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*Board of directors meet the
fourth Monday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.*

(weather permitting)

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Tree and Shrub Sale– April 18th-19th, 2025

The 2025 order form is enclosed in this newsletter, along with the information about all of this years selections that we have to offer this year. This program is open to everyone, and you do not need to be a Montgomery County resident to order. Trees are to be picked up on April 18th or 19th at the location provided in the reminder post card.



*NOTE: All of these trees are bare-root seedlings/ transplants, sold only in bundles of the specified quantities. They are **NOT** potted trees.* For additional info, or to order online, visit us at: www.montgomerycountyny-swcd.com

Buy local. Support local. Eat fresh.

Visit three of the Montgomery County farmstands found on the harvest connection website, create a social media post highlighting the visit, and tag the District on Facebook. By posting, you will be entered to win a free bundle of trees. Drawing will be made on April 10th, 2025, and trees will be selected from the inventory available on Saturday April 19th.

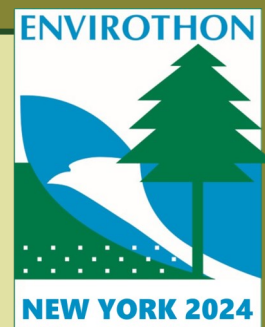
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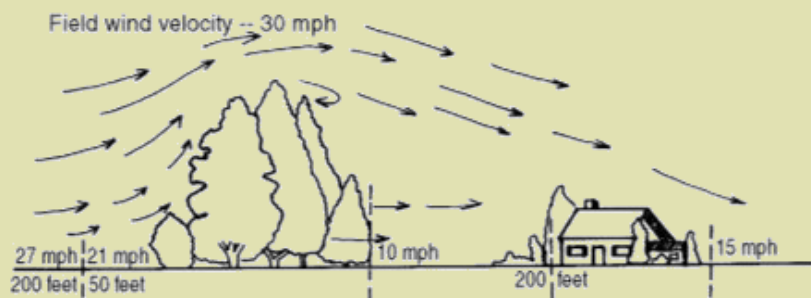
The National (NCF) Envirothon was hosted by New York State in 2024, at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. The event was a success, and included teams from most of the 50 states, and even China and Singapore. The team from Tennessee took the overall win, but the team from NYS, Ulster County, placed second overall.



The time has come after more than 38 years of working with and for the farmers, Keletha Keehan has decided to retire and enjoy time with her husband and family. Her last day in the office was December 27th, 2024. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



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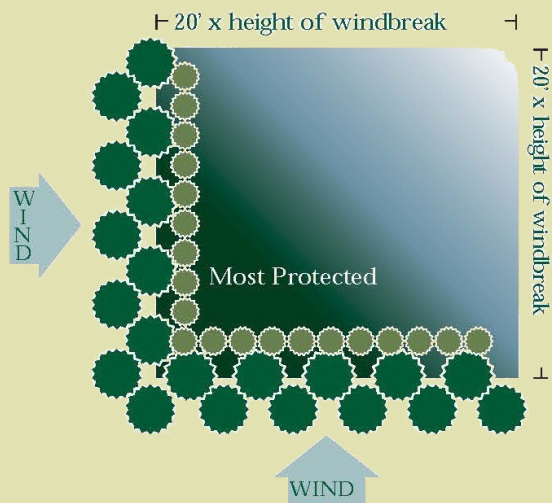
THE IMPORTANCE OF WINDBREAKS

A windbreak or shelterbelt is a plantation usually made up of one or more rows of trees or shrubs planted in such a manner as to provide shelter from the wind and to protect soil from erosion.

A well designed windbreak can add thousands of dollars to property values and provides many benefits, such as energy conservation of home heating and cooling costs. Wind-breaks can reduce winter heating costs 20 to 40% by reducing cold air infiltration into buildings. In summer, shade and evapotranspiration from leaves cools the air, cutting cooling costs. Windbreaks can be designed to provide energy savings for a small residential lot, a farmstead, or an entire housing development. Windbreaks can serve as living snow-fences, controlling drifts near roads, buildings, and distributing snow evenly over large areas like crop fields. Money and energy are saved by reduced need for snow plowing and artificial snow fences. Reduced Soil erosion is yet another benefit by preventing erosion for 10 to 20 times their height downwind and filtering wind-blown soil particles from the air. Home garden's growing seasons can be extended by sheltering crops from pre-vailing winds. Windbreaks provide wild-life habitat, in open areas where they may provide the only woody cover and food necessary for some wildlife species. Windbreaks also provide aesthetic value and act as visual and noise barriers from nearby traffic in urban areas.

Establishing an effective windbreak takes some planning, but is well worth the effort. Plantings should be placed upwind from the home or protected area in a straight line or "L" shape perpendicular to prevailing winds. The ends of a windbreak should extend 50 feet beyond the end of the area to be protected. No single recommendation on row and tree spacing will satisfy all requirements concerning tree culture or windbreak benefits. Close spacing may provide some wind protection earlier, but wide spacing enables trees to retain lower branches longer and may result in a taller windbreak because of less competition between trees. If possible, space all rows 20 feet apart including shrub. Wide spacing will reduce competition between rows, and result in windbreaks that retain lower foliage longer. In addition, the wider spacing allows for more snow storage inside the windbreak. If space is limited, the spacing between the shrub row and conifer trees can be reduced with species used and landowner objectives. Large conifers should be planted 14 to 25 feet apart; small conifers, 8 to 16 feet apart; and shrubs, 3 to 13 feet apart depending on species. Your outside row (farthest from the protected area) should consist of slow and short growing trees and shrubs, increasing to fast and larger trees.

Good management of windbreaks should maintain and improve the vigor of individual trees, maintain and improve the structure and function of the wind-break, and promote the longevity of the windbreak. Trees and shrubs that were initially planted at close spacing to become functional early may require some thinning later to maintain their effectiveness. Look for signs of deterioration in crowded windbreaks including premature loss of foliage, poor color, reduced live crown, reduced annual growth, and increased incidences of disease and insects. Through proper establishment and maintenance of your windbreak you can look forward to many years of beauty and benefits.



2025 ANNUAL CONSERVATION TREE & SHRUB SALE

- Send in this form and the order form with your check, money order, or credit card info.
- Full payment **MUST** accompany your order.
- Orders must be received by March 21, 2025
- Tree pick-up dates will be April 18 and 19, 2025
- Payment must accompany the order. Your orders cannot be processed without payment.**

Online orders at: www.montgomerycountyny-swcd.com

Name:	_____.
Address:	_____.
City:	_____.
State:	_____.
Zip:	_____.
Phone:	_____.
Email:	_____.
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (from order form) = \$ _____	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Montgomery County SWCD"
4001 State Highway 5s, Fultonville, NY 12072

OR

CREDIT CARD INFO

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(check one)

Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____ -- ____ CSC ____ (back of card)

Important Note

It will be very important to pay attention to the post card reminder that will be sent out prior to the order pick-up dates. Location, time frames, and other details may be different this year than in years past.

****All trees and shrubs sold are to be used for effective conservation practices such as windbreaks, soil erosion, etc. and will not be planted for ornamental purposes. Trees and shrubs sold will not be removed with roots attached for resale. This is in compliance with New York State Sale and Use Tax Regulations, 20 NYCRR, Section 529.2(C).**

****No refunds or replacement due to shortages after you leave the site.** The District is not responsible for orders not picked up on-time. The Montgomery County SWCD accepts no responsibility for tree loss due to circumstances beyond its control, and makes no provisions for replacement of stock.

To view the entire selection and purchase online, please visit our website:

www.montgomerycountyny-swcd.com



2025 TREE AND SHRUB SALE ORDER FORM						
CONIFER SEEDLINGS	SIZE	*25 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
Douglas Fir	10-18"	\$22	\$42	\$78		\$
White Pine	7-10"	\$33	\$62	\$117		\$
CONIFER TRANSPLANTS	SIZE	*10 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
Balsam Fir	6-12"	\$23	\$109	\$206		\$
Colorado Blue Spruce	16-22"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
Fraser Fir	10-18"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
Norway Spruce	15-24"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
White Cedar (American Arborvitae)	10-16"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS	SIZE	*10 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
Black Cherry	12-18"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
Black Tupelo *NEW*	12-18"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
Black Walnut	18-24"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
Northern Catalpa	6-12"	\$12	\$57	\$107		\$
Northern Red Oak	12-18"	\$16	\$76	\$143		\$
Sugar Maple	12-18"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
Swamp White Oak *NEW*	12-18"	\$16	\$76	\$143		\$
White Oak	12-18"	\$16	\$76	\$143		\$
FRUIT/FLOWERING	SIZE	QUANTITIES			BUNDLES	COST
Blackberry	12-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$45				\$
Blueberry (Blue Ray and Jersey)	15-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$68				\$
Bing/Montmorency Cherry	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$45				\$
Bartlett/ Ayers Pear	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$45				\$
Dwarf Red Delicious Apple *NEW*	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$45				\$
Dwarf Gala Apple	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$45				\$
Strawberry (Honeoye) *NEW*	—	Bundle of 10 for \$23				\$
American Elderberry	18-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$31				\$
Raspberry	—	Bundle of 10 for \$48				\$
Santa Rosa Plum	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$42				\$
Common Lilac	10-18"	Bundle of 10 for \$25				\$
Cranberry (Highbush)	6-12"	Bundle of 10 for \$16				\$
Concord Grape *NEW*	10-16"	Bundle of 10 for \$60				
GROUND COVERS/ FLOWERING	QUANTITIES				BUNDLES	COST
Hosta	Bundle of 10 for \$31					\$
Perennial Flower Pac	1 pac for \$30					\$
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS	QUANTITIES				QUANTITY	COST
Bluebird House	\$12 Each					\$
Compost	\$3.50 Per Bag (1.2 Cubic Feet)					\$
Mulch	\$3.50 Per Bag (2.0 Cubic Feet)					\$
Flags (For Locating Trees)	\$0.15 Each					\$
Fertilizer Tablets	10 For \$5	25 For \$8.50				\$

2025 TREE AND SHRUB SALE ORDER FORM

SPECIES	MATURE HEIGHT	GROWTH RATE	LIGHT PREF.	SOIL TYPE	SOIL MOISTURE	CHARACTERISTICS
CONIFERS						
Douglas Fir	40-70'	→	FS/S	Various	WD	Classic Christmas tree, popular for lumber
White Pine	50-80'	↑	FS/S	Various	Normal	Ideal screen or windbreak, very common species
Balsam Fir	45-75'	↓	FS/S	Various	Normal	Popular Christmas tree, good windbreak
Colorado Blue Spruce	50-75'	→ / ↓	FS/S	Various	Normal	Blue-green color, valued landscape tree
Fraser Fir	30-60'	→	FS/S	Various	Normal	One of the most popular Christmas trees
Norway Spruce	40-60'	→ / ↑	FS	Various	Normal	Ideal windbreak, dark green needles
White Cedar (American Arborvitae)	20-30'	→ / ↓	FS	Various	Normal	Great choice for a windbreak or hedges
DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS						
Black Cherry	50-80'	↑	FS/S	Various	Various	Native tree, great for lumber
Black Tupelo *NEW*	30-50'	→ / ↓	FS/S	S, L, A	M, WD	Known as gum tree, popular in honey prod.
Black Walnut	65-100'	→ / ↓	FS	Various	Various	Great shade tree, produce nuts for wildlife
Northern Catalpa	40-60'	→ / ↑	FS/S	A, C	Various	Unique twisting trunk w/ heart shaped leaves
Northern Red Oak	60-75'	↑	FS	S, L, C, A	WD	Good shade tree, nice fall colors
Sugar Maple	60-75'	→ / ↓	FS/S	S, L, C, A	WD	Great color, syrup production
Swamp White Oak *NEW*	50-60'	→	FS	A	M	Acorns are great for wildlife, very weather tolerant
White Oak	50-80'	→ / ↓	FS/S	S, L, C	M, WD	Excellent shade tree, wood products
FRUIT/FLOWERING						
Blackberry	4-6'	↑	FS/S	S, L, C	WD	Very hardy bush, large sweet berries
Blueberry (Blue Ray/ Jersey)	6-8'	→	FS	S, L, C, A	WD/MD	Landscape bush, low maintenance, juicy berries
Bing/Montmorency Cherry	20-35'	↑	FS	Various	WD	Large fruit for eating and preserving
Bartlett/ Ayers Pear	10-20'	↑	FS	A	M/WD	Cross pollinating bundle, delicious fruit
Dwarf Red Delicious Apple *NEW*	10-15'	↑	FS	A	M/WD	"Delicious" fruit, very beneficial for wildlife
Dwarf Gala Apple	10-15'	↑	FS/S	Various	WD	Firm, flavorful, high yield, very popular apple
Strawberry (Honeoye) *NEW*	—	↑	FS	Various	M/WD	Good color & flavor, Disease Resistant
American Elderberry	12-20'	↑	FS	Slight A	Moist	Wildlife, culinary, & medicinal use
Raspberry	4-6'	↑	FS	S, L, C	M/WD	Very juicy berries, good for jam
Santa Rosa Plum	18-20'	↑	FS	L	WD	Self-pollinating, great fruit for eating & processing
Common Lilac	7-12'	→	FS/S	Various	M/WD	Medium-large hardy shrub w/ fragrant flowers
Cranberry (Highbush)	8-12'	→ / ↑	FS	S, L, C	M	Creates a dense hedge, with beautiful flowers
Concord Grape *NEW*	5-6'	↑	FS	Various	WD	Traditional grape for jelly and juice, large clusters
GROUND COVERS						
Hosta	24" Dia.	↑	FS	Various	WD	Beautiful Variety of landscape flowers
Perennial Flower Pac	—	↑	FS/S	Various	Various	Beautiful Variety of landscape flowers

LEGEND:

GROWTH RATE:

- ↑ FAST
- MODERATE
- ↓ SLOW

LIGHT PREFERENCE:

- FS- FULL SUN
- S- SHADE

SOIL TYPE:

- S- SANDY
- L-LOAMY
- C-CLAY
- A-ACIDIC

SOIL MOISTURE:

- M- MOIST
- WD- WELL DRAINED
- MD- MODERATELY DRAINED



White Cedar



Blue Spruce



Fraser Fir



Norway Spruce



White Pine



Douglas Fir



Balsam Fir



White Oak



Red Oak



Black Tupelo



Swamp White Oak



Red Delicious apple



Blackberry



Northern Catalpa



Sugar Maple



Bartlett Pear



Black Walnut



Gala Apple



Cherry



Concord Grapes



Raspberries



Blueberries



Elderberries



Santa Rosa Plum



Black Cherry



Cranberry



Strawberry



Common Lilac



Part of Flower Pac



Hosta

Agricultural Planning Programs



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Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)

How does your farm impact your local environment?

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) is a NYS program developed to promote economic viability of farms and environmental stewardship. AEM is voluntary, incentive-based, customized farm-by-farm, confidential, and targeted to watershed needs. Involvement not only aids farmers by improving the function of their daily operations, but can also help prioritize farms in other programs, such as NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). District staff evaluate your farm in areas such as: barnyard runoff, silage leachate runoff, process waste water disposal, soil erosion, and pasture management.

Practice implementation to address resource concerns is eligible for cost-sharing grants. Farmers can contribute by cash, in-kind services, local grants, or funding through Federal Farm Bill conservation programs.

Some examples of potential projects include, but are not limited to:

Prescribed Rotational Grazing System; Water system infrastructure, fencing, trails and walkways.

Riparian Buffer System: Stream buffers, tree planting, stream crossing

Soil Health System: Cover crop, no-till, pasture and hay land planting

Erosion Control System: Diversion, waterways, trails and walkways, roof runoff structure (gutters, drip trench)

Livestock Heavy Use Area Protection Systems: Barnyard, vegetated treatment areas, HUAP, waste transfer, storage

AEM helps to ensure that New York's farms remain viable and continue to meet their business objectives in an ever-changing marketplace. Farms of all sizes and types of operations, from Dairy to vegetables and everything in between, are welcome to participate.

Farms seeking more information should call the office at 518-853-4015 or email joseph.slezak@ny.nacdnet.net



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- Grant Funding Info & Opportunities
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Special Projects from SWCD

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