

# Eye On Conservation

## Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



## Back in the Saddle Again

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is back to hosting events, giving presentations, in-person meetings, and business as usual at the district office.

You can hear us on **The Morning Show** with Clint Corpe each month with updates and happenings. The staff and producers made their appearance on the **Sentinel-Tribune** Facebook page with a video, the front page of the **Sentinel-Tribune** and between the pages of **The Blade**. All with positive efforts and programs to educate and serve Wood County residents and landowners.

The staff with the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation Districts are back in the state offices and have visited each of the 88 county soil and water districts to meet



new supervisors and employees. Chief, Kirk Hines, and H2Ohio WLEB Program Coordinator, Terry Mescher, visited the district office to recognize the efforts and progress of the Wood SWCD H2Ohio program.

Keep a look out for more program and event opportunities as the year moves ahead.

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

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



## “Boots on the Ground” by Sarah St. John

### ***Paddle in the Water***

Now that summer is finally in full swing, it's time to get out the kayaks! For me, kayaking began just as an occasional vacation activity, but has become one of my favorite warm weather pastimes.

I've found kayaking to be a great way to enjoy the outdoors, explore, and spend time with friends and family. Fortunately, kayaking is a hobby that my family also enjoys and is easy for beginners to pick up, so it's never hard to find another willing participant or a boat to borrow for a novice friend.

What I most enjoy about exploring local waters by kayak is the opportunity to experience NW Ohio from a different perspective! I've become accustomed to seeing familiar places mostly from the road, so seeing the landscape from the water has been an exciting new way to explore the area I've lived in my whole life. In the short time since purchasing my first kayak in 2019, I've enjoyed paddling the Portage River, Maumee Bay State Park, Howard Marsh, the Maumee River, Lake Erie, and the clear-watered quarries in Gibsonburg.



**Lake Bomoseen, VT  
with college friends**



**Eagle Lake in Gibsonburg, OH**

Of the countless places I've kayaked locally and away from home, my favorite spot is the Crystal River in Glen Arbor, MI. Although the river isn't very deep, the water is so clear that you can see every pebble, fish, otter, and turtle below as the river winds through the pines and birch trees. The “icing on the cake” is after you finish paddling the 6.3 miles, you won't be far from some great breweries and wineries along M-22! With plenty of rental liveries in the area, I would definitely recommend checking it out if

you find yourself near Glen Arbor and Sleeping Bear Dunes.

I have always been interested in conservation, but working at Wood SWCD with the H2Ohio program has given me a new appreciation of the effort it takes to be good stewards of our rivers and lakes. It makes the work we do at Wood SWCD during the week feel more meaningful when I'm able to enjoy the water we're working to improve on the weekends.

**“Boots on the Ground”** highlights an experience, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the supervisors and staff of the district on conservation and nature in their lives.



**Crystal River in Glen Arbor, MI  
with my husband Kyle and our  
dog Daisy**





We're excited to announce that the H2Ohio has been extended to 2022 and 2023!

Wood SWCD will begin scheduling appointments in July for current H2Ohio participants to sign contract extensions and to review 2021 nutrient applications. After SWCD Board approval, our office will be issuing payments for practices like Voluntary Nutrient Management Implementation, Subsurface Phosphorus Placement, Variable Rate Phosphorus Application, and Manure Incorporation.

If you are a current H2Ohio participant and need to schedule an appointment to verify your 2021 nutrient applications and sign a contract extension, please contact our office at 419-354-5517 as soon as possible.



Certification is now live for the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) Farmer Certification Program, which will help farmers take conservation programs to the next level.

H2Ohio participants must complete their OACI Certification under the profile they previously created. The certification process involves answering questions about their farming practices, then will assign a score to help determine where your operations stands with the conservation practices they have implemented. H2Ohio participants can complete this certification on their own at home, or we would be happy to assist with the process in our office. The OACI Certification link and step by step instructions can be found on our H2Ohio webpage at <http://www.woodswcd.com/h2ohio.html>.



### Attention CRP Enrollees

The Forks Conservation Club (Forks), established in 1945 in eastern Wood County, is seeking partnerships for the advancement of upland game bird hunting. The Forks is interested in speaking with farmers and ranchers who have enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or would consider making their lands available for releasing and hunting pheasants. This season would correspond with Ohio's upland game season, usually beginning in early November and ending in early January.



Participants would be asked to authorize access to their enrolled lands for pheasant releases and hunting purposes, provide a parking site for hunters, and a small map showing the enrolled property or property designated for pheasant releases and hunting.

The Forks Conservation Club would post signs indicating a “Forks designated hunting area”, ensure safety, and monitor the area for litter and other foreign materials.

The partnership would last one fall hunting season. Renewal partnerships would be at the enrollee's discretion.

For further information please contact Paul Yon, Trustee, 419.266.5847; Aaron Moore, Trustee, 419.308.4935; or Mike Sanyen, President, 419.494.6463. Forks Conservation Club



### Ohio's Historic Family Farms

Wood County is honored to have over 50 Historic Family Farms recognized by the state of Ohio. The United States agricultural industry remains an essential part of the global economy. Recognizing the history of our local family farms reminds us of the determination, ingenuity, and challenges the generations before us endured as the many farmers immigrated to the U.S. seeking a new life.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognizes the many social, economic, and historic contributions made by Ohio's founding farm families. Ohio's Historic Family Farms program was developed as a way to honor these families for their enduring legacy to our state.

The program grants three designations based on the number of years of same-family ownership:

- Century Farms (100-149 years);
- Sesquicentennial Farms (150-199 years); and
- Bicentennial Farms (200 years and more).

Qualified registrants receive an heirloom certificate signed by the Governor of Ohio and the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Follow the link on the Wood SWCD website to download and print the registration form to apply. A hard copy may be requested by calling 614-752-4505. Contact the Wood SWCD for assistance: 419-354-5517 #4 or [wcdswcd@woodswcd.com](mailto:wcdswcd@woodswcd.com)

**Wood Soil & Water Conservation District**

# **BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN**

*Let's get together for an*

**Open House & Supervisor Election**

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**at the**

**Middleton Township Building**

**21745 N. Dixie Highway**

**Bowling Green, OH 43402**

*Enjoy a few yard games.*

*Grab a bite to eat and quench  
your thirst.*

*See what the Wood SWCD has  
been up to now that we are back in  
the saddle again.*



*Residents and landowners can vote for the Supervisor to fill  
one open seat on the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors  
until 4:00 PM.*





## Education & Outreach

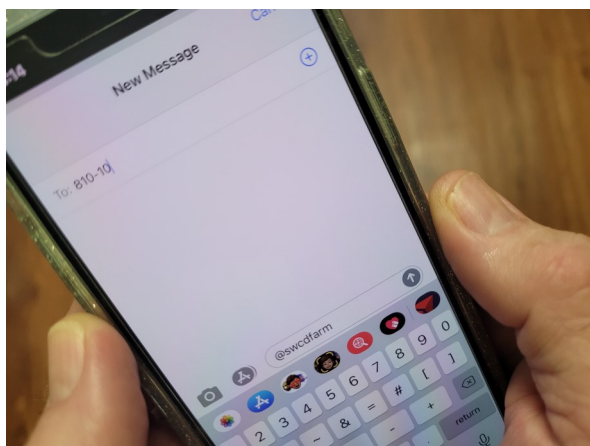
*Find us at the Wood County Fair!  
We've moooved!*



The Wood County agencies have joined forces to share space and resources. Look for us under the Merchant Tent at the south end of the fairgrounds.

**A DO-IT-YOURSELF CAMP!**  
You choose the activities. You choose how many to do.  
Complete 6 of the activities to receive a free Jr. Conservationist camp t-shirt and certificate from the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District.  
For details and registration, visit :  
<https://www.lucasswcd.org/jrcc>  
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## Text Reminders



An efficient, quick way to get information to you is through text messages. To receive text message reminders for programs and events send of the following @ messages to 810-10 to be added to that contact list. Message and data rates will apply if applicable to your phone plan.

**@swcdfarm** for updates and reminders on program requirements, From the Farm events, etc.

**@pondinfo** for updates on fish sale and pond clinics

**@treeinfo** for updates on tree sale and tree workshops

For example, to receive tree sale and workshop reminders and messages, type **@swcdfarm in your text message box** to 810-10 (in the box where you'd type a phone number).

## Social Media



Follow the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District on Facebook to find events and participate in the 'rain gauge game.' Be sure to tag the district in your conservation photos. Conservation practices can be found in both the rural and urban areas.



## From the Farm - Weed Control

Bring a lawn chair and join us for a **From the Farm** casual conversation on weed control in your fields and CRP acres at

**AIF (Agricultural Incubator Foundation)**  
**13737 Middleton Pike Bowling Green, OH 43402**

**Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 PM**

*Please RSVP to the district office to ensure enough snacks and materials are available.*

Andy Lang, Pioneer Territory Manager, is providing a tour of the Wood SWCD plots at AIF.

1616 E Wooster St. Suite 32  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
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www.woodswcd.com





## Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$160.00
Pond Filter Float	\$100.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 45.00
Pond Safety Kit	\$150.00
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

Wednesday, June 28  
6:30 PM  
From the Farm  
At AIF

August 2-9  
Wood County Fair

August 21 -  
September 18  
Wood SWCD  
Supervisor Election  
Absentee Voting

September 19  
Open House &  
Supervisor Election  
1 - 4 PM  
Middleton Township  
Building

## District Staff

Jim Carter, District Administrator/Drainage & Engineering Coordinator  
Jeremy Gerwin, Lead District Technician  
Beth Landers, Resource Technician  
Julie Lause, Administrative & Outreach Manager  
Sarah St. John, District Technician  
Beth Anne Hermes, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician

## NRCS Staff

Becky Duncan, District Conservationist  
Kelly Copeland, Resource Conservationist  
Josh Gerwin, Area Resource Conservationist  
Joe Rumschlag, Civil Engineering Technician

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**Please contact the district office to update contact information or to be added to the email contact list. The majority of correspondence from the Wood SWCD is through email and social media.**

## CONTACT US

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