

Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



Election and Open House

Save the date for the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Election and Open House on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Noon - 6:00 PM.

Among the activities, Wood SWCD is hosting a tallest corn stalk contest. The world's tallest sweetcorn plant recorded measures 48 feet 2 inches high grown in New York verified on March 7, 2021. (www.guinnessworldrecords.com) Wood County residents and landowners are encouraged to enter their tallest stalk for a chance to win a ice chest cooler full of goodies. Details are on the website at woodswcd.com.

Wood SWCD is governed by Board of Supervisors, each elected to serve a three year term. Visit the district office to meet the candidates and vote for two supervisors. Enjoy meal with corny foods - corn dogs, corn bread, corn salsa, corn chips, popcorn. Play a game of corn hole, pick up some swag, see some of the tallest stalks of corn in the county, and learn some fun facts and uses of corn from a member of the Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association.

This free event a casual opportunity for the community to meet the supervisors and staff and learn how the Wood SWCD programs and events impact the natural resources in Wood County and Northwest Ohio.



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
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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.

2023 Board of Supervisors

Front L to R: Matt Davis and Dylan Baer
Back L to R: Kris Swartz, Logan Riker-Chamberlain, and Marc Schaller



“Boots on the Ground”

There are many reasons to plant a tree windbreak. Especially in Northwest Ohio. The primary purpose is to slow the wind. Slowing the wind helps with soil wind erosion, provides protection for growing crops and livestock, creates a living snow fence, and can help with energy costs for a family homestead.

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in cooperation with the USDA Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program, planned and staked out a windbreak for the open land of the Wood County landfill. The windbreak will not only slow the wind, but will improve the view, provide wildlife habitat, trap dust and debris, and protect the soil and water quality.

The organizations worked with the landfill to design a windbreak which fit the layout of the property, identify the soil type and the appropriate tree species for the soil type, and how to prepare the area for the planting.

Wood SWCD staff staked the rows to allow for the minimum 6 foot clearance for planting equipment, the 15 feet from the drip line of existing plantings, the minimum 8 feet from property lines, and the proper distance for rights-of-way and utility easements. Site preparation was done by the landfill staff for the Division of Forestry to plant the seedlings.

Maintaining the newly planted windbreak is the responsibility of the landfill and is no small task. Weed suppression, watering, protection from wildlife damage, and replacement of dead trees gives the seedlings the best chance for survival.

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is for qualifying landowners on a minimum 10 acre parcel with a field windbreak of a minimum of 1,000 feet in length.

A healthy, properly maintained windbreak can provide decades of benefits for the surrounding landscape.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/practices/windbreaks.php>



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

Hello, Max.



Hello everyone. My name is Maxwell Schimpf, and I am the new Service Forester for your county. As a Service Forester, I am employed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry to assist private landowners in managing their woodlands. I'm a native Ohioan myself, having grown up outside of Dayton and having gotten my forestry degree from Ohio State. I can help landowners who typically have 10 or more acres of woods in their decision making about how to manage it properly. My services include site assessments and general woodland advice, helping to determine if a timber sale is right for you, connecting you with consulting foresters and Master Loggers, assisting and enrolling landowners into Ohio Forest Tax Law (OFTL) and Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) programs, connecting you with state and federal cost-share programs for woodland management, assisting landowners with the American Tree Farm Program, planning windbreaks, and promoting good forest management.

As a partner to your county conservation district, we work to provide private landowners with the information and knowledge to meet the economic and ecological goals for their lands. You can

contact me via phone and email: (614) 593-2569 or Maxwell.Schimpf@dnr.ohio.gov.

Find us at the Fair!



Wood County agencies are focusing their efforts with activities, displays, and conversations in a central location to reach fairgoers at the Wood County fair. Located across from the Republican building and between the Lake Boosters and former Bowling Green Christian Academy Elephant Ear buildings, look for a welcome sign and tents in the green space.

Visit the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) for information on conservation practices, sign-up to receive notices about the annual tree seedling sale, and pick up a seed packet for a

butterfly garden. Bring the kids Wednesday, August 2 11 AM – 2 PM for a fun, hands-on activity. Thursday, August 3rd, bring your technical questions to ask the district technician.

Staff from the Auditor's and Treasurer's offices are available to answer questions on property tax reduction, real estate, and manufactured home tax. Veterans are encouraged to stop by the Veteran's Service tent to complete a questionnaire and receive a coupon for a free 4-H milkshake.

Fairgoers are welcome to visit with staff and volunteers from the Auditor, Developmental Disabilities, Emergency Management, Health Department, Park District, Soil & Water Conservation District, Treasurer, and Veteran's Service Office. to learn what programs and services are available for Wood County residents and landowners.

4-H Hydration Project

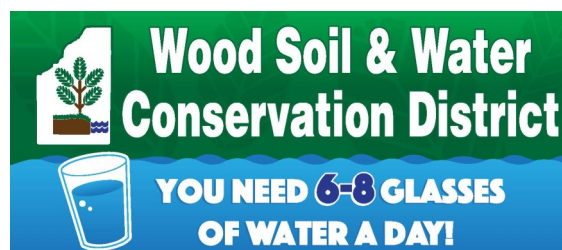
The Wood Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was proud to support the Ohio State University Extension, Wood County 4-H Camp hydration project. The idea of creating a 'hydration culture' was presented by Hardin County 4-H professionals in an effort to help campers with homesickness, illness, and dehydration during 4-H camp. The pilot program was so successful that the Wood County 4-H staff planned to implement the project at the Wood County camp.

Each camper was given a water bottle with a straw and rewarded for water consumption through out the day. The Wood SWCD provided funds to purchase an Igloo cooler drink dispenser for each cabin to refill their water bottles. The teen counselors took charge



of keeping the campers, as well as themselves, hydrated. With the pleasant weather and the focus on a hydrated camper, the Wood County 4-H Camp Nurse was happy to report that there were fewer visits to the Nurses' Station. When campers physically feel better they are more inclined to participate which reduces homesickness.

Thank you to the dedicated OSU Extension Wood County 4-H staff, counselors, and volunteers for their time and attention to the education, entertainment, and care of Wood County 4-H youth.



“One Water” Poster Contest

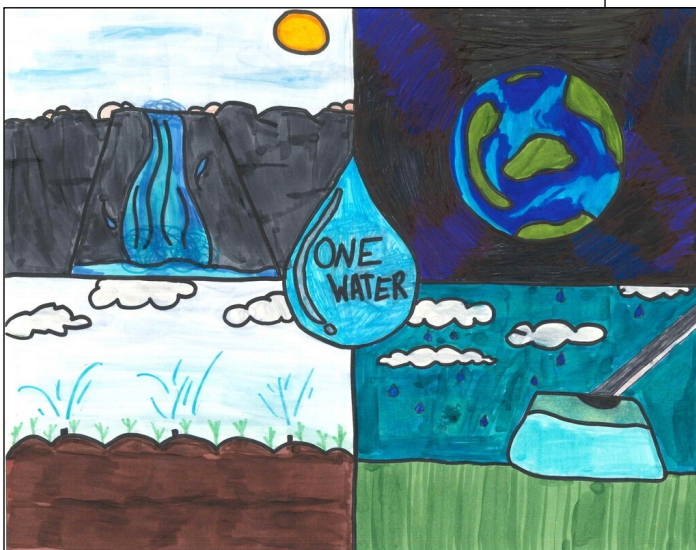
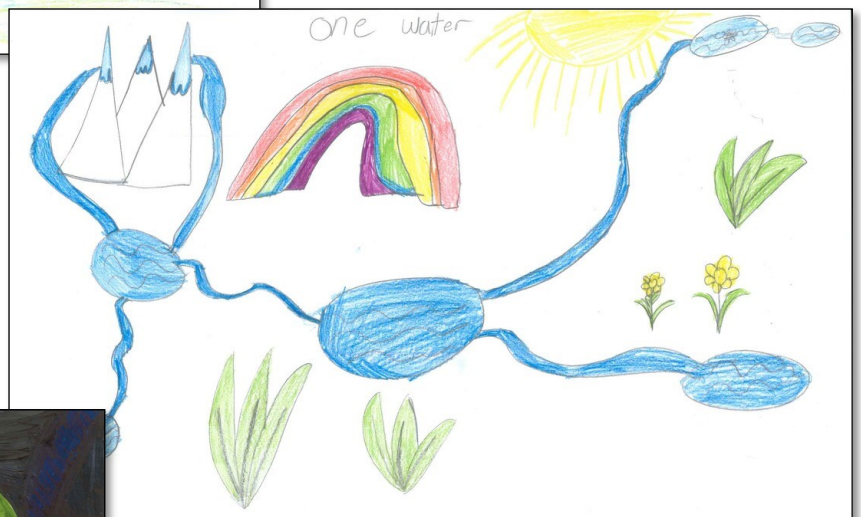
The Wood SWCD offered an opportunity for Wood County students to create a poster focusing on the conservation message “One Water.”

The poster contest is organized by the National Association of Conservation Districts with the winners from county and state submitted to the national contest. Wood SWCD received 61 entries in grades K- 6 from five Wood County schools.



Congratulations to Mara and Kennedy from St. Louis school and Sophie from Eastwood Middle school, for their winning designs.

Each winner was awarded a certificate and \$25 for their winning poster. The posters will be judged at the state contest during the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District annual Summer Supervisors School.



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. Youth Programs - woodswcd.com

2023 Election & Open House

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District







Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Wood SWCD Office
1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Vote for Two Supervisors 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Open House Noon - 6:00 PM

Free and open to the public

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-  **Cast your ballot** (Wood County residents and landowners 18 years of age and older)
 -  **Enjoy a snack** (hot dog, corn dog, corn salsa, corn bread, corn chips, popcorn)
 -  **Play a game of corn hole**
 -  **Pick up some swag**
 -  **See some of the tallest stalks of corn in the county**
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Tallest Stalk Contest

1. Open to Wood County residents and landowners.
2. Stalks may be checked in at the district office (1616 E Wooster St. Suite 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402) Wednesday, September 6 through Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 8 AM - noon.
3. All entries must be grown in the current year, 2023.
4. Entries should be WITHOUT root balls. Brace roots are acceptable, and large brace roots can be trimmed back.
5. Entries both with and without tassels are accepted.
6. Entries both with and without ears are accepted.
7. Measurement to determine height is done from the bottom of the stalk to the highest natural point when the stalk is upright. (Either the tip of the tassel when present or the natural arch of the highest leaf if no tassel is present.) Leaves will NOT be "pulled up" for official measuring. (Measurement is made to where the highest point would be if the stalk were free standing.)
8. If two stalks are of the same height, the first tiebreaker will be the length of ear (stalk with largest ear wins or stalk with ear beats equal height stalk without ear). If ears are the same size or neither has ears, the second tiebreaker will be the measured circumference around the base of stalk. The thickest base wins.
9. Stalks may be submitted for entry attached to a suitable support pole, pipe, or stick but should be fastened in such a manner that judges can determine no "splicing" was done. (Stalks must be one piece with no evidence of cutting and piecing together.)



Enter to win a chest cooler filled with goodies!



Wood Soil & Water Conservation District

2023 Election Notice



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, 1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402, from 8/15/2023 until 9/13/2023 during normal business hours; or
- 2.) At the SWCD Open House, which will take place at the district office, 1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402 on 9/13/2023 from noon to 6:00 PM ; or
- 3.) Voting absentee from 8/15/2023 until 9/13/2023, 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 43404, by calling 419-354-5517, or email wcdswcd@woodswcd.com. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 9/13/2023 and 6:00 PM.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2026.



Wood Soil & Water Conservation District 2023 Candidates for the Election of Supervisors



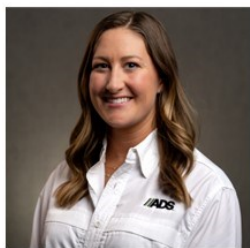
Terry L. Hoover, of Perrysburg, is a retired Certified Crop Advisor. His career in agronomy extends from sales to branch manager. He and Cindy, his wife, are parents of three grown children and enjoy watching their grandchildren play sports, and riding their Gold Wing Trike. Involved in various service organizations, his goal as a Wood SWCD supervisor is to “help secure safe and environmentally friendly natural resource while balancing and enhancing our crop needs for our present and future generations”.



Matthew Davis, currently serves on the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors, is the farm manager for the OSU Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and Certified Crop Advisor. He also serves as the fiscal officer for Henry Township and secretary of the Wood County Township Association.

Monica, his wife, his children, Austin and Lindsay, and grandson, Noah, are first priorities and time with them is valued most. He also enjoys traveling and woodworking.

Matt’s goal for the Wood SWCD is to continue and promote the good work being done and advocate for agriculture.



Logan Riker-Chamberlain currently serves on the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors and the board for the Wood County Farm Bureau. Logan is the Agricultural Market Manager for Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) and is the third generation of Riker Farm Seed, a local family grain farm and seed production operation. Logan and her husband, Nolan, have two Great Danes, Dakota and Meeko. She enjoys volleyball, skiing, and finding new parks to explore with her puppies.

“The Wood SWCD plays a very important part within our county, educating on the importance of conservation and stewardship for future generations. Goals to drive engagement with the local community around reasonable, sustainable policies and practices supporting land and water production and preservation.



Northwest Agronomic Field Day

Join us at the 2023 Agronomic Field Day, where we will be discussing new corn and soybean practices you can apply on your farm.

DATE: August 31, 2023

TIME: Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Northwest Agricultural Research Station,
4240 Range Line Road, Custar, OH 43511

Free to attend, but please RSVP by August 25 at go.osu.edu/nwfieldday23 to reserve your free lunch courtesy of Ohio Soybean Council

For more information, please contact Nick Eckel at eckel.21@osu.edu or 419-354-9050



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Battle for the Belt, Who Will Win? – Corn vs. Soybeans, Osler Ortiz and Laura Lindsey

Managing Slugs with Radish Cover Crops, Rachel Cochran

Intensive Corn Management, What Pays (and What Doesn't), Osler Ortiz

What is the Right Nitrogen Rate for Corn Following a Cover Crop?, Nick Eckel

Effect of Xyway® LFR® Fungicide on Corn, Stephanie Karhoff

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H2Ohio 2023 Cost Share Payments

With sidedress nutrient applications wrapping up, we're ready to see your 2023 nutrient application documentation! We are getting started on the next sign-up already, but we would like to get 2023 practices paid and closed out as early as possible to minimize overlap with the next signup.



Currently, our technicians are working on reviewing and paying VNMP

Implementation, VRT Phosphorus Application, and Subsurface Phosphorus Placement practices. H2Ohio participants should be turning in documentation of all nutrient applications made from last fall to this summer for the 2023 crop. Below is a list of required documentation for the practices listed above. A more detailed list can be found on each practice's BMP Sheet at woodswcd.com/h2ohio.

VNMP IMPLEMENTATION* - \$2/ACRE *REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

1. The date of the application of nutrients
2. The place of application of nutrients
3. The number of acres applied
4. The rate of application of nutrients
5. The total amount of nutrients applied, by weight or volume
6. An analysis of the nutrients applied
7. The name of the individual who applied the nutrients
8. The name of the certificate holder, if applicable
9. The soil conditions at the time of the application
10. The type of application method (soil injected, incorporated, surface, etc.)
11. The weather conditions at the time of application, including temperature and precipitation
12. The weather forecast for the day following application
13. For surface application only, whether the land at the time of application was frozen and/or snow covered.
14. Complete VNMP Implementation Verification Form

VRT PHOSPHORUS PLACEMENT - \$8/ACRE

1. Everything listed under VNMP Implementation plus as-applied nutrient application map
2. Complete VRT Phosphorus Placement Verification Form

SUBSURFACE PHOSPHORUS PLACEMENT - \$30/ACRE

1. Everything listed under VNMP Implementation plus provide documentation of how the nutrient placement was accomplished (nutrient application equipment, custom applicator, ~~proposed~~ ag retailer)
2. Complete Subsurface Phosphorus Placement Verification Form

Lastly, as a reminder for producers who have enrolled in the manure incorporation practice, please remember to contact our office 24 to 48 hours ahead of all manure applications. Manure applications that do not meet Ohio NRCS 590 Standards as well as H2Ohio requirements will not be eligible for payment under VNMP Implementation or Manure Incorporation.

Please contact Sarah St. John or Beth Landers if you have any questions, or if you would like to be added to our H2Ohio contact list for signup information.

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
4', 4 1/2', 5' Tile Probes	\$ 40- 50
Soil Test Kit	\$ 10.00
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

6.75 % sales tax not included

(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

Wood County Fair

July 30 - August 6

Office Closed

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Columbus Day

Monday, October 9

Wood SWCD

Election Period

August 15 - September 13

7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Annual Meeting &

Supervisor Election

Open House

Wednesday, September 13

Noon - 6 PM

Farm Science Review

September 19-21

London, OH

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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