

Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds receive Funding for Sediment Control Projects

Genesee, Monroe, and Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation Districts have received \$536,000.00 of funding through the Great Lakes Commission Erosion and Sediment Control Program to complete erosion and sediment control projects on agricultural land in the Oatka and Black Creek Watersheds. The funding will cover approximately 75% of the total project cost with a 25% landowner match, which can be provided as cash or as in kind services. The Black and Oatka Creek Erosion & Sediment Control Project is a three year program, allowing three years for project completion.

There are several different types of best management practices that can be utilized to reduce sedimentation and soil erosion. The practices can range from agronomic practices such as conservation tillage, cover cropping, stream bank buffer areas, or planned grazing, to structural practices such as streambank stabilization, grade control structures, water ways, and water and sediment control basins. All of these projects will reduce sedimentation and improve water quality in the Genesee River and Lake Ontario Watershed Basins.

The three Soil and Water Districts are also currently working to secure funding through the New York State Round 17 Ag Non-Point Source Pollution Program to supplement the 25% match resulting in decreased landowner costs. The funding provides a great opportunity to help the agricultural community address soil loss and sediment erosion while continuing to practice environmental stewardship. If you are interested in learning more about this program please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District: Wyoming County – (585) 786-5070, Genesee County (585) 343-2362, Monroe County (585) 473-2120.

This map shows the Black and Oatka Creek Watersheds in Genesee, Wyoming, and Monroe Counties.

