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## CWMI Update – April 2018

### *Educational Events*

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, with an optional tour at 1:00 pm – Ditch Management Training: Use of Compost Based BMPs for Ditches, Slopes and Stream Banks. Sponsored by Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District and CWMI. Tompkins County Highway Department, 170 Bostwick Rd., Ithaca, NY. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Angel Hinickle at [ahinickle@tompkins-co.org](mailto:ahinickle@tompkins-co.org) or by calling (607) 257-2340 in order to ensure an accurate count for lunches. This training includes:
    - Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District to discuss their ditch mapping efforts and hydroseeding program.
    - Jean Bonhotal, from the Cornell Waste Management Institute, to discuss the use of compost based BMPs in Tompkins County and throughout New York.
    - Discussion on Essex County's use of Rural Roads Active Management Program and roadside ditch projects that have been implemented.
    - We will end the session with some field visits within the County for those interested. Please dress for weather and plan to carpool to the sites.
  - May 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – NYS Federation of Solid Waste Associations – Strive for Sustainability Solid Waste & Recycling Conference with Trade Show, at The Sagamore, Bolton Landing, NY. The Federation Spring Conference and Trade Show began in 1997 and has become an annual premier northeast event. It attracts over 700 public and private sector solid waste and recycling professionals to a technical program with 90 presentations and an expanded Trade Show that is supported by 120 major exhibitors. <https://conference.nyfederation.org/>
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Registration is now open for the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Animal Mortality Management at Embassy Suites, Amarillo, TX. **Early bird rates** expire May 6, 2018. There are daily rates and options for local attendees as well. This triennial symposium was established in 2005 and is an excellent opportunity to learn about the latest research, educational programs, and technologies available for disinfection, decontamination, depopulation, and disposal. To learn more about the complete schedule go to: <http://animalmortgmt.org/symposium/schedule/>. To register now go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/animalmort/>.
  - July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – Culture, Climate and Conservation; 73<sup>rd</sup> SWCS International Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM. In addition to learning about some of the management challenges and partnership opportunities that face ecosystems worldwide, attendees will experience the vibrant culture of New Mexico through the local Forum and Flavor event, will witness conservation efforts first-hand through tours, and will hear from leading speakers in the conservation field. Specialty tracks that focus on rangeland and forest restoration as well as the use of technology to advance conservation will also be offered at this year's conference. Collectively, all of these areas of focus will provide a forum for conservation professionals from around the world to come together
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to discuss successes and challenges, combat shared obstacles, and accelerate conservation efforts. For more information, visit <https://www.swcs.org/events/conferences/2018-annual-conference/>.

### ***Educational Materials***

- Our *Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities* project website has been updated to help you more easily find information about soil contaminants, soil testing, healthy gardening practices, compost use, and related topics. Check it out at <http://blogs.cornell.edu/healthypoils/>, or from the links on the CWMI site! Please contact Hannah Shayler at [has34@cornell.edu](mailto:has34@cornell.edu) with any questions or feedback.
- “Carbon Footprint of a University Compost Facility: Case Study of Cornell Farm Services” will be published in *Compost Science and Utilization* in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye on our CWMI news blog (<http://cwmi.css.cornell.edu/>) for details.

### **Happy Composting!**

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