

Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



Annual Election & Open House

The Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors and staff held the Annual Election and Open House on Sunday, September 19 at the Middleton Township Building. It was a beautiful afternoon to talk with citizens and share the events and programs of the district. Pictures of the event are posted on the district Facebook page - Wood Soil & Water Conservation District.



Thank you to the Board of County Commissioners for their interest and financial support in the mission of the Wood SWCD. The district is able to continue the boots on the ground efforts with their encouragement and backing.

Congratulations to Kris Swartz on his election to the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors as he will begin his ninth term January of 2022.



OFFICE HOURS
7:30 AM —4:30 PM
MONDAY—FRIDAY

The Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors holds regular monthly meetings the third Friday of each month at 8:00 AM at the district office.

2021 Board of Supervisors

Front L to R: Matt Davis, Lee E. Sundermeier, and Dylan Baer
Back L to R: Logan Riker-Chamberlain and Kris Swartz



“Boots on the Ground” by Matt Davis

I enjoy traveling as often as possible. Recently my wife Monica and I traveled to the Carolinas to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. One trend that seems to be showing up in almost all of our travels, near and far, is the frequent visiting of wineries and distilleries. Not exactly sure what that means, but it happens quite often.

Another favorite pass time of ours is relaxing in the backyard “ga-bin-zo” enjoying the peace and quiet. I also enjoy serving on the SWCD board and look forward to the future.



Firefly Distillery in North Charleston, South Carolina



Relaxing in the grain-bin gazebo— “ga-bin-zo”

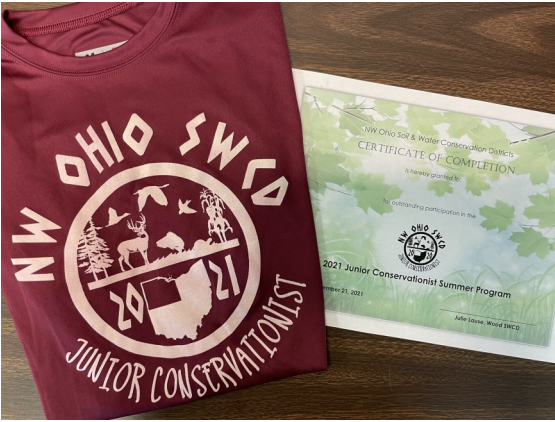
Matt joined the soil and water board this past January. He and his wife Monica live in southern Wood County outside of North Baltimore. Matt is a 25-year employee of The Ohio State University and is the manager of the Northwest Ag Research Station. In addition, he is also the Henry Township Fiscal Officer. Matt and Monica are the proud parents of 2 adult children. Their son Austin lives in Lake Orion Michigan with his wife Alyssa. He is a Mechanical Engineer for General Motors focusing on electric vehicles – most recently the GMC Hummer electric truck. Their daughter Lindsay lives in Longmont Colorado and is a Quality Specialist for J.M. Smuckers in a facility that makes Uncrustable Sandwiches.



Blue Mountain Vineyards in Berthoud, Colorado

“Boots on the Ground” is an addition to our quarterly newsletter highlighting an experience, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the district supervisors and staff .

The 2021 Jr. Conservationists



Back by popular demand, the Northwest Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Districts offered a free at-home Do-It-Yourself Jr. Conservationist summer program. Wood County kids registered for the program with many completing at least six activities each to receive a certificate and t-shirt. Parents shared some great photos and fun stories with the district. The activity ideas are available online at www.lucasswcd.org. Activities can be done at any time. If you'd like to participate and receive a Jr. Conservationist certificate register on the Lucas SWCD site or

contact the Wood SWCD.

Changing seasons offer new opportunities for conservation education. You are welcome to share your experiences and photos with the district and on the district Facebook page - Wood Soil & Water Conservation District.

Please contact the Wood SWCD if you are in need of natural resource educational activities for classrooms, homeschooling, clubs, organizations, etc.



Expanded Enrollment

In September, the Ohio Department of Agriculture announced a new H2Ohio enrollment window for the original 14 counties, including Wood County. This is an opportunity for producers with existing H2Ohio contracts to add acres to their agreement, or to add practices to fields already enrolled in the program. It is also available to people who missed the original sign-up window in February 2020 but want to participate.

Producers can sign up for the same practices as before for the 2022 and 2023 crop years. This includes small grains planted in fall of 2021; however, no other practices may start until January 2022. Specific guidance for each practice is available on our website: <http://www.woodswcd.com/h2ohio.html>

New contracts must have a nutrient management plan completed *before* completing an application. These nutrient management plans need to meet the Tri-State fertility guidelines and soil tests cannot be more than four years old. The deadline to submit applications is January 14, 2022.

Cover Crop Deadline Extended

The deadline for establishing a cover crop has been extended to November 1st. Winter rye, winter wheat and triticale are the only remaining options for planting in late October. ODA suggests increasing the seeding rate by 20% to ensure establishment of a good stand over the winter. This extension applies to the Overwintering Cover Crop practice as well as Manure Incorporation and Small Grains.

If you have any questions about the H2Ohio program, or would like to make an appointment to update a contract or start a new application, please contact Beth Landers or Sarah St John.

Marketing and Media Internship

The Wood County Ag-Venture team and the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District are offering an internship and scholarship for eager and ambitious students. The marketing and media internship is focused around the execution of our self-guided driving tour - Ag-Venture. The selected intern will have the opportunity to gain experience in the field of agricultural communications while also using their skills and talents to promote, plan, and carry out the event.

Applicants must be experienced in Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and any other social media platforms and must be able to demonstrate understanding of execution content development using outside applications for graphics. Experience in event planning and knowledge of Wood County preferred. The Marketing and Media intern will receive a \$3000 scholarship for their work at the conclusion of their internship. Internship is eligible for an internship education requirement at the work/completion of the candidate.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and references no later than Monday, November 1st.

For more information, please visit our Ag-Venture page at www.woodswcd.com/ag-venture.html



Milkweed Seed and Monarch Butterflies

Wood SWCD is collecting milkweed pods through the month of October. Special thanks to Nick, our milkweed seed cleaning superhero. Each year Nick brings clean milkweed seed to our office for area residents and companies to plant in pollinator gardens. This year he brought us 25 pounds of cleaned seed! About 1/8 of an ounce will seed a square yard. If you would like cleaned seed ready to plant for the winter and some planting information, stop by our office Monday– Friday.



Female monarchs lay eggs over a 2-5 week period; resulting in about 300-400 eggs! Each egg is laid on a single milkweed plant. Milkweed is the host plant for monarch caterpillars, meaning the milkweed is the only plant the caterpillars can feed on.

Collecting milkweed pods helps the monarchs as well as provides a food source for over 450 other species.



Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$160.00
Pond Filter Float	\$100.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 45.00
Ring Buoy	\$ 70.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (per foot)	\$ 0.25
Tile Probes	\$37 & 39
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.10 ea
100 5x 8	\$ 10.00
6' field flag	\$ 7.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 3.00
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-45
Compost Bin	\$ 50.00
Rat Guards	
4" stainless steel	\$ 8.00
6" stainless steel	\$ 10.00
8" stainless steel	\$ 12.00
10" stainless steel	\$ 18.00
12" stainless steel	\$ 28.00
15" mild steel	\$ 25.00
Wood County Plat Book	\$ 20.00
(Cash or Check payable upon receipt)	

Equipment for Rent

Great Plains Drill

(for CRP Practices only)

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2" row spacing
- Minimum 65 hp with live hydraulics

Rental Rate is \$10.00/acre

(\$50 minimum)

Delivery Charge \$20.00

Cleanout Charge \$25.00

(if applicable)

Dibble Bar

\$40 Refundable Deposit

Tree Planter

(for large planting projects)

\$25.00 First Day

\$45.00 Each Additional Day

*For Use by Wood County
Residents and Landowners*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tree Seedling Sale
December 13- March 1

Tree Workshop
TBD

From the Farm
January 26, 2022
6:30 PM Location TBD

Fingerling Fish Sale
Pick-up
April 26, 2022
9:30 AM

Pond Clinic
TBD

**Wood County
Ag-Venture**
September 17, 2022

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Jeremy Gerwin, Lead Technician

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Sarah St. John, District Technician

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