



# WYOMING COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Success at the 2022 Wyoming County Envirothon



Hosted at Letchworth State Park, the Trailside Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education program for high school students. Ten student teams from Letchworth, Cuba Rushford, and Fillmore schools honed critical thinking skills as they answered questions and conducted hands-on investigation of environmental issues in five categories: Soils/ Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and this year's environmental issue topic of Sustainable Waste Management. The winning teams from each county then move on to participate at the New York State Envirothon, with the chance to compete for a scholarship award. We would like to thank all participating schools, volunteers, and instructors for another successful year!



*If you have any questions or would like to participate in next year's Trailside Envirothon, please reach out to your local Soil and Water Conservation District:*

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**GENESEO**  
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

## A New Partnership with SUNY Geneseo

Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District is partnering with Dr. Suann Yang of SUNY Geneseo's Biology Department to better understand the health and quality of streams and water in the county. This is being done by looking at past stream data and using statistical analysis to find correlations between water quality and the conditions that affect it. These findings will help the district devote time and resources where it is most needed in the county and will also aid in the continual development of our water quality monitoring program.



Think You've Spotted It? Report Giant Hogweed to NYS DEC at  
845-256-3111 or Email ghogweed@dec.ny.gov.

# How To Identify Giant Hogweed

## Flowers

- Numerous small white flowers cluster into a flat-topped "umbrella" up to 2½ feet across
- Late June/July

## Height

- 8 to 14 feet tall when flowering

## Leaves

- Lobed, deeply cut, up to 5 feet across

## Stem

- Hollow, ridged, up to 4 inches across, with purple blotches and coarse white hairs circling the stem, especially at the base of the leaf stalks



## PLANTS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR GIANT HOGWEED



### Cow Parsnip

Shorter (5'-8' tall) and more slender; stem ridged, with fine hairs; green or may have a purplish hue, but not blotched; smaller, flat-topped flower cluster. May cause burns.



### Angelica

Usually shorter (4'-9' tall); stem smooth and waxy, green to purple (not blotched); flower cluster softball-size and shape; compound leaves made up of smaller leaflets. May cause burns.



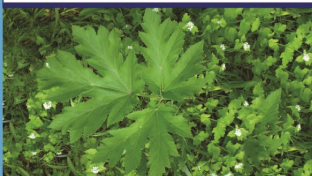
### Queen Anne's Lace

Shorter (1' - 3' tall) with smaller flower clusters (up to 4" across); lacy, fern-like leaves.



### Wild Parsnip

Shorter (up to 5' tall); green, hairless stem with grooves; flower cluster yellowish-green. DON'T TOUCH! CAN CAUSE SEVERE BURNS.



See additional similar plants at [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/72766.html)



## Crow Creek Trout Connectivity Restoration Project



**DEC Surveying Trout**

Wyoming County SWCD has provided assistance to the Buffalo - Niagara Waterkeeper, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Trout Unlimited in the implementation of a new culvert on Crow Creek in order to restore trout habitat connectivity. Prior to construction, trout were surveyed via electroshocking both upstream and downstream of the current culvert and moved downstream of the construction area. 74 adult trout were found downstream, while only 4 were found upstream of the current culvert— proving the need for better connectivity. A 14 ft steel culvert was installed in addition to 7 LUNKERS (trout habitat structures) and grade control structures, while re-aligning the stream properly. Overall, this project was a collaborative success amongst various environmental agencies, the Town of Orangeville, and the Wyoming County Highway Department.



**Culvert Construction**



**Backfilled Culvert**



**Hydroseeded Site**

## Silver Lake Watershed Water Quality Improvement Project

### Featuring Silver Haven Farm

Funded through Round 25 of the NYS Ag & Markets Agricultural Non-Point Source Abatement and Control Program, Silver Haven Farm installed a 2.9-million-gallon concrete waste storage, reception pit, transfer lines and pumps.

These best management practices will all reduce nutrient and sediment pollution in the surrounding watershed by allowing the farm to apply manure under the most ideal conditions, thereby reducing the amount of runoff that may reach the surrounding tributaries and ultimately reach Silver Lake. Silver Haven Farm has a long standing relationship with the SWCD and has continually striven to be on the forefront of farming and environmental stewardship.





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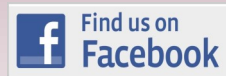
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