our events please visit [www.niagaraswcd.com](http://www.niagaraswcd.com) or call 716-434-4949 ext 4

**NCSW Board Meetings**

Board Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of almost every month. Please contact the office for more information.

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Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District & Eighteenmile Creek Great Lakes Area of Concern

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