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## **Press Release**

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## First Grass Carp Stocking of the Year, Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District

Attention pond owners that need to control aquatic weeds in their ponds. Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding our first triploid grass carp stocking of the season in June.

Triploid (sterile) Grass Carp are a cost effective and natural alternative in controlling pond weeds when proper numbers of grass carp are stocked. Grass carp will balance the plant growth through consumption. They provide weed control from 8 to 10 years, and are sterile so they will not overtake your pond though breeding.

Triploid Grass Carp are a controlled species and require a permit from the NYS DEC. If interested in obtaining grass carp for weed control in your pond please contact the District office. We can assist pond owners with obtaining the required DEC permit to stock the grass carp. We can help decide how many fish should be stocked though site inspection, pond evaluation and plant identification. We also deliver the fish to your pond. You will need to have a permit before filling out an order form. Both permit applications and order forms can be found at our website or at our office. Start your permit process as soon as possible for the June stocking.

We also offer general pond consultation to help pond owners decide how to manage their pond. For more information stop by our office at 10 Leach Road, Lyons, Monday –Friday from 7am to 4pm or call us at 315-946-4136.

Grass Carp information and forms can be found under the Pond Ecology section of our website <u>http://www.waynecountynysoilandwater.org/pondEco.html</u>