

the wrong target. It will therefore lead to environmental and economic benefits.”

The role of the New York State Turfgrass Association will be to communicate information to our members through diagnostic sessions at our annual and regional conferences, web site postings, training workshops, and announcements in our member newsletters. Elizabeth Seme, NYSTA Executive Director said, “Last March, the New York State Turfgrass Association Board of Directors had the opportunity to tour Cornell University’s New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) and hear presentations by the scientists there. We were especially impressed by the cutting-edge research taking place in the Entomology Department. Dr. Peck has proven to be an authority in the Northeast on the European crane fly and annual bluegrass weevil. We’re proud to be able to award him with an ESF grant for his current project and are confident that NYSAES has the scientists, researchers, cooperative extension agents, laboratory

technicians, and IPM specialists to handle all aspects of this endeavor.”

Dr. Thomas J. Burr, NYSAES Associate Dean and Director expressed his appreciation for the Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Fund grant in a letter sent to NYSTA President, Owen Regan. He wrote, “The support NYSTA has and continues to provide Dan Peck and other researchers in the College is critical for the development of excellent turf research and extension programs. The funding will allow Dan and his laboratory staff to assess the breadth and needs of turf diagnostics across New York and further develop and evaluate key diagnostic methods that will be critical to the future of the turfgrass industry.”

The New York State Turfgrass Association is proud to support the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences mission to create a “learning community dedicated to wide access, independent learning and new technologies...that will have a local and global impact on the way Earth’s inhabitants live, learn and thrive.”

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Wright Receives Environmental Stewardship Award

September 1, GSA New York presented its Environmental Stewardship Award to Thomas V. Wright, the Superintendent of Parks and Grounds at the historic Mohonk Mountain House, high on the Shawangunk Ridge in New Paltz, New York. Presented annually, the award is “given to an individual who exemplifies the role of environmental steward in the management of natural resources that support outdoor recreation and sports opportunities.”

Built on the deep-blue waters of Lake Mohonk in 1869, the grand 265-room Mohonk Mountain House is one of America’s oldest family-owned resorts. Tom Wright is responsible for the management of thousands of acres of unspoiled natural beauty that offers guests 85 miles of hiking trails, swimming, boating, ice

skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tennis, horseback riding, rock climbing and a golf course that has been called one of the “Top 10 Environmentally Friendly Courses in the USA” by Links magazine. He has been successful in providing for the recreational needs of Mohonk’s visitors while demonstrating an exceptional commitment to protecting the unique environment of the Shawangunks, called one of Earth’s “Last Great Places” by the Nature Conservancy. In his work he guards the Mohonk tradition of environmentalism - unwavering for 140 years of continuous Smiley family ownership.



Mohonk President Bert Smiley, Thomas Wright, GSA-NY Captain Kevin Trotta