

WYOMING COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



The Mission of the Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote wise management of our natural resources through a wide variety of quality conservation and educational programs.

Wyoming County SWCD provides technical assistance on soil, water, and related natural resources to municipalities, farmers, and landowners who utilize the information to make sustainable land use decisions and protect water resources.

The Wyoming County SWCD works with many stakeholders to secure cost share funding to complete Best Management Practices on farms, implement water quality improvement projects, and stream channel restorations.



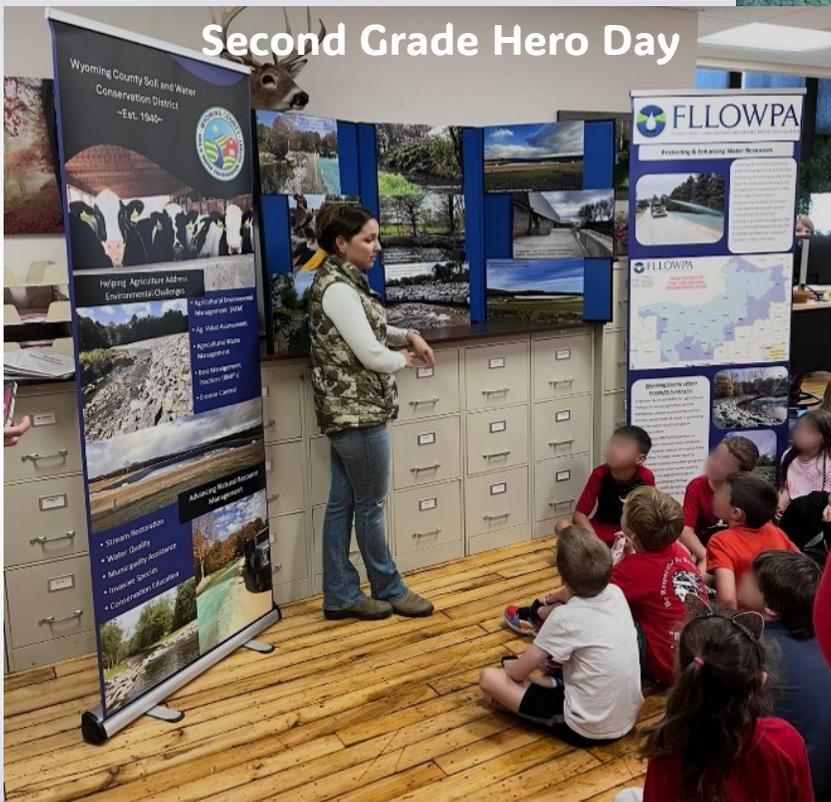
Ronnie Raindrop making new friends at the Wyoming County Fair!



**Streambank
Protected**



Road Ditch Stabilization



Second Grade Hero Day



Vegetated Treatment Area



**Satellite
Waste
Storage**



Fairview Rd. - Town of Castile

83 Feet of Erosion Control:

This project utilized an erosion control material called Flexamat. This is a mesh erosion fabric with small concrete prisms.

The channel was reshaped and field stone was removed. After rolling out the Flexamat in the reshaped channel, the District hydroseeded the channel and staked erosion socks in the grass swale to prevent runoff into the lake.

Utilized FL-LOWPA funds - Total Project Cost: \$12,674.44

Invasive Species Management



A-Tip Control Inc. applying herbicide

The District utilized FL-LOWPA funds to support the treatment of invasive Japanese Knotweed on the Wiscoy and East Koy Creeks.

Costs in 2025 included contracting A-Tip Control Inc. for herbicide application and the purchase of a new Brush Cutter.



District Manager investigating Giant Hogweed spotted from the roadside.

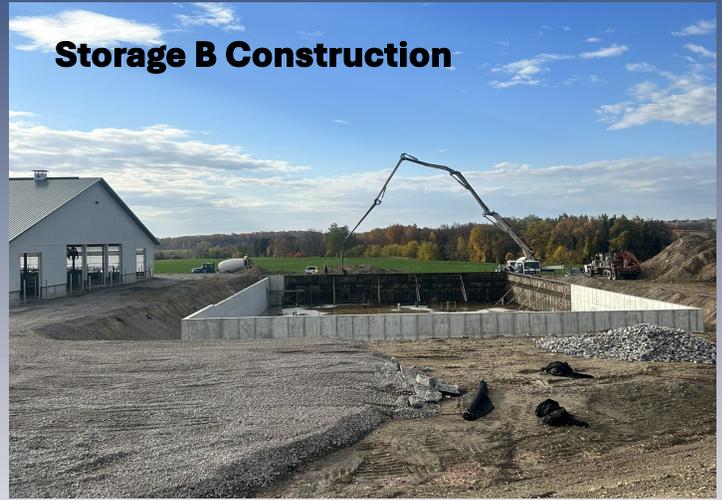


Armson Farms Waste Storage and Transfer System

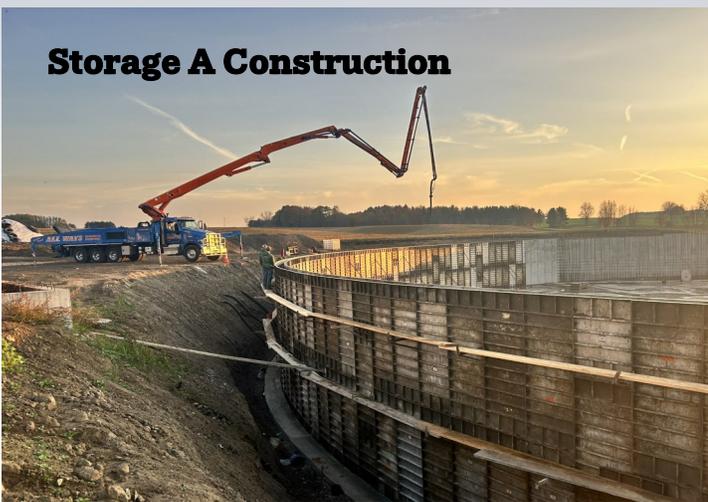
Existing Earthen Storage



Storage B Construction



Storage A Construction



Completed Storage B



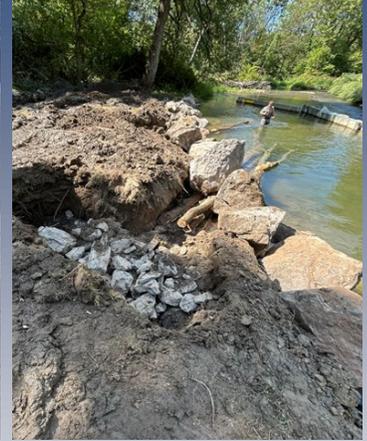
Armson Farms completed a multi-component project in order to improve the water quality in the Genesee River Watershed. The farm's existing earthen manure storage was undersized and had exceeded its lifespan.

Therefore, the project included the closure of the existing earthen storage, and the installation of two new concrete manure storage structures with respective transfer systems that would provide the farm with a total of 5.4 – million – gallons of waste storage. This project also included the establishment of a 0.5 acre riparian buffer.

Completed Storage A



Wiscoy Creek Log Jam Construction and Installation

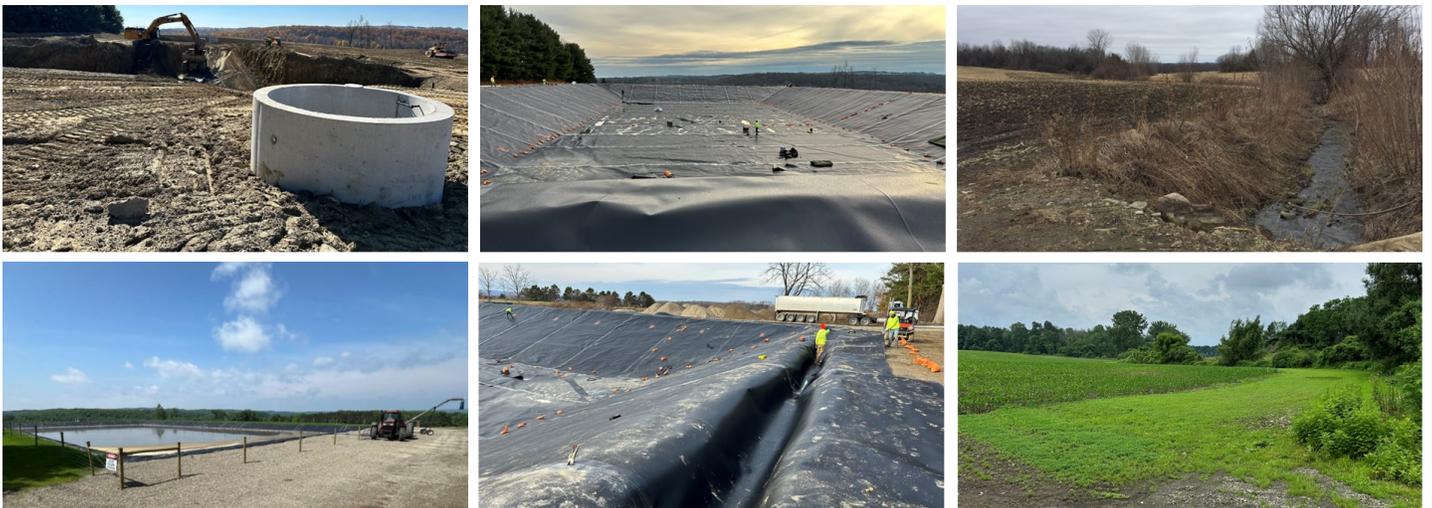


Camp Samwood – Wiscoy Creek

- 120 feet of streambank stabilization and aquatic habitat restoration
- Engineered log jams were embedded and anchored in the bank for aquatic habitat
- The engineered log jams were comprised of five 20 foot logs cabled together
- The logs were acquired through a timber harvest taking place in the county forest and the County Highway Dept delivered the logs to the project site
- Willow live stakes were installed after all bank work was complete
- The District came in once the site was dry to hydroseed all disturbed ground
- DEC came back late fall to do a tree planting
- Funding was provided by Wyoming County SWCD, US Fish & Wildlife and DEC Fisheries
- Total Project Cost: \$54,182.12



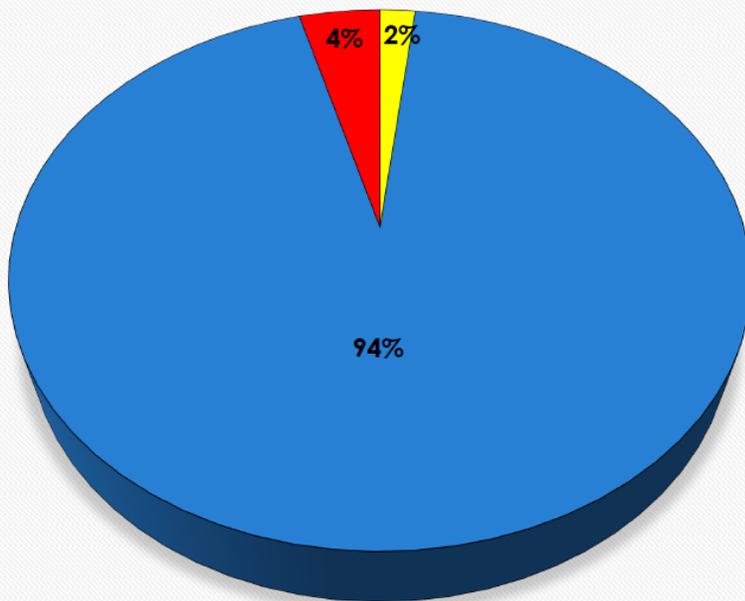
Broughton Farm Operation – Satellite Waste Storage Project



2025 Accomplishments

- 330 Individuals Assisted
- Distributed 240 Trees and Shrubs
- 48 Completed Map Requests
- 43 Agricultural BMPs Applied
- 1731.5 AEM Hours Assisting Farms
- 120 Feet of Streambank Protected
- 10.4 Million Gallons of Waste Storage
- 93 Agricultural Value Assessments
- 2 Riparian Herbaceous Buffers
- 41 Government Agencies Assisted
- 5.5 Acres of Invasive Species Management
- 14 Hydroseeding Projects

Wyoming County SWCD Funding Sources



■ County Funds
 ■ State Funds
 ■ Federal Funds

During 2025, Wyoming County Soil & Water Conservation District leveraged \$11,740,147.00 for the \$204,125 investment from the County.

This represents a \$57.51 return for each dollar in County Appropriation Funds to complete conservation initiatives for Wyoming County.



2025 Conservation Farm of the Year

The Conservation Farm of the Year Award is an award that the District Staff and Board Members put considerable thought into selecting each year. It is an award that recognizes not only the farm's effort to implement best management practices that improve soil health and water quality in the present - but a mindset that strives for continual effort and improvement in the preservation of our natural resources for generations of farming to come.

Pingry Farm 2, LLC currently operate s 775 acres, 360 milking cows and 240 replacement heifers. The operation produces silage, haylage, and corn, while striving to improve herd health, land stewardship and efficiency.



2025 Conservation Farm of the Year
Pingry Farm II, Don & Tyler Pingrey

2025 AEM Award

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) is a voluntary program designed to help farmers make sound decisions in protecting natural resources on their farms.

Boxler Dairy Farm has been participating in the AEM program since 1998. As the farm has grown over the last 3 decades, they have always recognized the importance of protecting our natural resources. Over the years the farm has implemented numerous BMPs that continue to have positive impacts on natural resources. The farm's continued environmental stewardship is what ultimately led them to receiving the 2025 AEM Award.



2025 AEM Award
Boxler Dairy Farms, LLC

2025 Conservation Partner of the Year

The Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District is just one of the departments that has its vehicles serviced and maintained by Steve Lakas at the Wyoming County Highway Department. Much of the work that Wyoming County SWCD conducts is field based so having vehicles that function properly and keep staff safe on the roads is necessary to the work being done by the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Steve has always provided top-notch service to Wyoming County SWCD and always inspects vehicles for additional issues to prevent future vehicle down-time, keeping the Wyoming County SWCD moving down the road. For his exceptional service to Wyoming County SWCD vehicles and staff, Steve Lakas was presented with the Ronald P. Herman Partner in Conservation Award.



2025 Conservation Partner of the Year
Steve Lakas, Automotive Mechanic Supervisor



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