



# The Conservation Corner

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## GET HYDROSEEDING!

The HCSWCD's Hydroseeding Program, now in its second year, is available county-wide with the environmental goal of preventing soil erosion. A slurry of mulch, fertilizer, grass seed, lime, a tackifying agent and water is sprayed directly onto bare soil. This rapid method of seeding covers large areas in a short amount of time and the slurry promotes quick germination. Last year, we completed many projects for local residents, as well as county and town highway depart-



ments. This service is offered to all county residents and municipalities for seeding or re-seeding lawns and disturbed areas, as well as for bank stabilization. The cost is approximately 6 ¢/sq. ft. or \$25500 / acre + mileage. For more information or a price quote, please call Lenny.



## *Paper Recycling Program*

The Paper Recycling Program has received a positive response from our courthouse employees and staff. Shredded and computer paper, newspapers, and corrugated cardboard are collected and delivered to the Lake Pleasant Transfer Station. A huge thank you to our awesome maintenance staff who helped make this program possible and to our enthusiastic recyclers.



## Well Water Testing

The HCSWCD is now testing well water for all county residents. Water is analyzed for total coliforms, *E. coli*, and chloride levels. Testing kits are \$15 each and are available at all Hamilton County Town and Village offices as well as the HCSWCD office in Lake Pleasant. Pay by cash or check when you drop off



your samples for analysis. Results will be mailed to you approximately a week after drop off. Deliver samples between 8AM-12PM to our office located off of South Shore Road by the County Courthouse Complex across from the tennis courts on:

June 2	June 30
July 7	July 28
August 4	August 25

## Invasive Species



Sirex Woodwasp

- The HCSWCD is committed to preventing the spread of terrestrial and aquatic invasive plants into Hamilton county by locating and managing new and existing sites, but we need your help! Become involved by staying informed on what invasive plants to watch for and learning how to effectively remove them. We offer educational brochures at our office and on our website, as well as presentations. Report suspicious plants to [www.adkinvasives.com](http://www.adkinvasives.com).
- The SWCD staff continues to work closely with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP), NYS DOT, and the DEC to manage invasives in the park and to educate the public.
- We manage for Japanese Knotweed, Purple Loosestrife, Garlic Mustard, Phragmites, and Yellow Iris. We monitor lakes for aquatic invasive plants.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil is now established in 5th-7th Lakes and Lake Algonquin.
- Variable-Leaf Milfoil, a watch species, has invaded Raquette Lake, Long Lake, and Lake Durant.
- The Sirex Woodwasp is an exotic insect that has been cited in Hamilton County. This invader attacks pine trees.
- New threats: Rock Snot, Black and Pale Swallowwort, and Oriental Bittersweet.

## Envirothon

A bright, cool Spring day greeted students at the HCSWCD's annual Envirothon competition on May 1. Students hiked the nature trail to each testing station and answered questions in 5 categories including Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife, and this year's Current Issue Recreational Impacts on Natural Resources. High school teams from Long Lake, Indian Lake, and Wells Central Schools participated in the event. The Indian Lake Oranges (Adviser Sarah Boggia, Alternate Cassie Shultz, Cody King, Garrett LeBlanc, Cody Cummins, John Miller, and Jeremy DeShaw) took 1st place, the Long Lake Ghostbusters received 2nd place and the Wells Towers placed 3rd. The Oranges had their names engraved on a plaque, and went on to compete in the New York State Envirothon on May 21-22 at SUNY Cobleskill. They placed 23rd out of 52. Congratulations!

