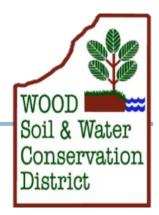
Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District







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.

2022 Conservation in Review

The Wood SWCD supervisors and staff had a full year of events for both youth and adults. School programs, Read a Book Day, Healthy Soil: Healthy Life poster contest, and FFA soil judging for the students. From the Farm meetings, tree seedling and fish sales, tree workshops and pond clinics for adults. The Wood County Ag-Venture and materials and activities for family events are a few of the 31 total events held. Technical assistance for ditch cleanings, drainage structures and tile, erosion control, wetland design, and homeowner drainage totaled over 3,500 hours.

Dylan Baer and Marc Schaller, the newly elected supervisors for the district board, will take the Oath of Office at the January meeting. Lee Sundermeier served 15 years on the district board. Beth Landers completed her 10th year with the Wood SWCD and will have 20 years of service in the soil and water world this coming September.

Thank you to the Wood County H2Ohio producers and agronomists who work together in creating a better solution for improved water quality and soil health in Wood County and the Maumee River Watershed. 76 producers so far have documented that their 2022 nutrient applications met the TriState Fertility recommendations, including 10 producers who incorporated manure into the soil and planted a cover crop to help hold the nutrients in place.

Over 11,000 acres were seeded with an overwintering cover crop between harvest in 2021 and planting in 2022, despite the wet fall of 2021. 100% of acres receiving a cost share payment for manure incorporation followed their manure application with a cover crop or short season soybeans.

These nutrient reduction strategies, along with variable rate and subsurface nutrient applications, 5000 acres of small grains, almost 1000 acres of hay, and 14 new water control structures have earned Wood County producers just under 1 million dollars of cost share to help offset the expense of these conservation practices.

Keep up the conservation efforts and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

"Thanks for what you do." "Keep up the good job." "Thank you for your help." "Is this the place for trees?" "Do you have anymore of your planners?" "Is this where..." "I didn't even know you were here."

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.

2022 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"

Since recently completing a book about my "Life Stories", some memories become more vivid as I age. The war in Viet Nam caused me to study and obtain my degree in Agronomy from OSU in the late 1960s. This formal learning plus growing up on a family farm in Webster Twp. gave me the background needed to make accurate decisions while serving on the Wood Soil and Water District board of supervisors.

I think about ditch cleaning petitions, acting on conservation practices, and speaking with many of our county farmers and land owners. I have watched as our staff have grown in their particular area of expertise and contribute to the completion of many state and federal programs. We have grown as a team with noticeable improvement in communications to our farmers and administrators. I would rank the staff and management of the Wood Soil and Water District as one of the best in the state of Ohio. Good luck into the future and keep up the good work.

- Lee E Sundermeier, retired from the board of supervisors.

The Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors and staff celebrated and thanked Lee E. Sundermeier for his 15 years of service to the board. Lee is a dedicated conservationist, avid sportsman, engaged farmer, world traveler, and a blessed husband, father, grandparent, and friend. The board members and staff celebrated and thanked Lee for his 15 years of service with the Wood SWCD with breakfast and fellowship.





Pictured left to right: Jeff Ankney, ODA Program
Specialist, Lee E. Sundermeier, and Jim Carter,
District Administrator.

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



Milkweed Seed

Over 450 species of insects are known to feed on Common Milkweed.

Thanks to our dedicated seed cleaner, Nick, the Wood SWCD has Common Milkweed seed available to plant. Milkweed seeds need to go through a cold temperature period or stratification. Planting the seed now or keeping them in the freezer for a couple of months will do the job.

An 1/8 oz. of seed will cover one square yard. With a few pounds of cleaned seed still available, there enough seed for small pollinator gardens or larger, service oriented garden projects. Visit the district office for your Common Milkweed seed and pollinator information.

Test 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

@h2ohio for updates on H2Ohio information and deadlines

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



Attention H2Ohio Participants!

Now that harvest has wrapped up and so have fall H2Ohio activities, it's time to send us your practice documentation! Currently, we are collecting information for the Small Grains, Forage, and Overwintering Cover Crop practices.

For the practices listed above, we will need:

Field maps for where cover crop is established with planting dates

Seed tags or seed tests (including: % purity, % germ., % weed seed, Ohio noxious weed content) and bills for the cover crop (if applicable)

A completed verification form for the appropriate practice

Also, if you have fall 2022 nutrient applications, new soil tests, or new nutrient recommendations, please send them to us! Although payments for nutrient applications cannot be made until after sidedress next summer, we're happy to collect the information from you at any time.

Additionally, if you have not been paid for 2022 VNMP Implementation or other practices like 2022 VRT Phosphorus Application and/or Subsurface Phosphorus Placement, please contact Beth or Sarah as soon as possible.

Please remember that BMP Sheets, Verification Forms, updates, helpful links, and other resources can be found on our website at woodswcd.com/h2ohio.html





From the Farm - Beneficial Reuse of Dredge Material

Join us to learn more about this **BGSU research project** on the potential of river dredge material as a soil amendment and nutrient source.

Buffalo Wild Wings – Bowling Green 1550 E Wooster St.

A gathering space is located in the back left side of the restaurant.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM*

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

*Meeting will be cancelled in the event of a Level 2 Snow Emergency or higher.

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Poster Contest

The Wood Soil & Water Conservation District

is offering an opportunity for Wood County K-12 students to create a hand-drawn poster focusing on a conservation message,

"One Water"

Bodies of water are all connected. Every drop that falls becomes part of one water.

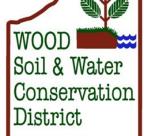
Artwork is due to the district office by May 5, 2023, and will be on display at the district office for judging by the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors.

Find the poster contest rules and guidelines as well as watershed curriculum resources at

www.woodswcd.com



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WOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2023 TREE & SHRUB SEEDLINGS SALE ORDER FORM



Order Deadline Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Tree Seedling Pick-up Thursday, April 6 , 2023

419-354-5517#4 woodswcd.com

NAME		EMAIL				
ADDRESS						
CITY	STATE	ZIP		PHONE		
10 PLANTS PER PACKET		PRICE PER PACKET		NUMBER OF PACKETS ORDERED		TOTAL
Conifers						
American Arborvitae	Transplant 12"- 18"	\$17.00	х		=	
Norway Spruce	Seedling 18"- 24"	\$15.00	х		\equiv	
Bald Cypress	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	х		=	
Red Cedar	Seedling 7"- 10"	\$15.00	х		=	
Concolor Fir	Transplant 7"- 12"	\$15.00	х		=	
Hardwoods						
Paper Birch	Seedling 18" - 24"	\$15.00	х		=	
Sugar Maple	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	x		=	
Swamp Chestnut Oak	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	x		=	
Redbud	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	х		п	
Wildlife Shrubs			Ħ			
Black Cherry	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	х		II	
Button Bush	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	х		П	
Downy Serviceberry	Seedling 12"- 18"	\$15.00	x		=	
Sargent Crabapple	Seedling 12" - 18"	\$15.00	х		=	
			Н			
Cone-A-Fir Tree Protector		\$3.50	х		1=1	
100 Marking Flags		\$15.00	х		=	
10 Marking Flags		\$1.50	x		=	
			П	SUB TOTAL		\$
			П	TAX 6.75%		\$
				TOTAL		\$



TREE TOPICS

Join us for a tree workshop

Thursday, February 16, 2023

at the Ag Incubator Foundation

13737 Middleton Pike Bowling Green, OH 43402

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Presentation to begin at 6:30 PM

The Wood Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting a tree workshop. Craig Everett, OSU Extension Horticulturist will give a brief presentation and offer a Q & A session.

Please register online at www.woodswcd.com, email julielause@woodswcd.com, or call 419-354-5517 #4.





WHICH SPECIES SHOULD I PLANT?

WHERE SHOULD I PLANT MY SEEDLINGS?

WHAT'S BUGGING MY TREES?

BRING TREE QUESTIONS!

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

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Wood SWCD 2023 Spring Fish Sale

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is offering new and established pond owners the opportunity to stock their ponds conveniently and at a low cost.

An aerator tank truck from Fender's Fish Hatchery in Baltic, OH will distribute <u>pre-ordered</u> fish fingerlings on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:30 AM at the Wood County Fairgrounds.



Bring your own containers filled with pond water. Your container should be lined with a plastic bag and filled with your pond water as close to pick up time as possible to prevent drastic changes in temperature in the water which can cause shock to your fish during transportation. A 5-10 gallon container is adequate for 100 fish, unless purchasing white amur; 2-3 white amur per 5-10 gallon container.

Fish are guaranteed to be in good condition at time of delivery; however, we cannot guarantee survival after stock is in your pond. **Order Deadline: Monday, April 17.**

Fish Species Available:

Bluegill
Redear Sunfish (shell crackers)
Hybrid Bluegill
Channel Catfish
Largemouth Bass
Fathead Minnows
Perch
White Amur

Return <u>order form and payment</u> by Monday, April 17, 2023.
Make check payable to:
Wood SWCD
1616 E. Wooster St., Suite 32

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Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Number of fish to stock per aci	re				
Stocking Combination	Bass	Bluegill	Redear Sunfish	Catfish	Perch
Bass/Bluegill	100	500			
Bass/Bluegill/Redear Sunfish	100	250	250		
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish	100	500		100	
Bass/Perch	100				100
Bass/Bluegill/Perch	100	500			100
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish/Perch	100	500		100	

Total \$____

NAME			DAY PHONE	<u> </u>	
ADDRESS			<u>EMAIL</u>		
CITY	- (Si	STATE	<u>ZIP</u>		
<u>Species</u> Bluegill	<u>Size</u> 2-4"	<u>Price</u> \$ 1.00 x	# Purchasing =	Total Cost \$	
Red Ear Sunfish	2-4"	\$ 0.95 x	=	\$	
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	\$ 1.00 x		\$	
Channel Catfish	4-5"	\$ 0.90 x	=	\$	
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	\$ 1.10 x	=	\$	
Perch	2-3"	\$ 1.10 x	=	\$	
Fathead Minnows	1-2"	\$ 0.08 x	=	\$	
Triploid White Amur	8-10"	\$ 16.00 x	=	\$	
			Sub Total	\$	
			Sales Tax 6.75%	%\$	

WOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

POND CLINIC

The Wood SWCD is hosting a pond clinic with Bill Cody, The Pond Doctor, and Craig Everett, horticulturist with OSU Wood County Extension, to discuss care and common questions for pond management.



Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6 - 8 PM at the Wood SWCD office 1616 E Wooster St Suite 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402

Doors open at 6:00 PM, presentation begins at 6:30 PM

Please register online at www.woodswcd.com, email julielause@woodswcd.com, or call 419-354-5517 #4.

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Items for Sale		Equipment for Rent
Floating Pond Filter Pond Filter Float Replacement Filter Ring Buoy Deep Water Sign Rope (per foot) Tile Probes Soil Test Probe Flags 100 5x 8 6' field flag Tree Protectors Nut Wizards® Compost Bin	\$160.00 \$100.00 \$ 45.00 \$ 70.00 \$ 14.00 \$ 0.25 \$ 40-45 \$ 63.00 \$ 0.15 ea \$ 15.00 \$ 10.00 \$ 3.00 \$ 40-45 \$ 65.00	 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
Rat Guards 4" stainless steel 6" stainless steel 8" stainless steel 10" stainless steel 12" stainless steel 15" mild steel Wood County Plat Book Cash or Check payable upon Sales tax of 6.75% will be applied A completed tax exempt cer needed for tax exempt pure	at purchase. tificate is	Tree Planter (for large planting projects) \$25.00 First Day \$45.00 Each Additional Day For Use by Wood County Residents and Landowners

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OFFICES CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

FROM THE FARM
"BENEFICIAL USE OF
DREDGE MATERIAL"
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
6:30 PM AT BW3

TREE SEEDLING SALE
JANUARY - MARCH I

BOWLING GREEN, OH

TREE WORKSHOP THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 DOOR OPEN AT 6 PM AIF, MIDDLETON PIKE BOWLING GREEN, OH

> POND CLINIC WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM WOOD SWCD OFFICE

FINGERLING FISH SALE
ORDER DEADLINE,
MONDAY, APRIL 17
FISH PICK-UP TUESDAY,
APRIL 25 9:30 AM

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