

# The Conservation Corner

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HCSWCD conservation efforts,  
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## Student Winners Announced

Volunteer judges Tom Bielli, Shirley Smith and Kathy Stewart had their work cut out for them when reviewing entries for Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District's (HCSWCD) Conservation Field Day essay and poster contests. On September 23, 2010, 5th and 6th grade students from 7 area schools participated in the 31st Annual Lynn Galusha Memorial Conservation Field Day and diligently took notes during presentations including energy efficient light bulbs, backcountry safety, wetlands, macroinvertebrates, invasive insects, and recycling. Ninety-one students participated in the 5th grade essay and 6th grade poster contests, illustrating what they learned from their favorite presentation.

Certificates and ribbons were awarded for school and county-wide first, second, and third place standings, as well as merit. This year's county-wide first place essay contest winner was Ryan Bolebruch of Wells Central School. The county-wide first place poster contest winner was Rebekah Weaver of Lake Pleasant Central School. Both students received a 4-H Summer Camp session generously donated by Cornell Cooperative Extension, and their names were engraved on a plaque to be displayed in their school. Congratulations to all students who participated, and thank you to our judges! Visit our website at [www.hamiltoncountyswcd.com](http://www.hamiltoncountyswcd.com) to read the winning essay and view event photos.



Lake Pleasant Central School  
Rebekah Weaver - 1st Place Poster  
Hannah Gianott - 3rd Place Essay



Wells Central School  
Ryan Bolebruch - 1st Place Essay



Long Lake Central School  
Morgan Sovey - 2nd Place Poster



Indian Lake Central School  
Macie Smith - 2nd Place Essay



Piseco Common School  
Madeline Pierce - 3rd Place Poster

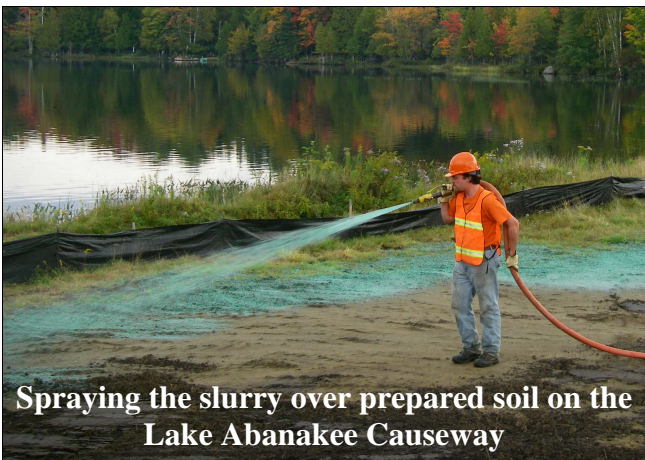
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### Painting Hamilton County Green

HCSWCD staff hydroseeded 13 acres of land throughout the County for municipalities and private property owners during the late spring and early fall. Hydroseeding is a planting process that mixes a slurry of wood mulch, grass seed, fertilizer, lime, a water retention agent, a tackifying agent and water in a large tank that is then sprayed directly onto soil. These ingredients promote quick germination and decrease erosion. Contact our office for more information or for a hydroseeding quote.

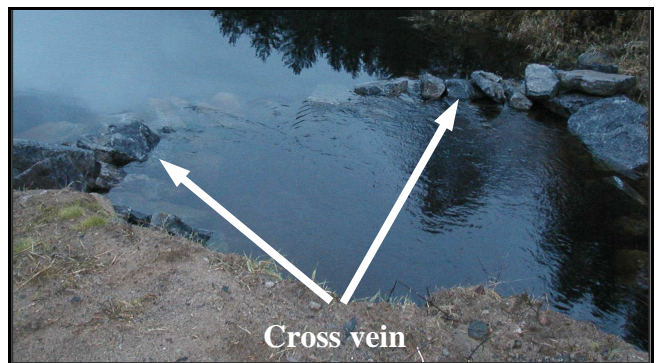
#### 2010 Seeding Sites:

- Amphitheater in the Town of Long Lake
- Causeway on Lake Abanakee in the Town of Indian Lake
- Fishing Access in the Town of Wells
- Remediation after dredging project on Lake Algonquin in the Town of Wells
- County-wide ditch work
- Private property jobs



### Culvert Conundrum

A culvert in the Town of Lake Pleasant was at a possible risk of being unable to control water volume during large storm events. A partnership was quickly formed with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Town of Lake Pleasant, and the HCSWCD to install a rock structure (cross vein) to protect the culvert by funnels the flow of the stream into the center of the channel away from the headwall. Indirect benefits



include establishing wetland habitat and providing beaver dam control. This project was a success and the road remains in good condition thanks to the properly maintained culvert and the newly installed cross vein.

If you are interested in learning how these remediation techniques can be used by your town or highway department, contact our office at 518-548-3991.