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PRESS RELEASE

Post-Sandy Tree and Shrub Seedling Bulk Buying Program Announced

As a result of the destruction caused by Superstorm Sandy, the Conservation District of Nassau County has organized a bulk tree and shrub buying program to help Nassau County homeowners, local governments and businesses economically purchase proper plant materials to replace those destroyed by the storm.

“Long Island needs its trees and shrubs,” said Brian Zimmerman, District Manager for the Conservation District, “They help reduce stormwater runoff, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat and shade and beautify the landscape. This program makes it easy for all of us to help rebuild Long Island”.

A total of 17 varieties of native trees and shrubs are being offered for sale ranging from hardwoods such as spruces, oaks and maples and ornamentals such as dogwoods to shrubs including butterfly bushes and highbush blueberries. These plants are seedlings or transplants up to 24 inches in height and are sold in bundles of 10 for between \$12.00 and \$25.00 per bundle.

A complete list, plant descriptions and order form can be obtained from the Conservation District’s website (www.nassauswcd.org) or by sending an e-mail request to nassauswcd2@optonline.net. Orders may be submitted up until March 10, 2013 and plants will be available for pickup on April 19th and 20th.

“Replacing plants and trees are an important component of protecting our harbors and bays,” said Eric Swenson, Executive Director of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee and Conservation District Board Member, “I encourage everyone to take advantage of this program.”.

The Conservation District of Nassau County is an organization comprised of representatives of municipalities and not-for-profit organizations in Nassau County that assists local governments, schools and homeowners to manage their properties using the best soil and water conservation methods. These include the use of native plants, rain gardens, green roofs and other green infrastructure methods.