

STORMWATER OUTDOOR DEMONSTRATION TRAINING FACILITY

In 2004, Southern Tier West hosted its first "Muddy Water Blues Stormwater and Equipment Demonstration Day" at the Town of Great Valley Highway Barns. During the years that followed, several more "Demonstration Days" were held in Great Valley and other locations in the region. However, what was lacking was the permanent installation of various stormwater techniques to demonstrate the long term effects of them.

In 2013, with the financial assistance of the Appalachian Regional Commission and through a partnership with the Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works (DPW), Southern Tier West had the opportunity to utilize acreage on the DPW Campus located at 8810 Jack Ellis Drive (Route 242) in Little Valley, New York to develop green infrastructure practices and erosion/sediment control practices for demonstration and educational purposes. The Stormwater Outdoor Demonstration Site serves as a permanent hands-on training facility showcasing stormwater Best Management Practices. The Outdoor Training Facility was designed by local engineers and built by local forces - - all are members of the STW Regional Watershed Coalition.

With financial support from the Environmental Finance Center (Coalition member) and the expertise of the EcoStrategies Civil Engineering and FORECON, Inc. (Coalition members), a **Stormwater Demonstration Site Feasibility Study** was completed on August 9, 2013. This document provides the feasibility and estimated costs of the build-out of the Training Facility, which includes the "Out Back" Area - Erosion and Sediment Controls (Blue Book) and the "Out Front" Area - Green Infrastructure (White Book).

On May 22, 2014, Southern Tier West with the assistance of the Cattaraugus County Department of Public Works, and the STW Watershed Coalition hosted the **Grand Opening of the Stormwater Outdoor Demonstration Training Facility** at the DPW Campus in Little Valley, New York. The highlights of the Grand Opening titled "Practical Solutions for Site Stabilization and Stormwater Management" are as follows:

A total of 139 people attended: 139 attendees participated in the demonstration, 12 vendors, 17 Coalition members, 4 speakers and 8 STW staff members.