



PROTECTING WATER QUALITY – *RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS IN THE OWASCO LAKE WATERSHED*

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WHO IS THE CAYUGA COUNTY SWCD?

- Contractual County Agency, Established on August 08, 1944
- Dedicated and Hardworking Staff of 14 individuals
- Important link between state and regional natural resource programs and local landowners and farmers
- Work with Municipal and Private Landowners
- Technical Assistance for Planning and Engineering of Conservation Practices
- Best Management Practice (BMP) Implementation Oversight
- Seek Grant Opportunities (Ag & Mkts, DEC, USDA-NRCS, etc) to get conservation on the ground

ON GOING CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE

- Agricultural Environmental Management Program (AEM)
- Erosion & Sediment Control 4 Hour Contractor Training Course
- Soil Group Worksheets for Ag Assessments
- Site Visits – Erosion, Drainage, Flooding, Etc.
- Site Information – Soils, Wetlands, Flood Zone Maps, Etc.
- Septic System Inspection & Design
- Spring Tree and Shrub Program
- Fish Pond Stocking Program (Spring, Summer & Fall)

CURRENT STORMWATER AND STREAM GRANTS

FUNDING SOURCE - NYS WQIP

• Critical Area Stabilization – Closed out 6/19	\$125,075.00
• Owasco Watershed Road Ditch - 2015	\$302,500.00
• Owasco Watershed Shoreline and Streambank – 2017	\$584,712.50
• Owasco Inlet Streambank – 2017	\$350,000.00
• Cayuga County Flood Resiliency – 2017	\$375,000.00
• Cayuga County Streambank – 2018	\$475,000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,087,212.50

CREAM HOLLOW RD BANK STABILIZATION (*NILES*)

TOTAL COST \$13,040.⁵⁴

BEFORE



AFTER



HYDROSEEDING



- 2018: 24 Loads or ~6-8 miles
- 2019: 79 Loads or ~20-26 miles



STREAM/ROAD BANK STABILIZATION (*NILES*)

TOTAL COST \$13,623.⁷⁴

BEFORE



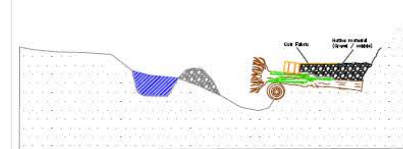
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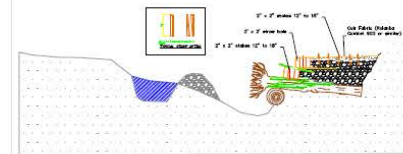
TOEWOOD PROTECTION- DUTCH HOLLOW SITE



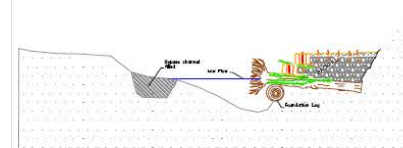
Toewood Typical Installation (Sheet 2 of 2)



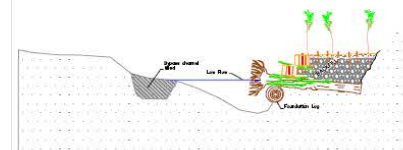
Backfill behind the bale with native material. Wrap fabric over the bale and over the new fill.



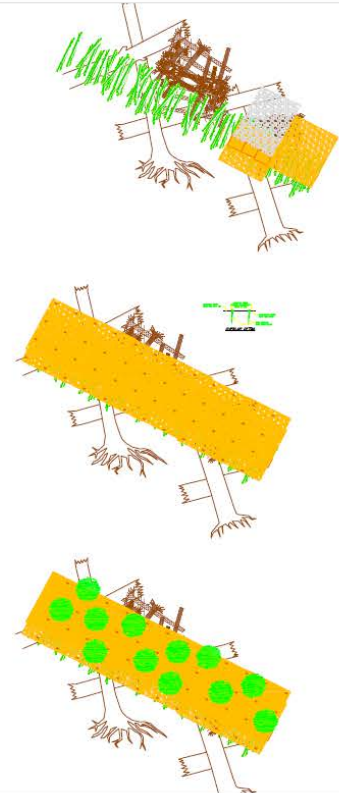
Build another soil lift above the first and set back 18"-24" from the lower lift using the same procedures as above. Stake with 2" hardwood stakes at 3' intervals ensuring that areas of fabric overlap are staked through both pieces of fabric.



Restore flow to the new channel. Remove the temporary "berm" using the material to fill the bypass channel. Assume that the point bar slope is consistent with pool cross sections.



After staking the banks should be planted to design specifications, typically with live stakes, and / or bare-root stock, and / or containerized plant material. Care should be taken in design to ensure that species selected are native and typical in nearby reference riparian zones.



TOEWOOD PROTECTION ON DUTCH HOLLOW BR.

TOTAL COST \$36,365.⁰⁹

BEFORE



AFTER



OWASCO INLET BANK STABILIZATION (LOCKE)

TOTAL COST \$60,000.⁰⁰



FIRELANE 20 DITCH STABILIZATION (*NILES*)

TOTAL COST \$9,932.⁹³

BEFORE



AFTER



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

NON-AGRICULTURE

- Church Road Ditch Stabilization
- Wycoff Road Ditch Stabilization
- Hicks Road Ditch Stabilization
- Stone School Road Ditch Stabilization
- Harris Hill Road Ditch Stabilization
- Richardson Hill Road Culvert Project
- Hemlock Creek Bank Stabilization
- Fire Lane 24 E Stream Stabilization
- Oak Hill Rd/Moravia Flooding
- Fire Lane 3 W Road Ditch Stabilization

SOIL CONSERVATION SYSTEM- COVER CROPS

16 farms participated covering 7,205 total acres. Total Investment - \$385,755.⁷⁰



INTER-SEEDING COVER CROPS - METHODS

Tractor mounted unit



Converted air flow distribution



INTER-SEEDING COVER CROPS - RESULTS

Tillage radish planted into soybeans



Radish and ryegrass planted into corn



REDUCED TILLAGE MANAGEMENT

6,200 ac of reduced tillage management implemented



Less passes= less erosion & more organic matter, over time. \$134,416.00



PRESCRIBED GRAZING MANAGEMENT (*MORAVIA*)

OWASCO LAKE ENHANCED WATERSHED ACTION PLAN

TOTAL COST \$117,261.⁹⁰

Exclusion Fence



Watering System



WATER AND SEDIMENT CONTROL BASIN (WASCOB)

TOTAL COST \$12,000.⁰⁰

Constructed Berm with Drop Inlet



Vegetative Berm with Drop Inlet



GRASSED WATERWAY

TOTAL COST \$7,192.⁵⁰

BEFORE



AFTER



WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

AGRICULTURE

- Continued AEM Program Promotion and Expansion
- Conservation Planning
- Cover Crops
- Grass Waterways
- WASCOBs
- Conservation Tours
- Prescribed Grazing Management
- Retention Basins

WE WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT ALWAYS
WITH THE SAME GOAL:

*TO PROTECT, IMPROVE AND CONSERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES
THAT ARE VITAL TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US!*

~THANK YOU~



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