

## **Ecosystem Based Management Stream Corridor Management Pilot Program Awarded Projects – April 2026**

### **Track 1: Stream Channel Restoration**

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Canadaway Creek Stream Stabilization*

\$100,000 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to protect water quality in Lake Erie through the stabilization of a section of Candaway Creek, providing in-stream habitat for spawning Steelhead and protecting the source water to the City of Dunkirk's drinking water intake.

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Walnut Creek Streambank Stabilization*

\$61,155 was awarded to the Chautauqua County SWCD to stabilize a section of Walnut Creek, a trout stream and tributary to Lake Erie, keeping the centerline of the stream in the center of the channel, and installing a buffer of willow live stakes to filter stormwater.

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Slippery Rock Creek Stabilization*

\$34,235 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to stabilize a section of Slippery Rock Creek, a tributary to Lake Erie, preventing soil loss and stream encroachment onto a nearby road and its shoulders, increasing the long-term resilience of the road.

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Tupper Creek Streambank Stabilization*

\$36,105 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to protect the water quality of Tupper Creek through the stabilization of its streambanks to prevent soil loss and sedimentation of nearshore Lake Erie, filter stormwater runoff, and protect Steelhead habitat.

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Sawalhi Streambank Restoration*

\$47,985 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to protect the water quality of an unnamed tributary to Lake Erie through the stabilization of a section of its streambanks, preventing soil loss and sedimentation of nearshore Lake Erie and increasing the climate resiliency of the town park it flows through.

#### *Chautauqua SWCD - Schofield Grade Stabilization*

\$26,370 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to protect the water quality of a highly eroding very steep and straight downslope unnamed tributary to Lake Erie

through the stabilization of the streambed to prevent sedimentation of nearshore Lake Erie and soil loss from the agricultural cropland and vineyards it flows through.

*Delaware SWCD - Garrison Streambank Stabilization Project*

\$100,000 was awarded to Delaware County SWCD to conserve and enhance water quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed through the stabilization of Charlotte Creek's eroding streambanks and the installation of a riparian forest buffer.

*St. Lawrence SWCD - O'Malley Brook Stream Restoration*

\$100,000 was awarded to St. Lawrence County SWCD to restore a heavily degraded trout stream where the historic channel function was lost due to beaver impoundment. Re-establishing a stable channel will improve hydrology, reduce sediment deposition, protect county infrastructure, and restore coldwater habitat and ecological function within the Raquette River watershed.

*Cortland SWCD - Mosquito Creek Stream Restoration Project*

\$39,117 was awarded to Cortland County SWCD to protect the water quality of Mosquito Creek, a large tributary to Trout Brook, through the stabilization of a section of its streambank and the installation of willow plantings and a riparian forest buffer, helping to regulate water temperature and improve brook trout habitat.

*Jefferson SWCD - Sandy Creek Streambank Stabilization: Phase 1*

\$100,000 was awarded to Jefferson County SWCD to protect the water quality of Sandy Creek through the stabilization of a section of its streambank, reducing near-bank shear stress and erosion by redirecting flow toward the channel center.

*Jefferson SWCD - Sandy Creek Headwaters Streambank Stabilization: Phase 1*

\$100,000 was awarded to Jefferson County SWCD to protect the water quality of the Sandy Creek headwaters by regrading a portion of shoreline, increasing shoreline stability and reducing the significant sediment load entering the creek and protect working farmland.

*Ontario SWCD - Kashong Creek Streambank Stabilization*

\$100,000 was awarded to Ontario County SWCD to protect the water quality of Seneca Lake by reducing streambank erosion of Kashong Creek through the stabilization of its banks and preventing degradation of the existing infrastructure while enhancing aquatic habitat.

*Niagara SWCD - Twelvemile Creek Clearing and Snagging Project*

\$40,816 was awarded to Niagara County SWCD to improve the flow of Twelvemile Creek by removing dead ash treefalls and the accompanying dams in the creek which are blocking flows and eroding the banks of the creek. Removing the blockages in the creek will increase its capacity to convey storm flows downstream and reduce flooding.

## **Track 2: Stream Corridor Protection – Riparian Buffer Implementation**

### *Delaware SWCD - Garrison Riparian Forest Buffer Project*

\$50,000 was awarded to Delaware County SWCD to create a multilayered forest buffer zone in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed that protects the adjacent stream by enhancing water quality and eliminating excess sediment and nutrients, helping to mitigate runoff from entering Charlotte Creek and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay.

### *Jefferson SWCD - Sandy Creek Headwaters Streambank Stabilization: Phase 2*

\$29,660 was awarded to Jefferson County SWCD to establish a multi-zoned riparian forest buffer along a stretch of streambank in the headwaters of Sandy Creek, improving water quality by stabilizing the bank and reducing the amount of sediment and nutrients entering the stream from adjacent cropland.

### *Jefferson SWCD - Sandy Creek Streambank Stabilization: Phase 2*

\$27,600 was awarded to Jefferson County SWCD to establish a riparian forest buffer along an unbuffered section of Sandy Creek to provide ecosystem benefits, further reinforce the bank, and filter stormwater flowing into the stream.

### *Chautauqua SWCD - Crooked Brook Riparian Buffer*

\$21,985 was awarded to Chautauqua County SWCD to improve the water quality of Crooked Creek through the strategic planting of native species and the treatment and removal of invasive plant species.

### *Essex SWCD - Essex County Riparian Buffer Program*

\$50,000 was awarded to Essex County SWCD to expand their current buffer program to improve implementation and success by providing resources from even more vegetation to be planted as well as allow for monitoring and maintenance, and further develop and diversify a native willow nursery for present and future use.

## **Track 3: Storm Water Culvert and Roadside Runoff Control**

### *Hamilton SWCD - Forked Lake Road Culvert Replacement Project*

\$100,000 was awarded to Hamilton County SWCD to improve the water quality of Pine Brook, reducing erosion, improving wildlife habitat, and supporting the long-term health of the natural riparian ecosystem by replacing an undersized squash culvert with a foot bridge, installing bankfull benches, hydroseeding, and planting seedlings.

*Ontario SWCD - Cross Road Culvert Replacement*

\$100,000 was awarded to Ontario County SWCD to enhance aquatic connectivity in a trout stream by replacing an undersized roadway culvert, appropriately sizing the conveyance for hydraulic capacity to increase flood resiliency and protect water quality.

*Rensselaer SWCD - Grafton Road-Stream Crossing Replacement Project*

\$100,000 was awarded to Rensselaer County SWCD to replace an undersized road-stream crossing, improving aquatic connectivity and reducing flooding, erosion, and sedimentation. The road stream crossing replacement will restore habitat for cold water fisheries.

*Tompkins SWCD - East Lansing Road Culvert Replacement*

\$100,000 was awarded to Tompkins County SWCD to replace a deteriorating culvert that is hydraulically undersized, improving stream bed and bank erosion, eliminating the structural deficiencies of the existing culvert, and reducing flooding.

*Rensselaer SWCD - Poestenkill Road-Stream Culvert Replacement Project*

\$99,370 was awarded to Rensselaer County SWCD to replace an existing road-stream crossing in disrepair, improving aquatic connectivity and reducing flooding, erosion, and sedimentation. The replacement structure will also restore public safety and habitat for cold water fisheries.

*Wayne SWCD - Sodus Fruit Farm Road Culvert Replacement*

\$38,635 was awarded to Wayne County SWCD to replace an existing undersized deteriorating concrete box culvert with a large squash pipe to better fit the alignment of the creek and improve roadside bank stability.

**Track 4: Public Outreach and Education**

*St. Lawrence SWCD - Stream-Smart Road Crossings: Municipal Training Program*

\$10,000 was awarded to St. Lawrence County SWCD to expand statewide access to Stream Smart principles by partnering with The Nature Conservancy to deliver a

high-quality municipal training and develop durable educational resources for use across New York State, helping to build long-term statewide capacity to protect and restore healthy stream corridors.

*Lewis SWCD - New York Rivers and Roads: Protecting Streams, Roads and Communities*

\$10,000 was awarded to Lewis County SWCD to replicate the 2-day Vermont Rivers and Roads Program Training in New York with an emphasis on stream corridor equilibrium for 50 individuals from municipalities, District staff, engineers, and partner organizations.

*NYC SWCD - Creating NYC Water WATCH (Waterbody Advocacy Training for Community Heroes) Advocates and Stewards*

\$10,000 was awarded to New York City SWCD to develop a waterbody advocacy training program to better equip the public about ways to combat threats to clean water in NYC, including virtual training sessions on a variety of waterbody advocacy topics, walking tours of nature-based green infrastructure, and creation of advocacy campaigns.