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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 19th-20th, 2024

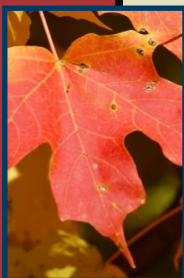
Each year, the Montgomery County SWCD holds a pre-order sale of quality trees and shrubs. These seedlings and transplants provide Conservation opportunities such as wildlife habitat, natural landscaping, windbreaks, reforestation, and fruit.

The District tries to provide a few new tree choices each year to go along with the “staples”. This year, a few new species are Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Northern Catalpa, Blackberry, Cranberry and Arkansas Black Apple. We also have the staples such as Sugar Maple, American Arborvitae, White Oak, Gala Apple, and Blueberries.

An order form is enclosed in this newsletter, along with the information about all of the 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 19th or 20th 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



Acknowledgements

It was a big year for Dygert Farms. In their tri-centennial year of farming, the Montgomery County SWCD applied for, and was awarded, the 2023 AEM Leopold Conservation Award. The award is for 1 farm each year across New York State, and highlights a farm that has been heavily involved in conservation and the AEM program. The award was presented to the family at the annual Sundae on the Farm, which the Dygert's hosted.



A long time member of the Fultonville office, Tom Bielli, retired on December 31st, 2023. He had 36+ years with the USDA, and will be missed. He has turned his eyes towards running, hiking, cycling, canoeing, guitar, brewing, woodworking, and photography. Enjoy your retirement!

Montgomery County SWCD

Conservation Year in Review– 2023

- The year 2023 was a very busy year in terms of implementation of projects. To get things started, the District got a stairway and walking path established to connect the Chuctanunda trail with Veteran's Park in Amsterdam. We also held 2 different tire recycling events. In the Spring, 85 tons of ag-tires were collected, and in the Fall, 19.5 tons of passenger vehicle tires were collected.
- With grant-funded projects, a few of them are still being worked on as we speak. On 3 different farms, manure storage facilities were installed. In addition to those, 6 more Heavy Use Area Protections were designed and installed. There was also roughly 18,500 linear feet of fencing and 900 feet of access road/laneway. These projects were installed on a total of 7 different farms.
- In the Spring time, District employees installed several hundred trees in a buffer area along approximately 1,300 linear feet of stream bank. Due to high temperatures and very dry conditions, once the trees and tree tubes were installed, the District employees watered the trees for several weeks while they were getting established.



Storage Construction



Great Plains No-Till Drill

The year 2023 was the first year that the district had two no-till drills for the entire season, One seeder is a Great Plains 1006nt and the other seeder is a Habybuster 107c. Below are the numbers of acreage that each drill did compared to 2022 (the Great Plain drill was only used for the fall of 2022 season). If you are in Montgomery County, the Drills are free to use, but it is a first come-first serve basis, so availability can be tricky; but we do our best to keep them moving.

	Great Plains 2023	Great Plains 2022
Acres	345.1	295
Farms	17	8
Acres/Farm	49.3	36.87
	Habybuster 2023	Habybuster 2022
Acres	260	157.6
Farms	11	5
Acres/Farm	23.6	31.52
	Total 2023	Total 2022
Acres	605.1	452.6
Farms	28	13
Acres/Farm	21	34.8

2023 was a decent year to get Fall cover crops in, despite the wet summer. We saw an increase of 152.4 acres of cover crops planted between the two drills combined. For more information on the no-till drill program please reach out to our office.

2024 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 22, 2024
- Tree pick-up dates will be April 19 and 20, 2024
- 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

Due to the unknown circumstances that may be faced, 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



2024 TREE AND SHRUB SALE ORDER FORM

CONIFER SEEDLINGS	SIZE	*25 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
Douglas Fir	10-18"	\$17	\$32	\$60		\$
White Pine	7-10"	\$37	\$70	\$130		\$
CONIFER TRANSPLANTS	SIZE	*10 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
Balsam Fir	10-18"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
Colorado Blue Spruce	24-36"	\$50	\$236	\$447		\$
Fraser Fir	10-18"	\$40	\$189	\$358		\$
Norway Spruce	24-36"	\$50	\$236	\$447		\$
White Cedar (American Arborvitae)	24-36"	\$50	\$236	\$447		\$
DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS	SIZE	*10 PER	50 PER	100 PER	QUANTITY	COST
American Larch	6-18"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
Black Cherry *NEW*	18-24"	\$18	\$86	\$161		\$
Black Walnut *NEW*	18-24"	\$20	\$95	\$180		\$
Hybrid Poplar	18-24"	\$25	\$118	\$200		\$
Northern Catalpa *NEW*	18-24"	\$25	\$118	\$200		\$
Northern Red Oak	18-24"	\$18	\$86	\$161		\$
Sugar Maple	12-18"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
White Oak	18-24"	\$22	\$104	\$197		\$
FRUIT/FLOWERING	SIZE	QUANTITIES			BUNDLES	COST
Blackberry *NEW*	—	Bundle of 10 for \$45				\$
Blueberry (Blue Ray and Jersey)	9-12"	Bundle of 10 for \$60				\$
Bing/Montmorency Cherry	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$48				\$
Bartlett/ Ayers Pear	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$46				\$
Dwarf Arkansas Black Apple *NEW*	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$50				\$
Dwarf Gala Apple	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$50				\$
Elberta Peach	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$42				\$
American Elderberry	24-36"	Bundle of 10 for \$31				\$
Raspberry	—	Bundle of 10 for \$45				\$
Santa Rosa Plum	24-36"	Bundle of 2 for \$42				\$
Common Lilac	18-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$34				\$
Cranberry (Highbush) *NEW*	18-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$23				\$
Pee Gee Hydrangea	18-24"	Bundle of 10 for \$30				
GROUND COVERS/ FLOWERING	QUANTITIES				BUNDLES	COST
Hosta	Bundle of 10 for \$27					\$
Perennial Flower Pac	1 pac (2 each): Dream Baby, Frances Fay, Mixed Peony, Snow Queen, & Stella De Oro 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 50 For \$12 25 For \$8.50 100 For \$20					\$

2024 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						
American Larch	30-60'	↑	FS/S	Various	Various	Tough and durable, rot resistant
Black Cherry *NEW*	50-80'	↑	FS/S	Various	Various	Native tree, great for lumber
Black Walnut *NEW*	65-100'	→ / ↓	FS	Various	Various	Great shade tree, produce nuts for wildlife
Hybrid Poplar	40-50'	↑	FS	A	M	Can grow 5-8' per year, quick shade/buffer
Northern Catalpa *NEW*	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
White Oak	50-80'	→ / ↓	FS/S	S, L, C	M, WD	Excellent shade tree, wood products
FRUIT/FLOWERING						
Blackberry *NEW*	4-6'	↑	FS/S	S, L, C	WD	Very hardy bush, large sweet berries
Blueberry	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 Arkansas Black Apple *NEW*	8-10'	↑	FS	L	WD	Tart fruit, scab, fire, & rust resistant
Dwarf Gala Apple	10-15'	↑	FS/S	Various	WD	Firm, flavorful, high yield, very popular apple
Elberta Peach	12-15'	↑	FS	Various	WD	Juicy for eating, canning, & jam making
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) *NEW*	8-12'	→ / ↑	FS	S, L, C	M	Creates a dense hedge, with beautiful flowers
Pee Gee Hydrangea	10-20'	↑	FS/S	Various	M/WD	Fruit for wildlife, spring blossom
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



Hybrid Poplar



Pee Gee Hydrangea



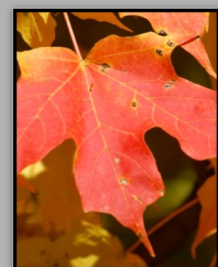
American Larch



Blackberry



Northern Catalpa



Sugar Maple



Bartlett Pear



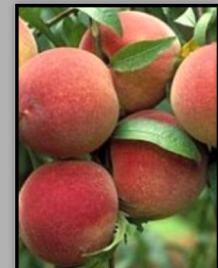
Black Walnut



Gala Apple



Cherry



Elberta Peach



Raspberries



Blueberries



Elderberries



Santa Rosa Plum



Black Cherry



Cranberry



Arkansas Black Apple



Common Lilac



Part of Flower Pac



Hosta

Agricultural Planning Programs

**Agricultural
Economic
Development**

AED Program Coordinator: Rebecca Ferry

Harvest Connection

Is local food important to you? Are you having trouble sourcing the food you want near you? Are you looking to find a local source for vegetables, fruit, milk, or meats? You don't have to look too far. Download the Harvest Connection App, or go to the website at www.harvestconnection-ny.com. Local farms are listed here with their products, and it's a great way to purchase from local producers.

Are you a local farmer with a retail outlet on your farm? Do you want more promotional abilities? If you are, then look no further; join Harvest Connection. This is a website and app that will let the consumer find you and your products. You can update your listing with seasonal products and specials yourself. There is also the ability to post pictures and have another platform to promote your business.

If you are a farm that would like to be added to Harvest Connection or if there is a farm near you that you don't see on the list, you can recommend that they contact Rebecca Ferry, Ag Economic Development Coordinator by email at Rebecca.ferry@ny.nacdnet.net and she will be happy to add them.



Fencing for Access Control
of Waterway



Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM)

Farmers interested in implementing conservation practices on their farms have a unique opportunity this year. Farms must have a conservation plan addressing farm resource concerns. Projects will be based on local watershed needs and will be ranked in order of priority. State funding requests should be a maximum of \$50,000. All practices must be designed and built to NRCS specifications. Preference will be given to projects under \$20,000. Examples of practice systems that will be considered for funding 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

Please contact the office for more information on systems as the above list is not exhaustive.

Funding is available locally through assistance provided by the NY Department of Agriculture and Markets. The farm must be a participant in the AEM program with the ability to cost share the practice within the **2-year contract timeline**. The State cost share is 75% with opportunities up to 87.5% but will be prioritized based on the farmer's contribution.

AEM is voluntary, locally-led, and comprehensive approach that further advances environmental management on farms across all sizes and commodities. This program delivers technical support and financial incentives needed to help farmers to implement conservation practices critical to the protection of water quality and other natural resources. AEM helps to ensure that New York's farms remain viable and continue to meet their business objectives in an ever-changing marketplace.

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



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