# WYOMING COUNTY

Soil & Water Conservation District



Conservation doesn't cost, it pays!



2006 ANNUAL REPORT

# Accomplishments 2006

Individuale Assistad	620
Individuals Assisted Government Units Assisted	630
	107
Ag Value Assessments	75 parcels
Trees sold by District	31,060
Tile Drainage Installed	17,030 feet
Waterways Installed	1380 feet
AEM Tier 1 Completed	38
AEM Tier 2 Completed	35
AEM Tier 3A Plans	20
Silage Leachate Systems	Installed 4
Silage Leachate Systems	Planned 3
Nutrient Management Plans	4 plans/1534 acres
Ag Waste Storage Facilities	Planned 5
Ag Waste Storage Facilities	Installed 5
Ag Waste Transfer Systems	2
Pond Site Reviews	13 sites
Streambank Stabilization	1910 feet
Stream Sites Reviewed	28 sites
SWCD General Stream Permit	5 permits
Critical Area Seeding	13.25 acres
Grazing Management Assistance	15 farms
Dry Hydrants Installed	1 installed
EQIP Contracts	13 Contracts
Conservation Tillage Systems	18,325 acres
Barnyard Runoff Management System	Planned 1
Soils Stewardship Churches & Schools	6
Open Ditch	1316 feet
Culvert Evaluations	8 sites
Cover Crop	7149 acres
Pest Management	32 Farms/50,000 acres
Underground Outlet	450 feet



EQIP Conservation Innovation Grant
Robert Boldt & Marvin Luders Compost Bedded Pack
Barn "An Environmentally Friendly Combination
of Waste Storage & Animal Housing".



Letchworth State Park Water Supply Protection Grant Bunk Silo Leachate Collection System at Halo Farms, Town of Castile.



Genesee River Ag BMP Grant & EQIP Concrete Manure Storage Tank at Hi-Land Farm.







Methane Digesters - NYSERDA Grant to the Town of Perry, Sunny Knoll Farm and Emerling Farms

# Agricultural Best Management Practices



Surface inlets constructed at Dueppengiesser Dairy Company in Perry.



Heifer feeding facility at Ed Koerner's Farm in the Town of Pike.



Concrete manure storage tank constructed at Hi-Land Dairy in Middlebury.

In 2006, Wyoming County received an additional \$395,000 in Federal Funds for Agricultural Projects through EQIP.



Agricultural Environmental Management Strategic Plan

New York State Department of Ag & Markets provides \$40,000 for the implementation of AEM.

NYS Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement & Control Program

Wyoming County SWCD currently administers over \$2.6 million in water quality funds for Agricultural BMP's in the following watersheds:

- **Buffalo Creek**
- East Koy/Wiscoy Creek
- Oatka Creek
- Tonawanda Creek
- Genesee River
- Letchworth State Park Public Water Supply



Soil & Water Conservation Districts



Boring under road for silage leachate transfer pipe to filter strip at Broughton Farms.



Livestock laneway constructed at Table Rock farms in Castile.



Nutrient Management demonstration at R.L. Jeffres Farm.



Silage leachate collection system at Old Acres Farm in the Town of Perry.

#### Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)

- Provided grazing land assistance to several Wyoming County dairy producers.
- Secured funding for the Jillson Road ditch stabilization project in the Town of Attica.
- Secured funding for the Exchange Street culvert stabilization site in Attica.
- Assisted the Town of Bennington Highway Department in seeking funding for Schoellkopf Road stabilization project.



Rock streambank protection along the Buffalo Creek in the Town of Java.



Gabion baskets installed on Brown Brook to protect Michigan Road in the Town of Java.



SWCD and Town Highway personnel installing straw erosion control blankets at Luther Grove Road near Silver Lake.

# 2006 HIGHLIGHTS

- Added 2 CNMP Specialists with NYS Dept. Ag & Markets
- Continued Support of the WNY Water Quality Specialist
- Continued Assistance to CAFO Farms & CNMP Planners
- Provided Resource Information for Wind Turbine Projects
- Agriculture Pesticide Clean Sweep Program
- Completed 3 Water Quality Mini-grant Projects
  - ✓ Highway Erosion & Sediment Demonstration Project
  - ✓ Java Lake Septic System Study
  - ✓ GAP Analysis of Local & State Stormwater Management Requirements for Selected Municipalities

# STREAM ROADBANK STABLIKANON PROJECTS



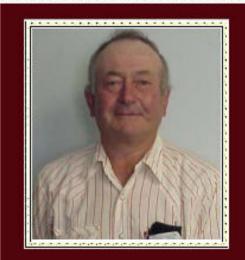
Permanent reinforcement turf with coconut fiber coir log check dams at Luther Grove Road.



Streambank stabilization project completed on the Wiscoy Creek at the Wyoming County Fairgrounds.



Hydroseeded bridge site at Sowerby Road in the Town of Castile.



# In Memory

The Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District Staff and Directors were saddened by the passing of Kyle Glosser.

Mr. Glosser was Supervisor of the Town of Orangeville. He served as the Supervisor Representative to the Soil & Water District Board from 1979 to 1981 and again in 2004 and 2005. Kyle will be greatly missed.



Hydroseeding along Centerline Road in the Town of Sheldon.

# 2006 Conservation Farm of the Year



Each year the Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District recognizes a farm which has excelled in conserving our soil and water resources by installing Best Management Practices on their farm to prevent soil erosion and improve water quality. This year's Conservation Farm of the Year was awarded to R.L. Jeffres Farms & Sons, Inc. of Wyoming, NY.

Jeffres Farm was started in 1914 and is now being operated by the 4<sup>th</sup> generation.

- Lawrence Jeffres was the first Wyoming County District cooperator, agreement signed in 1941. (Robert Jeffres father)
- They own approximately 2500 acres and rent an additional 5000.
- The Jeffres are partners with Synergy, LLC dairy which milks about 2000 cows.

- They own Jeffres Ag Service which sells fertilizer, seed, inoculants and corn for burning in stoves.
- Pod Squad LLC is their pea harvesting and trucking company which harvests approximately 4500 acres of peas for Birds Eye Foods every year.
- About 50,000 tons of corn silage is chopped and delivered to local dairies by Jeffres Farms.
- They also grow vegetables and cash crops such as: sweet corn, beets, carrots, wheat, dry beans, rye, and snap beans.
- In 2006 they started growing organic crops.

Congratulations to R.L. Jeffres Farms & Sons, Inc.

# **Conservation Education Programs**

- Wyoming County Dairy Festival
- Water Quality Tour & Picnic
- Erosion and Sediment Control Training
- Trailside Envirothon
- NYS Envirothon at SUNY Oswego
- Wyoming County 4H Shrub Program
- Methane Digester Open House
- Wyoming County Fair
- Conservation Farm of the Year

- Java Lake Study public meeting
- FL-LOWPA Watersheds & Lake Management Workshop
- NYACD Legislative Day
- Production Agriculture Expo
- CAFO Road Show
- Farmland Production Board
- All-Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Learn to Fish Day
- AEM Cable TV Program



Best Wishes to District Conservationist, Brian Timothy in his Retirement. Greg McKurth -Left, Brian Timothy -Right



2006 Trailside Envirothon group photograph.



Students study Forestry at the Trailside Envirothon.



Warsaw Central School, 2006 Trailside Envirothon, Wyoming County winners.



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