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Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District

Eighteenmile Creek Great Lakes Area of Concern



FYI...

The District has a No-Till drill available for your next conservation seeding project.

\$50 delivery charge and \$15/acre rental fee

We provide drill delivery and cleaning. Customer provides own seed.



Interseeder Rental

Interseeder rental is still available for farmers to plant cover crops between corn rows. Planting can occur between v3 and v7 stage, and won't impact the corn being grown.

First use of the interseeder is free, subsequent uses will cost \$5 per acre.

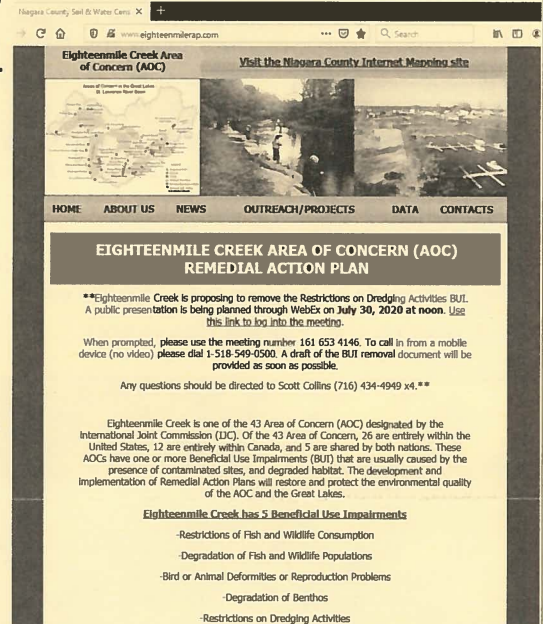


Eighteenmile Creek BUI Removal Update

Later this summer, the Eighteenmile Creek AOC will host an online event to present assessments that support a Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) removal for Restrictions on Dredging Activities. Several lines of evidence are considered when removing a BUI, including; why the BUI was originally impaired, removal criteria approved by a local remedial advisory committee, history of the site in the Olcott Harbor, and several recent assessments that support removal.

An online public outreach event will be held on July 30, from noon to 1pm to present BUI removal rationale. Following the presentation will be a 30-day comment period where the public can provide their thoughts/opinions on the removal. Please visit www.eighteenmilerap.com for meeting information and other details.

While visiting the website you can view other information about the AOC. Eighteenmile Creek has several outreach events that team with local schools or other local organizations. An 'About Us' tab explains the history of Eighteenmile Creek. The data repository also has over 275 scientific and outreach articles about Eighteenmile Creek and the Great Lakes. The repository is used by a wide variety of users from the general public to researchers and project managers.



District holds first 4-hour Contractor Workshop

On March 4, 2020 the Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the first 4-hour Erosion and Sediment Control Workshop for contractors at the Fairgrounds in Lockport. Since 2010, these workshops have been required by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to be able to work on permitted construction sites.

The program was presented by Dave Reckahn, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and trainer for the 4-hour training. The District was very pleased with our first workshop that had 68 local contractors attend to be certified or renew expiring certifications. The training is good for 3 years and has to be renewed to stay certified.

The District was happy to help out local contractors that in the past had to travel as far away as Syracuse to be certified. The training is available to anyone interested in learning more about erosion and sediment control practices to reduce runoff from disturbed areas. The District will present the program again next spring.

The Niagara County Soil & Water Conservation District is a local government subdivision under New York State law. The District was established as a public benefit by the County of Niagara in 1954. Your support of our programs aid in the District's conservation efforts to protect natural resources and water quality for our residents. In these wavering economic times, we thank you for your continued assistance in fulfilling our goals.