

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



District-led tour for the Northeast Association of Conservation Districts at Butternut Creek High Slope on September 22nd, 2025

ONONDAGA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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SKANEATELES LAKE WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Year In Review – 2025

2025 was a very productive year for the District. Many grants were authored, and a significant amount of funding was secured. Projects were planned and implemented for both agricultural producers and highway departments. The District also provided support to landowners and residents who needed help addressing flooding and drainage concerns. Some landowners also received planting stock from the District to help stabilize eroding streambeds and banks.

Some highlighted accomplishments include nearly 9,000 acres of cover crops planted by farmers on harvested fields to help control erosion, keep nutrients in the soil, and ultimately keep clean water clean. This was a true team effort, as the District essentially purchased the seed and farmers planted these acres.

District staff also got out into the community to help educate residents, especially youth. One highlight was a live demonstration on manure spill response at the 100-year anniversary of the Future Farmers of America. The NYS FFA chapters held their annual convention at the NYS Fairgrounds in Syracuse in May, with hundreds of youths from across New York State in attendance.

New equipment was purchased in 2025 to help revegetate the County and address agricultural spills. Both efforts will help protect water quality!

The six Soil and Water Conservation Districts around Oneida Lake, with leadership from FLOWPA, were able to secure close to \$1 million in grant funding to help combat invasive species in the watershed. This is the first time in decades that the most underfunded watershed in Onondaga County has received such a significant amount of funding. The Coalition of the Finger Lakes will also infuse substantial funding for conservation projects in the Finger Lakes watersheds of Otisco and Skaneateles Lakes, as well as in the second most underfunded watershed in Onondaga County, the Seneca River watershed.

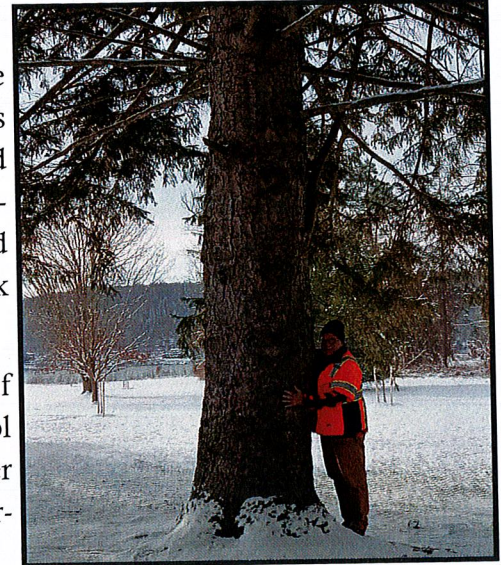
There is a lot of work to be done in 2026! District staff and the Board of Directors will be very busy getting these conservation dollars on the ground through projects that continue to protect water quality. We are also laser-focused on helping New York State achieve its goal of planting 25 million trees by 2030 to help address climate change.

Please know that your Soil and Water Conservation District is up for the challenge. We look forward to working with all our constituents in 2026. To learn more about all that the District accomplished in 2025, please enjoy reading through this annual report. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mark E. Burger

Executive Director, OCSWCD
Program Manager, City of Syracuse SLWAP



2025 Summary of Projects in Onondaga County and the Skaneateles Lake Watershed

Legend

- ★ DEC 4 Hour ESC Training
- ◆ Trees Planted
- Ash Tree Injections
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Treatment
- Ash Tree Removals
- ⊙ Tire Recycling
- Inspected Outfalls

- Water Chestnut Mechanical Harvest & Chemical Treatment
- Skaneateles Lake Watershed Boundary

District BMPs

- Cover Crops
- Nutrient Management
- Stream Stabilization
- WASCOB
- Heavy Use Area
- Roof Runoff Management

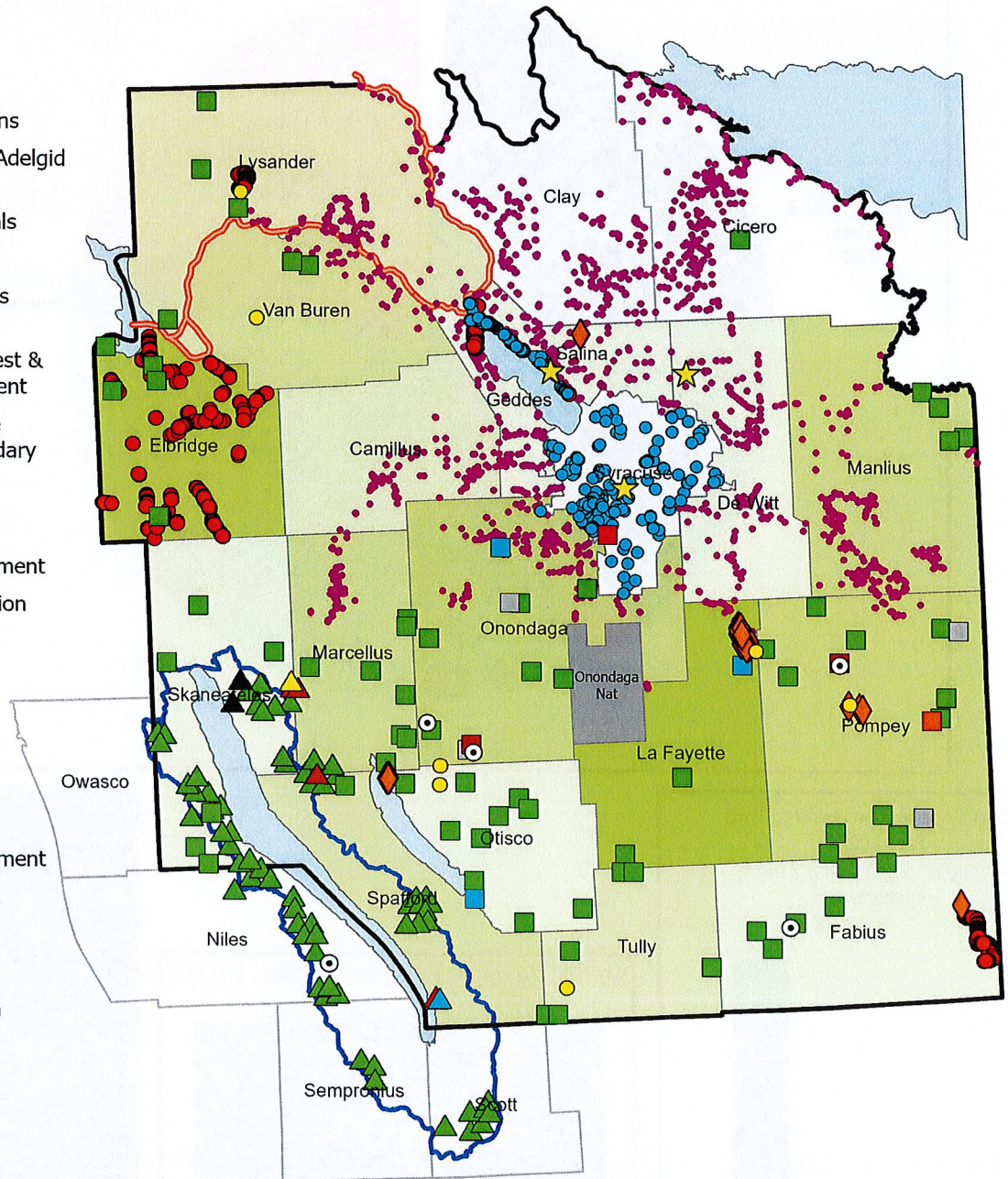
SLWAP BMPs

- ▲ Cover Crops
- ▲ Nutrient Management
- ▲ Stream Crossing
- ▲ WASCOB
- ▲ Diversion
- ▲ Wetland Creation
- △ Fence

County Hydroseeding

Square Feet

- 22,140
- 230,000
- 0



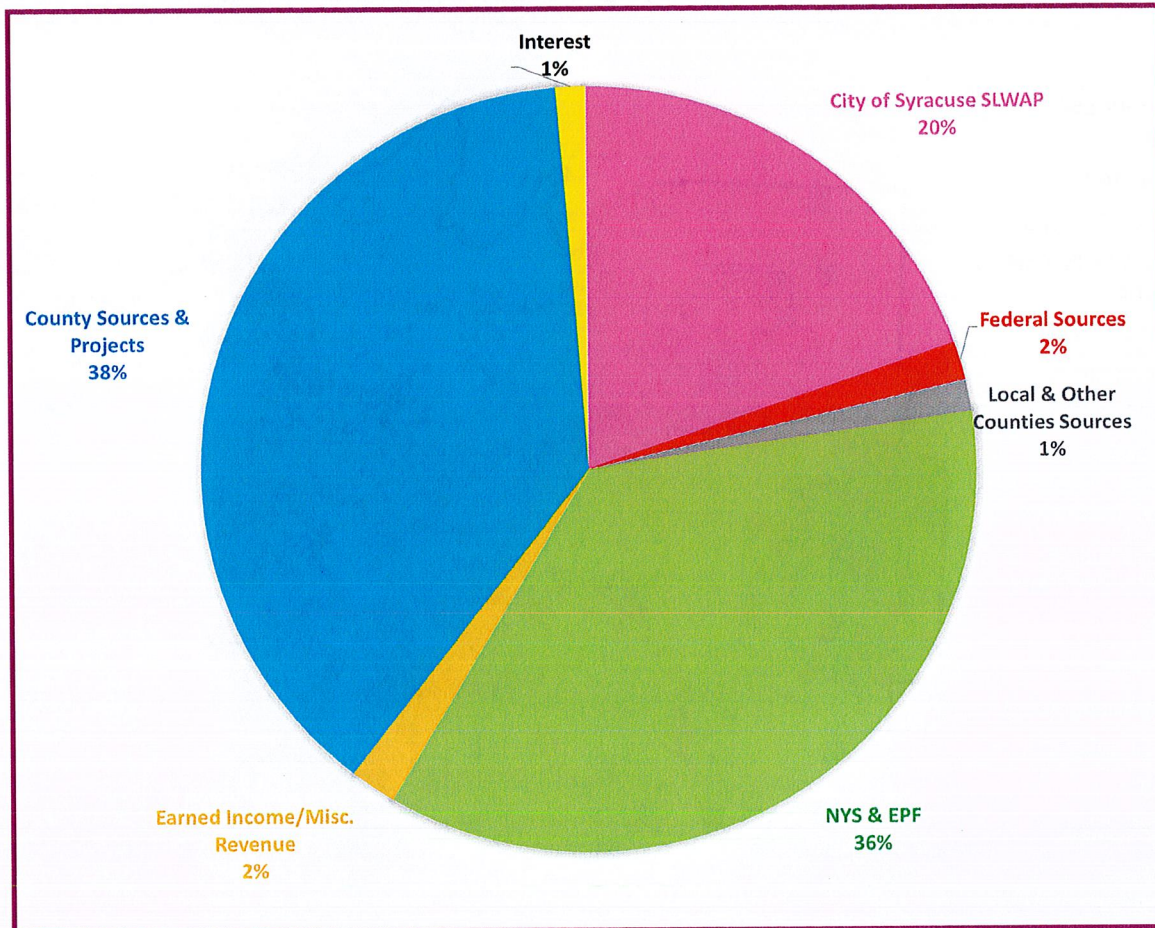
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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Conservation Funding Implemented in 2025

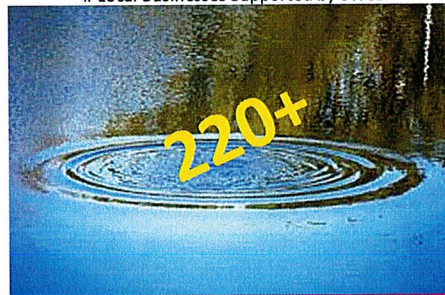


5 - Grant Applications Funded Thus Far - 2025
(Waiting on results from 7 more applications)



SWCD Support in Local Community

Local Businesses Supported by SWCD



In 2025, the District staff applied for 17 grants (NYS has not yet ranked the Climate Resilient Farming grants yet; we authored 7 applications for \$2.1 million).

The District / SLWAP secured \$1.61 million from the EPF Round 30 and another \$249,250 through a joint application with Finger Lakes Land Trust and the Town of Skaneateles.

A total of \$5.45 million in outside grant funding was applied for.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

SLWAP BMP Summary 2025

Best Management Practice	Landowners / Farms Assisted	Goals/Objectives of Projects	Total Cost	Units Implemented
Erosion Control – Structural	2	WASCOB, diversion, critical area seeding, stormwater attenuation basin (pond clean out)	\$50,839	1,050 LF Underground Outlet
Prescribed Rotational Grazing	1	Allows livestock to feed & water themselves while spreading their own organic manure nutrients – reduces agricultures carbon footprint	\$30,335	12,082 LF Fence Hydrant repair
Cover Crops	17	Soil Conservation System – Cultural	\$ 108,733	1,887 acres
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Nutrient Management – Cultural	2	Managing the amount, source, placement & timing of plant nutrient & soil amendment applications	\$3,800	183 Soil samples acres
Obstruction Removal / Tire Recycling	1	Agricultural waste tires are collected and recycled to be used as shredded aggregate for landfill leachate system or used for energy production and metal reclamation	\$4,468	~1,041 tires / 15 tons
Constructed Stormwater Wetland	2	Constructed wetlands are treatment systems that use natural processes involving wetland vegetation, soils, and their associated microbial assemblages to improve water quality.	\$232,304	~ 2 acres
Stream Corridor & Shoreline Management	1	Protect shoreline from erosion.	\$13,621	1 crossing
TOTAL	26		\$ 441,100	



Our Vision—The Skaneateles Lake watershed will be an environmentally sound region, where a viable agricultural industry and others benefiting from the lake work together harmoniously to improve and maintain a high standard of water quality.

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

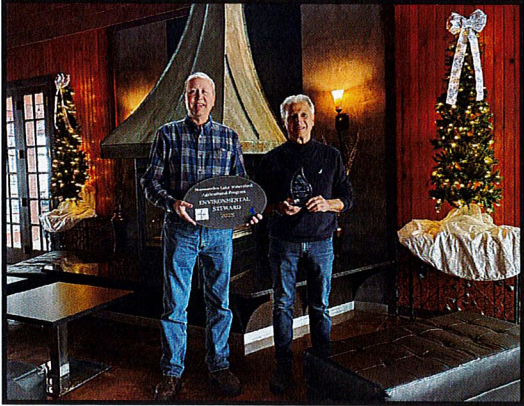
District BMP Summary - 2025

Best Management Practice	Landowners Assisted	Goals/Objectives of Projects	Total Cost	Units Implemented
Erosion Control – Structural	1	Diversion & underground outlet, critical area seeding	\$5,100	290 LF diversion 1 WASCOB
Prescribed Rotational Grazing	3	Allows livestock to feed & water themselves while spreading their own organic manure nutrients – reduces agricultural carbon footprint	\$65,993	6,488 LF Fence, 1 frost-free hydrants
Manure Nutrient Storage & Transfer	1	System designed for the collection, transfer and/or storage of agricultural livestock and recognizable process materials	\$9,978	Engineering reimbursement for 3 million gallons & LF of transfer, designs
Livestock Heavy Use Area Management	4	Interception, collection & safe treatment of runoff water from a barnyard	\$163,782	4,089 sq. ft.
Silage Leachate Control & Treatment	1	System for the collection, storage, treatment and beneficial reuse of nutrient effluents coming from storage of crops	\$225,680	1 System + Engineering Reimbursement
Tire Recycling	5	Agricultural waste tires are collected and recycled to be used as shredded aggregate for landfill leachate system or used for energy production and metal reclamation	\$24,414	86tons / 5,934 tires
Cover Crops	36	Soil Conservation System–Cultural	\$421,100	6,530 acres
Nutrient Management – Cultural	2	Managing the amount, source, placement & timing of plant nutrient & soil amendment applications	\$50	Soil samples Manure samples
Roof Runoff Management	1	Roof Runoff Structures use gutters, downspouts, and outlets to collect rainwater from farm buildings, preventing erosion, pollution (like manure runoff), and foundation damage, often connecting to storage tanks for irrigation/ livestock or directing water to stable outlets	\$12,772	305 LF
Stream Corridor Management	5	A system of vegetation, structures, biotechnology and management techniques to stabilize and protect stream channels, banks and shorelines to improve habitat	\$139,134	~1,500 LF of bank stabilization & ~14,000 Live stakes planted
TOTALS	59		\$1,068,003	

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

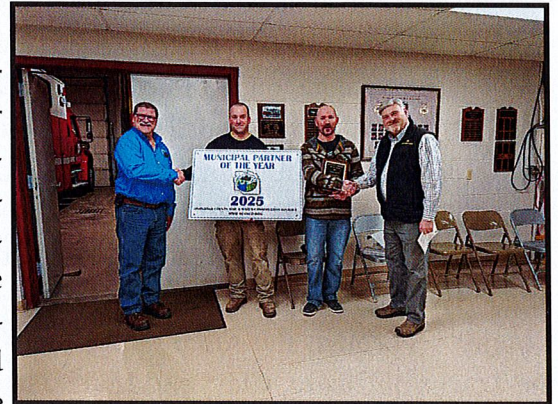


Anyela's Vineyard wins Environmental Steward Award 2025

Anyela's Vineyard has received the Skaneateles Lake Watershed Ag Program (SLWAP) Environmental Steward Award for decades of exemplary conservation efforts within the watershed. Owned by James and Patti Nocek, the farm has participated in the NYS Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program since 2000 and has implemented extensive best management practices, including stormwater controls, nutrient management planning, and integrated pest management. The vineyard emphasizes minimizing unnatural inputs while maximizing product quality and environmental protection, supported by tools such as a Cornell NEWA weather station and erosion-reducing practices. This award also recognizes Anyela's Vineyard's commitment to community engagement and positive neighbor relations.

Fabius VFD wins Municipality of the Year Award

The Fabius Volunteer Fire Department is recognized for providing emergency services protection to its community for the past 102 years. This award highlights the department's response to an overturned tractor trailer hauling liquid dairy manure on April 22, 2024, where first responders secured the scene, assisted the operator, and transitioned into spill response mode to protect Fabius Brook, a premier trout stream in Onondaga County. Working with a local farmer under the Unified Incident Command System, responders constructed multiple dikes to prevent additional runoff and mitigate environmental impacts. The department is also recognized for its long-standing commitment to public safety, environmental protection, preparedness training, and service to the community.



Carley Farms wins Conservation Farm of the Year Award

The Onondaga County SWCD presented the 2025 'Conservation Farm of the Year' award to Carley Farms. Dan Dimon and the rest of his family and crew have spent over twelve years making improvements to the to protect water quality and invest in the long term sustainability of the farm.



TERRESTRIAL INVASIVE SPECIES

2025 Ash Tree Summary

By Teresa Link, ISA Arborist

In response to the presence of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), Onondaga County has partnered with the District to implement the Onondaga County Ash Tree Management Strategy. In 2025, the District removed 3,958 ash trees from County rights-of-ways, parks, and other properties and 31 stumps have been ground. These cut locations included the Town of Elbridge, John Glenn Blvd, Beaver Lake Nature Center, Highland Forest, and Onondaga Lake Park. To date, a total of 34,435 ash trees have been removed that were a risk to public safety. High-function and high-value ash trees throughout the County are treated with systemic insecticides.



Before planting at Pratt's.

Trees are on a 2-3 year treatment cycle. 204 County Parks trees and 194 for the City of Syracuse were treated in 2025. The District replants non-ash, non-host trees in County parks to replace ash trees removed due to EAB. With assistance from state and federal grants, the District has planted 4,125 trees to date under the County's ash tree program. This year, District staff planted 220 bare root seedlings at Highland Forest, Pratt's Falls and Oneida Shores County Parks. 60 larger 1-2" caliper trees were also planted Jamesville Beach utilizing a USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant titled "Replanting Trees Lost to Emerald Ash Borer in Onondaga County". Through the same grant, the Village of Liverpool and the Towns of Cicero, Clay, and Marcellus planted 37 trees in 2025.



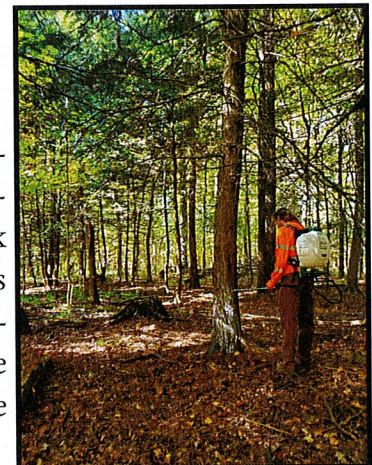
After planting at Pratt's.

The District fielded 7 technical assistance requests relating to trees and tree care in 2025.

2025 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Summary

By Teresa Link, ISA Arborist

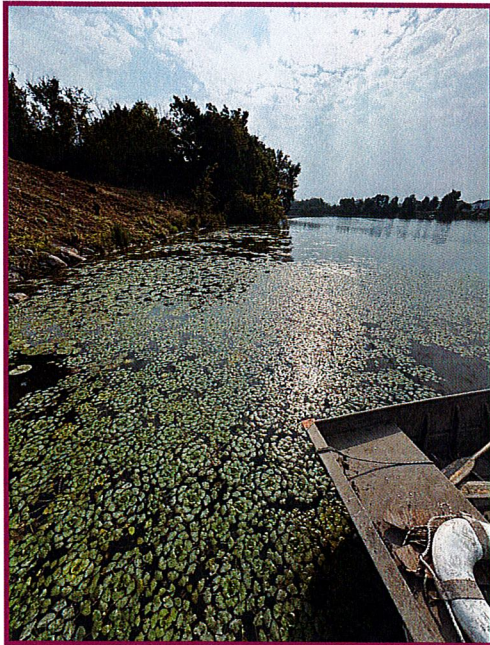
OCSWCD treated 1,405 hemlock trees in 2025 at Beaver Lake Nature Center, Pratt's Falls, Jamesville Beach, Whiskey Hollow (CNYLT), and properties in the Otisco Lake watershed. OCSWCD has been treating hemlock trees for hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) since 2021. This year's treatments were funded by OCWA and a USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant. The District utilizes a basal bark spray to treat each tree which lasts 5+ years. To date, the District has treated 4,694 hemlocks since the start of the program.



EAB/HWA intern, Owen Lalak, treats a hemlock tree.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

2025 Water Chestnut Season



Before handpulling.

Trapa natans, or European water chestnut, is a fast-spreading invasive aquatic plant that forms dense mats in lakes and slow-moving rivers. It thrives in shallow waters (2–10 feet deep), where rosettes grow up to a foot wide, forming mats that can cover entire acres. These mats block sunlight, displace native species, and hinder recreation. The plant produces hard, barbed seeds—or “nuts”—that resemble caltrops, remain viable in sediment for up to 10 years, and cling to animals, people, and gear, making them easy to spread and painful to step on. Control includes chemical treatment and mechanical or manual removal. Before the season began, Crew Trainer Ben Gephard completed what may be the region’s first formal literature review on chemical control of water chestnuts. The 2025 season started slowly due to a long winter and wet spring, delaying growth and equipment repairs. Notable growth didn’t occur until late June, when water temperatures reached ~72°F on June 25. Weekly temperature readings were taken at multiple sites from May

27 until late June, after which efforts shifted to mapping and removal.

Initial work focused on mapping mats in areas scheduled for harvesting or drone-based herbicide application. Hand-pulling began at JNS Marine, Foery Path, and Eno Point on Cross Lake. With a small three-person crew, efforts emphasized targeted removal and efficiency. Delayed growth affected harvest and treatment schedules. Originally set to finish by early June, harvesting didn’t begin until late June/early July, and the deadline was extended to July 18. Chemical treatment started the following Monday. Inconsistent plant growth led to a contract revision: harvest areas are now confirmed one day before work, with clarified mapping and removal timelines for contractors. Later in the season, most harvesting took place at J&S Marine, where dense populations allowed manual removal without motorized boats. A successful hand-pull at Muskrat Bay, in partnership with Oswego County SWCD, cleared the site in a single day. We also conducted fanwort surveys with NYS DEC and PRISM along the lower Seneca River and near Onondaga Lake—only a few specimens were found. By season’s end, roughly 46,165 lbs of water chestnuts had been manually removed. Nice work by all!



After handpulling.

YEAR-IN-REVIEW SUMMARIES

Stormwater Management 2025

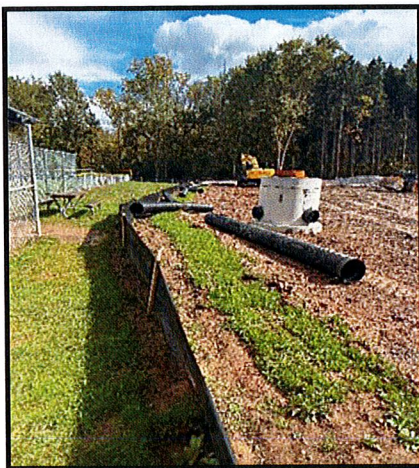
By Conor Larkin, Conservation District Technician

The Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District has worked alongside multiple different organizations throughout 2025 in assisting with compliance of the NYS DEC SPDES General Permit and implementing effective stormwater management practices. These objectives contribute toward the advancement in manipulation of stormwater infrastructure for permit compliance and improve the functionality of construction sites. This helps ensure that the environment is benefiting from our work through routine inspection of stormwater systems. In this ongoing effort, the Central New York Regional Planning Board and OCSWCD are helping Barton and Loguidice, an engineering and consulting firm, provide a very extensive data set of regional stormwater infrastructure to municipal employees. This data will be processed, and an interactive map will be produced so that each MS4 in Onondaga County can utilize it when inspecting and reporting for the SPDES permit. Also, OCSWCD and Onondaga County Water Environment Protection continue to meet inspection requirements for the U.S. EPA's Illicit



12" HDPE Pipe in Town of DeWitt.

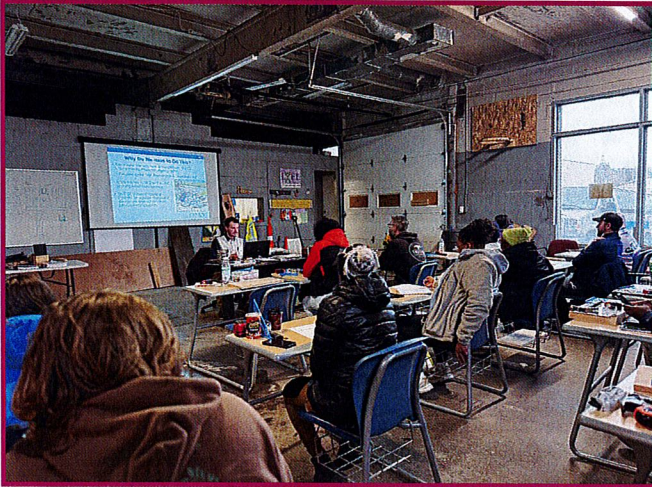
Inspected: 4/29/25



Stable perimeter silt fence at Hopkins Road Park. Inspected: 10/08/25

Discharge Detection and Elimination Program by providing annual monitoring location inspections. There were a total of 437 monitoring locations inspected for the year 2025, exceeding our goal of 400. These outfalls are monitored for infrastructural damage, illicit discharges, and any other concerning characteristics that may directly affect the surrounding environment. OCSWCD has also solidified a partnership with Onondaga County Facilities and Onondaga County Parks to carry out construction site SWPPP Inspections for three new projects. Nearly 30 SWPPP inspections have been completed at the Hopkins Road Park Improvements project. As construction continues, significant modifications and expansions to the sports fields are being made. Additionally, construction has just begun at the Onondaga Lake Marina. Several different improvements are being made including new docks, a fueling station and further reinforcement at the shoreline. As a neighbor of the Lake, OCSWCD will oversee the construction and prioritize high-quality erosion and sediment control practices throughout the duration of the project. Lastly, the District has accepted the responsibility of inspecting construction at the new Onondaga County Aquarium. As one of the largest and busiest projects the District has engaged in, and with such proximity to Onondaga Lake, SWPPP inspections are carried out efficiently and effectively. There have been 15 inspections completed and contractors are notified with 24 hours of any on-site concerns.

YEAR-IN-REVIEW SUMMARIES



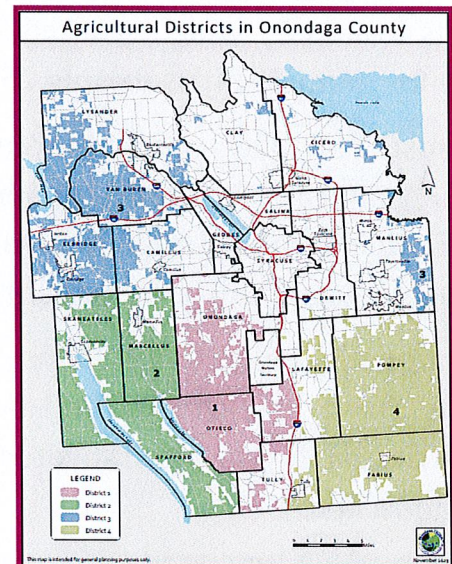
4hr ESC class being taught at Onondaga Earth Corps.

NYS DEC 4-hr ESC Class

There were 9 NYS DEC 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control classes taught to 165 students in 2025. Since the start of the program, OCSWCD staff have taught the class 200 times to 4,302 students.

Agricultural Assessments

In 2025, 87 soil group worksheets were generated for 2,553.61 acres of agricultural land to support agricultural land owners and producers with agricultural assessments.



Map from Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency



Packed orders lined up and ready for pickup.

2025 Tree Sale Complete

The 2025 OCSWCD tree sale distributed a total of **4605** trees and shrubs, **98** conservation packs, and **10** wildlife houses. A wide range of species were offered this year including some new species like **Lavender and Red Spruce**. Our best sellers were **White Spruce, Eastern White Cedar, and Swamp White Oak**. We strive to provide the best quality and size stock possible offering mostly 18-24” stock this year. Thank you to all who purchased products through our sale and let us know if you have any suggestions for the future.

YEAR-IN-REVIEW SUMMARIES

2025 Hydroseeding Summary

In 2025, the Onondaga County SWCD hydroseeding program successfully revegetated 39.2 acres of bare earth across Onondaga County (*Table 1*). This included approximately 32.1 miles of bare DOT road ditches, county and town parks, municipal properties, and farm BMPs.

This work was made possible through funding from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) grants Round 19 which covered 75% of the cost of the service, significantly reducing the price for municipalities to only 25%.

Hydroseeding plays a crucial role in improving water quality by stabilizing soil, reducing erosion, and minimizing sedimentation in waterbodies throughout the county. Exposed soil in ditches and disturbed areas can contribute to the loss of thousands of tons of soil annually. Establishing permanent vegetative cover can reduce soil loss by 50%–90%.

Additionally, revegetation helps combat the spread of invasive species, as many invasive plants thrive in disturbed and barren soil conditions. By quickly establishing native or more desirable vegetation, hydroseeding helps create a more resilient and ecologically stable landscape.

Through these efforts, the Onondaga County SWCD continues to promote soil conservation, water quality improvement, and sustainable land management across the region.

Watershed	Acreage	Estimated Miles of Road Ditch
Seneca River	9.90	7.99
Onondaga lake	14.04	10.57
Oneida River	0.00	0.00
Skaneateles Lake	3.16	3.85
Otisco Lake	1.52	1.53
Tioughnioga River	1.78	1.75
Oswego River	1.40	1.20
Chittenango Creek	7.38	5.23
Owasco Lake	0.01	0.01
TOTAL	39.19	32.14

Table 1. Summary of the total acreage, and estimated miles of road ditch revegetated for each watershed Onondaga Co. SWCD performed hydroseeding work in for the 2025 fiscal year.



Freshly hydroseeded soil at Highland Forest.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Mobile Dairy Experience brings the Farm to the City

The event, put on by Helping Hands Urban Farm Garden at Dr. King Elementary School, gave inner city children an opportunity to learn about what farmers do. Over 150 kids, from grades pre-K to 5th, attended the event. The experience allowed kids to be able to look at the dairy process up close, and to begin to understand what it takes to produce milk. Mike Atkins extends his thanks to OCSWCD and the Onondaga County Ag Council, saying, “we want to thank Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Onondaga County Ag Council who made this opportunity possible for kids to see what farming is about.” He goes on to share that the experience got the kids excited for OnFarm fest, coming up on September 20th.



Regional and State Envirothon 2025

Regional Envirothon was held on May 1st at Rogers Center in Sherburne, NY. Teams from high schools in Chenango, Madison, and Onondaga counties all competed to send a team per county to State Envirothon. The results are to the left. State Envirothon was held on May 28th and 29th at SUNY Cortland. Teams from high schools across the state all competed to move on to Nationals. Congratulations to Skaneateles High School for placing 3rd at the State competition.



Volunteers from different Soil and Waters at NYS Envirothon on May 29th.

LEGISLATIVE DAYS

Legislative Days 2025



Members of Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District 2025 Legislative Days Team, Eric Brayman, Mike McMahon, Mark Burger, and Danny Kite (*all pictured above with Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli*) travelled to Albany on March 4th and 5th to say “thank you” to our elected officials for their continued support of conservation funding and to advocate for their support and partnership in the future for clean water and a healthy climate.

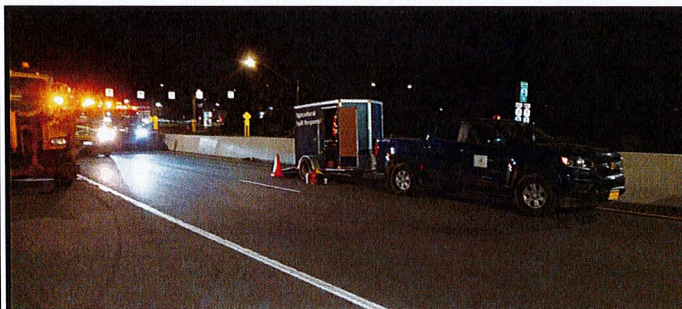
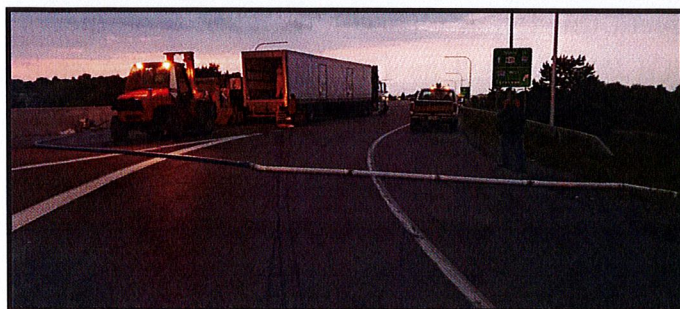


DISTRICT PROJECTS

Spilled Milk

By Mark Burger, Executive Director

On Friday, June 13, 2025, the Onondaga County SWCD Agricultural Spill Response trailer was requested by the NYS DEC to assist on the scene of an overturned 18-wheel-semi loaded with 60 pallets of containerized milk. OCSWCD used their new diaphragm pump, soft hose and load pipes to pump the spilled milk out of the overturned trailer and storm drain, into a grass filter area. These efforts protected the South Branch of Ley Creek in the Onondaga Lake Watershed. The goal was to keep milk out of the water, as milk increases the biological oxygen demand and subsequently reduces the amount of oxygen in the water that the aquatic life depends on for survival.



Scenes from the 6/13/2025 milk spill incident. Left: pipes pump spilled milk out of affected area and into grass filter area. Right: District vehicle equipped with Ag Spill trailer.



Hydroseeding at Highland

By Andrew Hudnut, Resource Conservation Specialist

In early June, our hydroseeding crew worked with the Onondaga County Parks staff to help bring new life to the recently built playground at Highland Forest. The first photo shows the hydroseeded site right after application. The second photo, taken about six weeks later, shows the vibrant green grass that now surrounds the new playground—making it a more inviting and comfortable place for families to enjoy.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

Fall Plantings Across the County

By Teresa Link, ISA Arborist

The District completed our USDA Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant for planting 1-2" trees at Jamesville Beach County Park and Carpenter's Brook Hatchery. In 2025, we planted 60 trees at Jamesville Beach County Park. We also partnered with the Towns of Cicero, Clay, Marcellus, and the Village of Liverpool to plant 100 trees through the two-year grant. In total, this grant helped plant over 260 trees and will help to intercept 52,000 gallons of stormwater runoff over 2.6 acres.

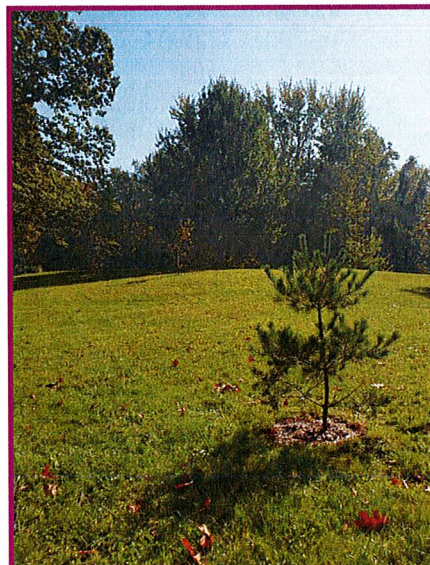
OCSWCD also held one volunteer tree planting event this fall at Otisco Lake Park. Volunteers from the Otisco Lake Preservation Association (OLPA) as well as District and OCWA staff planted 16 trees on a rainy Saturday in only two hours. Overall, 49 1-2" trees and 4' shrubs were planted at the park to help mitigate stormwater and beautify the park.

The District participated in the Erie Canal's Bicentennial Voyage and voyage of the Erie Canal Boat the *Seneca Chief*. The *Seneca Chief* arrived at Onondaga Lake Park on October 4th. A white pine tree was planted at each of the 28 stops along its journey as a tribute to the Haudenosaunee. The white pine from the event was planted at Longbranch park in perfect sandy soils.

Lastly, district staff planted a dozen trees at Hopkins Road County Park as part of the ongoing improvements to the athletic fields. The trees consisted of red maple, redbud, black gum, white oak, and American elm.



OLPA volunteers alongside District and OCWA staff planted 16 trees at Otisco Lake Park.



White pine from Erie Canal Bicentennial Voyage event.



Trees before planting at Otisco Lake Park.

SKANEATELES LAKE WATERSHED

Manure Gas Meter Training

On September 2nd, the Ag and Hydroseeding staff participated in training by rep Michael Sciortino from DiVal safety in Buffalo NY. The District purchased one 5-gas meter and seven single gas meters. The meters are to be worn every time ag staff are on site at farms they work with and the hydroseeding crew when they do revegetation projects on farms where manure gases may be present.



Above: District Ag and Hydroseeding staff learn how to operate the manure gas meters.

No-till Drill Equipment Rental

By Eric Jensen, Resource Conservation Specialist

The Ag equipment rental program has made no-till technology available to farms in the watershed and around Onondaga County for the past 16 seasons. No-till farming practices have many benefits including increased soil organic matter, enhanced rainfall infiltration, and improved soil structure and soil health. These all lead to minimized storm water runoff and reduced soil erosion. Cover crops planted after harvest augment all these farm soil benefits and retain soil nutrients for the next crop season. In 2025, our drill was rented out to 15 farms, and used on 397 acres in the watershed. Our 2024 Esch 5612 no-till drill rental is available @ \$15/acre on a first come/first served basis to qualified farmers with a minimum 100 hp tractor with 2 pairs of hydraulic connections. A certificate of insurance is required. A delivery/set up fee of \$100, which includes a seed rate calibration if seed and tractor are available at time of delivery, will be charged. The 12-foot working width of the no-till drill works great for hay/pasture seedings, soybeans, winter grains, and planting of cover crops! For more information on Ag equipment rental, contact the SLWAP & Onondaga County Soil & Water Conservation District office location at 6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway, Liverpool at (315) 457-0325.



Above: 2024 Esch 5612 No-Till Drill.

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Our Vision—The Skaneateles Lake watershed will be an environmentally sound region, where a viable agricultural industry and others benefiting from the lake work together harmoniously to improve and maintain a high standard of water quality.

Our Mission—To carry out a cost-effective, innovative program for the farming community that upholds the high