

Seneca County's FLLOWPA History

Seneca County SWCD was part of original Finger Lakes Aquatic Vegetation Control Program (AVCP) in the 1980's which was created due to dense growth of nuisance aquatic vegetation in Cayuga Lake.

Making Weed Harvesting Seneca County's primary focus until about 2012.

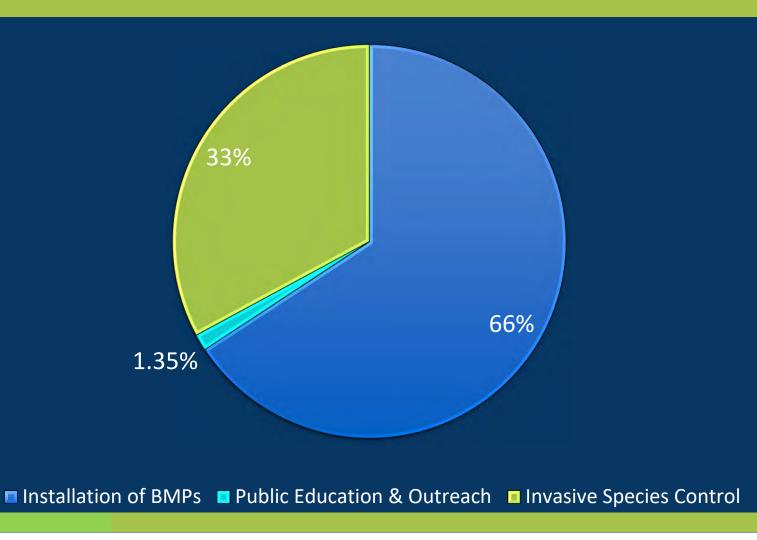




Seneca's
FL-LOWPA
Program
Areas



Seneca County SWCD's FLLOWPA Funding



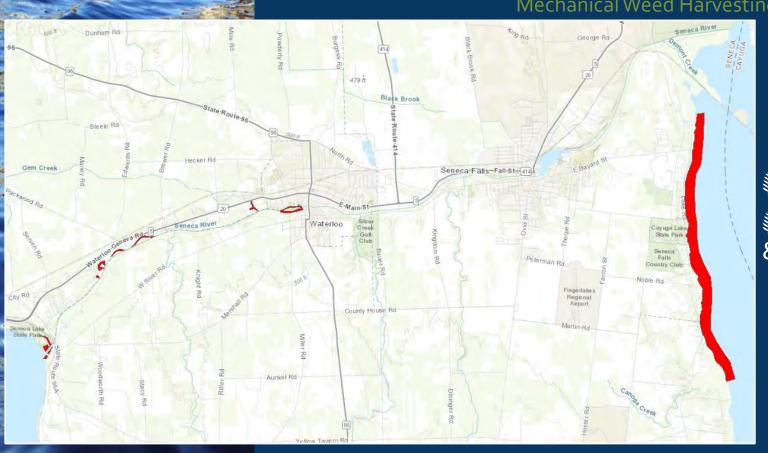


Mechanical Weed Harvesting

The Seneca County SWCD owns 2 Aquatic Plant Harvesters
 One 2007 Aquamarine model# H9-800
 10 cut, 800 cu.ft. storage capacity
 One 2012 Aquamarine model #H7-320
 7 ft. cut 320 cu.ft. storage capacity

‡ Typical Harvesting Season: Early/Mid July - Labor Day

Mechanical Weed Harvesting



2 Harvesting areas

- & Seneca Lake State Park



Mechanical Weed Harvesting

♣ Northern Cayuga Lake

2010 - 81 loads - 729 tons

2011 – 134 loads – 1206 tons

2012 - 112 loads - 1008 tons

2013 – 105 loads – 945 tons

2014 - 147 loads - 1323 tons

2015 – 110 loads – 990 tons

2016 - 98 loads - 882 tons

2017 – 114 loads – 1026 tons

2018 - 77 loads - 693 tons

2019 – 108 loads – 1008 tons

2020 - 13 loads - 143 tons

2021 – 12 loads – 132 tons

‡ Cayuga − Seneca Canal & Seneca Lake State Park

2010 – 20 loads – 100 tons

2011 – 21 loads – 105 tons

2012 – 42 loads – 210 tons

2013 – 64 loads – 320 tons

2014 - 74 loads - 370 tons

2015 - 45 loads - 225 tons

2016 - 43 loads - 215 tons

2017 - 69 loads - 345 tons

2018 – 34 loads – 120tons

2019 - 33 loads - 165 tons

2020 – 67 loads – 335 tons

2021 – 41 loads – 205 tons

Approximately 800-1,000 tons of aquatic vegetation are removed from Seneca County waters annually.



Mechanical Weed Harvesting



♯ Milfoil



Curly Leaf PondWeed & various othernative species





Mechanical Weed Harvesting

Weeds are transferred from the Harvester to a shore conveyor that unloads onto a dump truck.

Weeds are transported to farms where they composted and eventually applied to the land.

Mechanical Weed Harvesting





Thank you to Cayuga SWCD.



Mechanical Weed Harvesting / Water Chestnut





Water Chestnut

‡ 2019 Seneca SWCD started partnering with Finger Lakes PRISM to conduct hand pulls to keep Water Chestnut at bay.



‡ 2021 − 10 pounds







Education

- Envirothon
- Conservation Field Days for 6th graders
- Frank Knight Environmental Night
- Workshops
- Various Public Education events
- Various Agricultural Tours





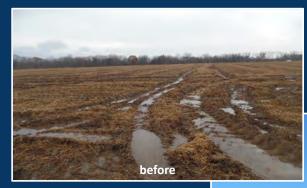




Best Management Practices Ag BMPs



90 acres of cropland converted to permanent grazing pasture with water for each paddock.



11 acres of cropland converted to grazing pasture.



Prescribed Rotational Grazing















Access Control System & **Stream Crossing**

Excludes animals from ponds & streams

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Prescribed Rotational Grazing Watering Facilities





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Roof Water Collection



Management Practices Ag BMPs

before





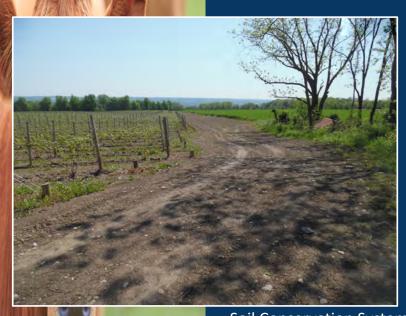
Covered Barnyard





Manure Compost Facility

Best Management Practices Ag BMPs



Soil Conservation System Herbaceous Buffer 12 acres seeded to permanent vegetation to control erosion, reduce runoff, and enhance soil health.









Erosion control system Replace undersized, leaking pond overflow outlet to prevent erosion and failure of pond dike.

Management Practices Critical Area Treatment







Hydroseed & Straw Mulch



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