

# Residents are planting for conservation

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WATKINS GLEN, April 22 -- The Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held its annual Green Arbor Program distribution of bare root seedlings and transplants on Saturday, April 18 and over 120 residents purchased 10,000 trees and shrubs for conservation plantings this year.

In addition, rain barrels and dozens of bluebird boxes that were made by the District were purchased.

The Green Arbor Program is set up to meet the needs of all county landowners, whether they have a small parcel or hundreds of acres. As always, species adapted to Schuyler County site conditions are selected to provide a variety of conservation uses.

“We continue to offer this program for residents because of the enthusiasm of local folks for planting trees and shrubs for wildlife and other conservation uses,” said Rebecca Collins, District Technician. “We love to see people of all ages working to protect our natural resources.”



If Schuyler residents want to be added to the Soil and Water District mailing list so they can receive a tree order form in the mail in January, or to learn more about soil and water programs, visit the website [www.schuylerswcd.com](http://www.schuylerswcd.com). There is also a Soil and Water Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/SchuylerSWCD](http://www.facebook.com/SchuylerSWCD)

A fish stocking program is being offered this year, as well, and the deadline for ordering for the spring program is May 15. Visit the website for an order form or call the District at 535-0878 for more information.

**Photo in text:** Peggy and Mark Ashcraft of Hector with some of the bluebird boxes they purchased at the tree sale. They have many bluebirds and want to encourage more nesting. *(Photo provided)*