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SCHUYLER COUNTY, April 22 -- The Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual Green Arbor Program distribution of bare root seedlings and transplants on Saturday, April 14, and over 150 residents purchased more than 16,000 trees and shrubs for conservation plantings this year, up from 14,000 last year. In addition, 16 rain barrels and 50 bluebird boxes that were made by the District were purchased.

"Planting trees and shrubs is perhaps the most effective way for individuals to help keep our environment clean and green, they add value to your property and reduce energy use," said District Technician Rebecca Collins, adding: "Rain barrels help reduce runoff and capture water for your plants and garden." The Green Arbor Program is set up to meet the needs of all county landowners, whether they have a small lot or hundreds of acres. As always, species adapted to Schuyler County site conditions were selected to provide a variety of conservation uses.



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, they should call Collins at 535-6878. To learn more about Soil and Water programs, visit www.schuylercounty.us/swcd or the District's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/SchuylerSWCD.

Established in 1940, the Schuyler County Soil and Water Conservation District provides farmers, homeowners, organizations and municipalities with technical assistance to help them manage natural resources and be good stewards of the land. Services include conservation practices to protect water quality; erosion and sediment control; land drainage; assistance in obtaining state and federal permits; conservation education, and much more.

Photo in text: John Ball, a resident of the Town of Reading, picks up his rain barrels and trees at the Green Arbor Program distribution held at the Youth Fair site in the Town of Dix. *(Photo provided)*

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