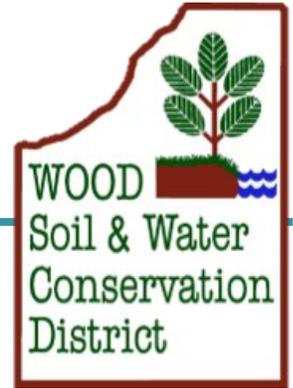


# Eye On Conservation

## Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



## Summer Summary

Ohio summer weather continues. Scattered showers and downpours. Heat and humidity. Too much for some. Too little for others. Just right for a few. Vegetable gardens are still producing. Flowers are blooming and field crops are still growing. This time of year is bountiful with homegrown produce and zucchini bread. Whether or not you grew it or baked it yourself homegrown is still the best.



The last couple of months the district staff hosted From the Farm meetings, presented 'Soil Your Undies' at Manure Science Review, assessed private ditch cleanings, and surveyed land for drainage structures and manure storage structures. Water quality with Fred the Fish was the topic for day camps and library presentations.

As the 2022 Wood County Ag-Venture Self-Driving Farm Tour approaches Saturday, September 17, 10 AM - 3 PM, signs are posted and billboards are up. Benschoter Hay & Straw of Cygnet, Buckeye Seafood Co. LLC of Bloomdale, Harrison Farms of Wayne, Weber Ranch, LLC of Wayne, and the Wood County Museum in Bowling Green are graciously welcoming visitors to tour their facilities, ask questions, and learn more about the Wood County agri-business. Each stop will offer activities, experiences, and the opportunity to talk to experts in the field.



When planning garden club events, hosting civic presentations, working on Boy Scout and Girl Scout badges, or creating a science fair project contact the Wood SWCD for resources or speakers on conservation topics. The staff will be happy to help provide guidance and materials. Soil and water conservation district continue to be a best keep secret that the public needs to know about.

**Thank you to Wood County Commissioners Dr. Ted Bowlus, Craig LaHote, and Doris I. Herringshaw for the continued support and concern of your local natural resources.**

**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



# Eye On Conservation

## “Boots on the Ground”

The local Ohio BMV office is across the hall from the Wood SWCD office. The place has been busy and people are walking around the atrium to pass the time. This district sells nut wizards and strategically placed them so they can be seen through the glass doors. People will sheepishly open the door and ask “what are those?” “What is this place?” They are great conversation starters. We’ve sold a few. But most importantly we’ve introduced the locals to their soil and water conservation office. Sometimes they leave with a handful of information. Sometimes it’s a Sammy the Soil Ped coloring book and crayons. Sometimes a nut wizard - the large size for black walnuts is the most popular.



No, our office cannot turn the water back on; but, the district staff can help with drainage concerns, erosion issues, soil health, water quality, pollinator habitats, pond filters, and nut wizards.

*“Boots on the Ground” highlights experiences, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the supervisors and staff of the district.*

## A Fair Time

For the Wood SWCD the Wood County Fair was here and gone without a hitch. With the H2Ohio program in full swing, the focus was on water quality and conservation with a watershed education display in the Jr. Fair Building and rain gauge and water bottle give-aways. The staff talked with visitors about hot topics as local water quality concerns, toxic weeds, and pollinators.

Visit the district office for educational information for all ages on soil health, water quality, tree windbreaks, and pollinators.





## 2022 NACD Poster Contest

The Wood SWCD offered an opportunity for Wood County students to create a poster focusing on a conservation message.



The poster contest is organized by the National Association of Conservation Districts. This year the theme was “Healthy Soil, Healthy Life.”



Congratulations to Briley for the design and creativity of her conservation poster. Briley was awarded a certificate and a \$25 for her winning poster. Her poster was submitted to the state level representing Grades 4-6 in Wood County.

Thank you to the Wood County student participants of this year’s contest. Look for next year’s theme to be announced in the spring.

## H2Ohio

### H2Ohio Update

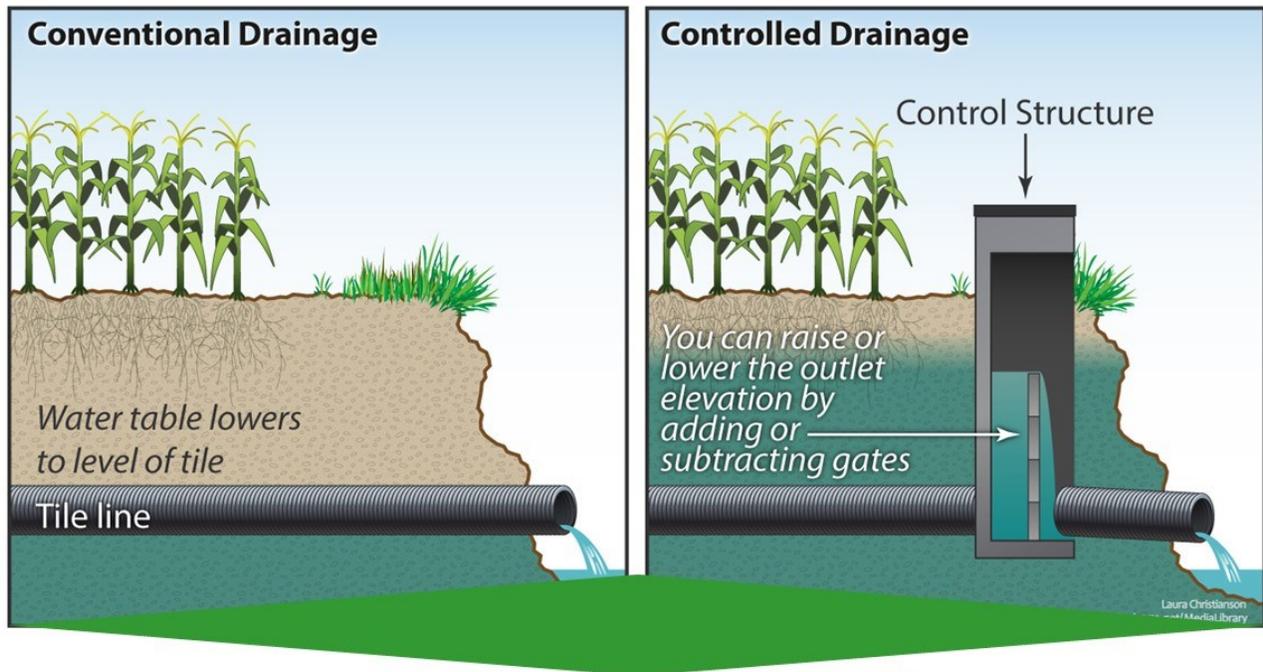
H2Ohio is now offering a new added \$10/acre incentive for participants to interseed

overwintering cover crops in standing corn or soybeans. To be eligible, producers must be currently enrolled in H2Ohio’s Overwintering Cover Crop practice, have their Statement of Intent signed by August 1<sup>st</sup>, and have the interseeded completed by September 30, 2022. The added incentive is meant to help encourage aerial application of cover crops; which has become a method that farmers have begun to utilize for earlier planting. Earlier cover crop planting can mean a better stand going into winter, and helps to get more cover crops seeded in years where fall field conditions may be wet.



Additionally, after much discussion and input from H2Ohio participants, ODA is revising the H2Ohio Manure Incorporation and Overwintering Cover Crop Practice Standards and Guidelines. Last year with the late delayed planting and harvest in many parts of the project area, a decision was made **to extend the establishment date for the Overwintering Cover Crop practice and the final date for Manure Incorporation through the H2Ohio program to November 1<sup>st</sup>**. ODA will be making this date change for both practices permanent through the remainder of the contract period. Please contact our office for more details if you have questions.

Currently, our office has been verifying all 2022 nutrient application and making payments on VNMP Implementation, VRT Phosphorus Placement, and Subsurface Phosphorus placement. If you are participating in the program and have not been paid for anything yet this summer, please contact Beth or Sarah to see what you’re missing!



## From the Farm

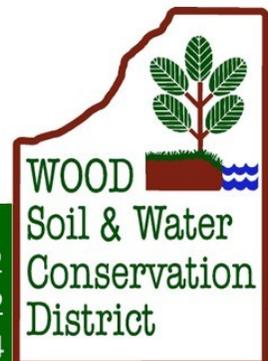
### Field Drainage & Water Control Structures

Bring a lawn chair and join us for a **From the Farm** casual conversation on field drainage and water control structures at the

**Brendyn & Karen George Farm**  
**22604 Hoytville Rd.**  
**Deshler, OH 43516**

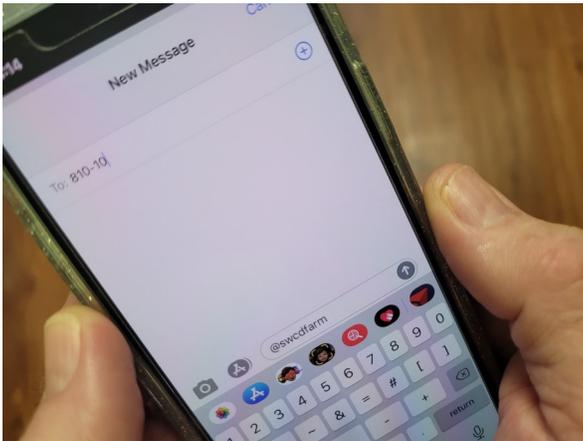
**Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 PM**

*Please RSVP to the district office at 419-354-5517 #4 to ensure enough snacks and materials are provided.*



1616 E Wooster St. Suite 32  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
419-354-5517 #4

# Text Message 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 Messages



Follow the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District and Wood County Ag-Venture on Facebook to keep up on events, programs, and conservation information. This is a quick way to get out information and share relevant conservation resources.

# Plants Pollinators Prefer



Bee Balm

Native plant species are making a come back to naturalized areas and finding their way into home landscapes. A native tree, shrub, or perennial hosts a vastly greater number and variety of insects and pollinator species than non-natives. Native oaks are the top of the list, hosting over 500 species, closely followed by native willows, cherries, and birches. (Tallamy, Bringing Nature Home).

The Wood SWCD annual tree sale focuses on offering native tree species for many reasons. They are suited for our soils and climate and provide the necessary food source, shelter, and building material for local pollinators.

Native perennials can be started by seed or transplants. Friends and neighbors with native plants are usually eager to share seed or starts. Organizations will have native plant sales in the spring. However, Friends of the Wood County Parks is hosting a native plant sale Saturday, September 24; 9 AM - 12 PM at Carter Farm Park, 18331 Carter Rd, Bowling Green, OH.

The district is collecting milkweed pods beginning September 1. Stop by the district office this winter for your free, cleaned common milkweed seed!



## Milkweed Pod Collection September 1–October 31

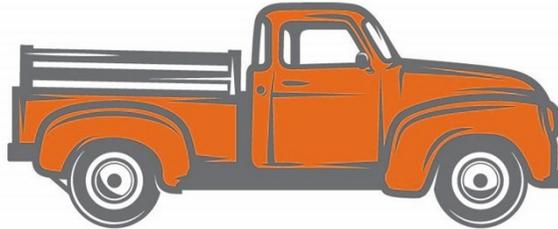
- It is best to collect the pods when they are dry, grey, or brown. IT IS IMPORTANT TO CHECK THIS
- If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be harvested.
- Store the pods in paper bags; plastic bags collect unwanted moisture.
- Put the date and county collected on the bag when you turn them in.
- Keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you can deliver them the Wood SWCD office— 1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32 Bowling Green





**Wood County Economic Development  
Commission**

*Presents*



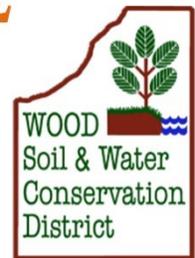
WOOD COUNTY  
**AG-VENTURE**  
A SELF-DRIVING FARM TOUR

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

[woodswcd.com/ag-venture](http://woodswcd.com/ag-venture)



Wood County Ag-Venture



Youth to adult t-shirts  
available for a \$10  
donation at Beeker's  
General Store,  
Pemberville; Mid-Wood,  
Inc., Bowling Green; and  
the Wood SWCD office.

## Wood Soil & Water Conservation District *Board of Supervisors Election*

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1.) At the SWCD office from Friday, August 19 until Friday, September 16, 2022 during normal business hours; or
- 2.) At the SWCD Annual Election which will take place at the Wood County Museum – 13660 County Home Rd, Bowling Green, OH on Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM; or
- 3.) Voting absentee from Friday, August 19 until Friday, September 16, 2022 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address: 1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32, Bowling Green, OH 43402, by calling 419-354-5517 #4, or email [wcdswcd@woodswcd.com](mailto:wcdswcd@woodswcd.com). Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 4:00 PM Friday, September 16, 2022.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

### *Candidates for Election*



Dylan Baer of rural Deshler is a fifth generation farmer of his family farm. He also manages a hay and straw business, helps neighbors with custom farming, and is a seed dealer for LG Seeds and Seed Consultants. Dylan currently serves as the Fiscal Agent on the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors.

Dylan and his wife Marissa are proud parents of two boys, 4 year old Logan and 2 year old Noah, And enjoy raising them on the farm.

His farming practices include crop rotation, little tillage, and acres of cover crops. Dylan favors cereal rye as a cover crop because of the soil health benefits and simplicity of management.



Marc Schaller recently retired as the General Manager of Countyline Co-op and continues as a grain marketing consultant. Marc enjoys spending time with his family and outdoors.

“I like education and hope to increase the outreach of Wood SWCD to all the farmers in our county.”

## 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	\$ 40-45
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.15 ea
100 5x 8	\$ 15.00
6' field flag	\$ 10.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 3.00
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-45
Compost Bin	\$ 65.00
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.

Sales tax of 6.75% will be applied at purchase.

A completed tax exempt certificate is needed for tax exempt purchases.

## 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

### FROM THE FARM

AUGUST 24

6:30 PM

### WOOD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTIONS

AUGUST 19 - SEPTEMBER 17

### WOOD COUNTY AG-VENTURE

SEPTEMBER 17

10 AM - 3 PM

### OFFICES CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 5

OCTOBER 10

## District Staff

Jim Carter, District Administrator/Drainage & Engineering Coordinator

Jeremy Gerwin, Lead Technician

Beth Landers, Resource Technician

Julie Lause, Administrative & Outreach Manager

Sarah St. John, District Technician

Beth Anne Hermes, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician

## NRCS Staff

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.**

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