

Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



Conservation Carries On



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.



2023 SPIRIT OF WOOD COUNTY AWARDS

Left to right is Matt Davis, current
Chair of the Board of Supervisors;
Lee Sundermeier, current award
recipient and past supervisor;
Bernard Scott, past award recipient
and past supervisor; and Kris
Swartz, current award recipient and
current supervisor.

2024 is a milestone year for the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District as we celebrate 75 years of conservation. Soil Conservation Districts began in 1937 when the U.S. was in the middle of an ecological disaster - The Dust Bowl. The Wood County Soil Conservation District was chartered July 8, 1949 with the name change in 1964 to the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District.

As a subdivision of Wood County, policies are set by the five member board of supervisors. The board began as an elected volunteer position and continues as the same. Rolla Eckert, Alvin Ziss, L.F. Robertson, Norman Whitman, and Hobart Thompson comprised the first Board of Supervisors in 1949. 56 conservation minded men and women have held the position over the past 75 years. The dedication, wealth of knowledge, and genuine conservation concern of the volunteers is extraordinary.

The role of the Wood SWCD changed little over the years. Soil health and water quality remain the focus through education and practice in agriculture as well as in urban life.

As we move forward this year, look for more district history as we are ***Digging into the District.***

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

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.

2024 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”



ODA Extends H2Ohio Enrollment Deadline

Producers have until February 2, 2024, to sign up for incentives

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (December 28, 2023) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) announced today it will extend the enrollment deadline for H2Ohio producers in the 14 counties of the Maumee River Watershed.

Due to a considerable amount of interest during the current signup period, farmers now have until February 2, 2024, to enroll.

Producers in the active signup area are eligible to enroll new acres or re-enroll acres into H2Ohio and earn incentives for implementing best management practices that are scientifically proven to improve water quality. Eligible counties include Allen, Auglaize, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Hardin, Hancock, Lucas, Mercer, Putnam, Paulding, Van Wert, Williams, and Wood.

For more information about H2Ohio or the extended enrollment deadline, please contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District.

H2Ohio is Governor DeWine’s initiative to ensure safe and clean water in Ohio. It is a comprehensive, data-driven approach to improving water quality over the long term. H2Ohio focuses on encouraging agricultural best management practices, restoring wetlands, and replacing home septic systems to reduce nutrients that contribute to harmful algal blooms. For more information on the H2Ohio initiative, please visit h2.ohio.gov.

If you’d like to know more about the program, contact Sarah or Beth at the Wood SWCD office, 419-354-5517 #4.

Beth Landers and Sarah St. John, Wood SWCD technicians, manage the district H2Ohio program. Information and updates to participants are sent in a timely manner. They are diligent in recordkeeping and data entry for prompt payments of completed best management practices. Guidance to the farmers and attention to detail contribute to the increased participation in the program. The last few weeks were a frenzy with farmers turning in completed checklists, adding acres to contracts, and re-enrolling in the H2Ohio program.

Wood SWCD Re-enrollment Progress

Acres enrolled in 2020: 90,015

Acres with a nutrient management plan (NMP): 69,611

Acres following their NMP in 2021: 61,491

Acres following their NMP in 2022: 66,022

Acres reported for crop year 2023 as of 12/28: 52,168

Acres enrolled in H2Ohio for 2024-25 as of 12/28: 89,973



Rye growing in corn stubble.

Minimizes soil erosion, beneficial for microbial activity, adds organic matter, helps reduce compaction, and suppresses weeds.

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

Upcoming Events



Digging into the District:


*Wood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 1970
8:00 PM 1022 North Prospect Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402*

"It was decided to order 150 desk calendars as favors for the annual meeting."

For over 50 years the district has the tradition of ordering desk planners. Even in this digital age people look forward to a traditional planner. Stop by the district office to pick up the current planner and a new pen to fill up your calendar with the Wood SWCD events this year.

Follow the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District on Facebook and Instagram, sign up for text message reminders, and provide your email for the quarterly newsletter for tree and fish sale reminders. Visit the district website and visit the district office for conservation resources, to register for events, and to purchase a nut wizard, plat book, marking flags, animal guards, or a pond filter replacement.

The district supervisors and staff are putting together the annual plan of work. Please share your suggestions and conservation concerns so they can be included and addressed. We'd like to hear from you!



CFAES


Cover Crop Roundtables 'Round the Region

January – March 2024
Exact dates vary by location
6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

<p>PAULDING COUNTY January 9th, February 6th, and March 5th, 2024 Paulding County Extension Office, 503 Fairground Dr., Paulding OH</p>	<p>WOOD COUNTY January 10th, February 7th, and March 6th, 2024 Wood County Extension Office, 639 S. Dunbridge Rd., Bowling Green OH</p>	<p>AUGLAIZE COUNTY January 11th, February 8th, and March 7th, 2024 Auglaize County Extension Office, 208 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta OH</p>
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Topics by date:
January: Benefits of cover crops
February: Mechanical termination, timing, and considerations
March: Chemical termination, timing, and considerations

Join us for cover crops roundtable 'round the region to network with cover crop growers of all experience levels. A brief educational resource will be shared at each meeting, with the majority of the meeting serving as a small group discussion about the selected topic. Shared educational resources will vary from location to location, allowing attendees to choose one meeting or attend multiple. Attendees can select the date/location that serves them the best for each roundtable meeting. Register for these meetings at go.osu.edu/RRTR2024 or by emailing Rachel Cochran, Cochran.474@osu.edu, or call 567-344-5016 with questions.



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Over 30 Years of Conservation Innovation



Advocates for Soil Health : Local Farmers, Local Results

February 14, 2024 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Northwest State Community College, room C200

22600 State Route 34, Archbold, OH 43502

Guest Speakers:

Eric Richer, OSU Extension Field Specialist: Local Phosphorus Research

Les Seiler, Fulton County Farmer Advocate : My Approach to Phosphorus Fertility

Alan Sundermeier, CAP Coordinator: Results from Nitrogen Rate Trials

Todd Smith, Defiance County Farmer and Gary Pennell, Agronomist, Farmers Elevator: Using a Home-Grown Biological Extract from My Johnson Su Bioreactor

Lunch

Farmer Panel - Pete Dinius, Kent Sonnenberg, Dusty Sonnenberg; The Nature Conservancy Farmer Advocates: My Farm's Soil Health Journey

No Cost to Attend Lunch Provided Open to the Public

RSVP by February 9, 2024 to: Alan Sundermeier at 419-261-0625, or email alansundermeier@gmail.com www.capofohio.org Supporters:



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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

H2Oohio



2024 National Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contests

The Wood Soil & Water Conservation District

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

May the Forest Be With You, Always

- * **Hand-drawn** posters may use any media - paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials.
- * Poster size must be NO LARGER THAN 11" x 17". (Winning posters and entry forms are scanned for the state competition)
- * Grade categories are K - 1st, 2nd - 3rd, 4th - 6th, 7th - 9th, 10th - 12th.

Judging Guidelines:

- Conservation message, correct theme (50 %)
- Visual effectiveness (30%)
- Originality (10%)
- Universal Appeal (10%)

- * **Digital posters** must be a digital design and can be created in any platform used for digital projects such as Canva, PicMonkey, Google Slides, Photoshop, InDesign, etc.
- * Digital posters must be original work and not include any copyrighted, trademarked or branded marks, images or phrases besides the NACD 2024 themed logo.
- * Open to Grades 7-12.
- * All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- * The title *May the Forest Be With You, Always* must be on your poster.
- * Each entry must have signed entry form to be eligible for judging (available at woodswcd.com).
- * Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parent or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their own writing and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.

Deadline: Entries must be received by **Friday, May 3, 2024** at the Wood SWCD office.

Entries can be mailed or dropped off to the Wood SWCD office. Entries must include the completed entry form.

Visit woodswcd.com for additional information and guidelines on the Braille and Additional Assist contests.



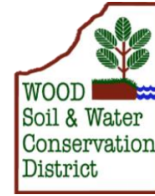
National Association of
Conservation Districts

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**WOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2024 TREE & SHRUB SEEDLINGS SALE
ORDER FORM**

*Order Deadline Friday, March 1, 2024
Tree Seedling Pick-up Thursday, April 11, 2024*



419-354-5517 #4
woodswcd.com

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

		PRICE PER PACKET	NUMBER OF PACKETS ORDERED		TOTAL
Conifers - bare root, pack of 10					
American Arborvitae	Seedling 12 - 15"	\$15.00	x	=	
Norway Spruce	Seedling 14 - 20"	\$15.00	x	=	
Bald Cypress	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
White Spruce	Seedling 10 - 18"	\$15.00	x	=	
Deciduous Trees - bare root, pack of 10					
Pin Oak	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
Black Maple	Seedling 6 - 12"	\$15.00	x	=	
River Birch	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
Wildlife Shrubs - bare root, pack of 10					
Arrowwood	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
Ninebark	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
Common Lilac	Seedling 18 - 24"	\$15.00	x	=	
Larger Trees - bare root, single tree					
Bigtooth Aspen	Liners 3-4'	\$15.00	x	=	
Redbud	Liners 4-5'	\$15.00	x	=	
White Oak	Liners 3-4'	\$15.00	x	=	
Cone-A-Fir Tree Protector		\$3.50	x	=	
100 Marking Flags		\$15.00	x	=	
10 Marking Flags		\$1.50	x	=	
				SUB TOTAL	\$
				TAX 6.75%	\$
				TOTAL	\$

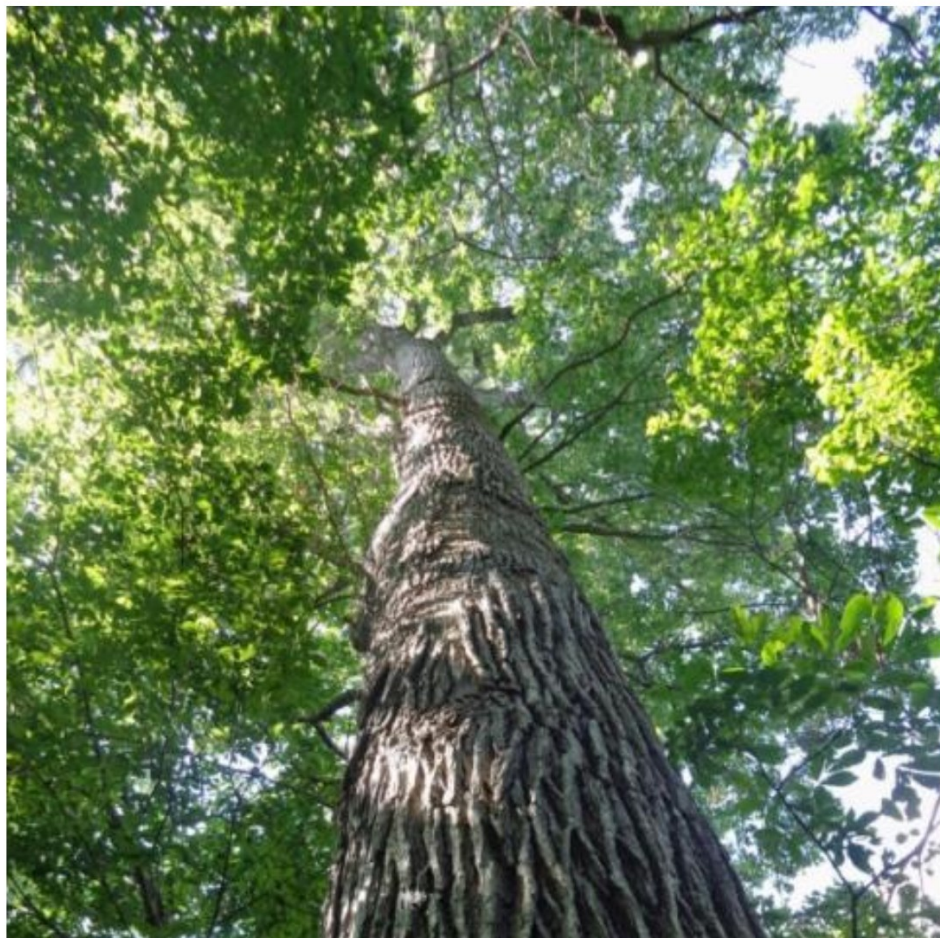
Please fill out the order form above and return with cash or check before Friday, March 1, 2024

Make check payable to the Wood SWCD, 1616 E Wooster St Suite 32, Bowling Green, OH 43402

****We do our best to obtain the best quality nursery stock, however, survival of the plants is beyond our control.****

****We will not be responsible for refund or replacement of stock which does not survive.****

Quantities limited please place your orders early.



TREE TOPICS

Join us for a tree workshop
Thursday, February 22, 2024
at the **Wood SWCD Office**

1616 E. Wooster St. Suite 32, 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 with Joe Puperi, Advanced Tree Health. He will give a brief presentation and offer a Q & A session.



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



WHICH SPECIES
SHOULD I PLANT?

WHERE SHOULD I
PLANT MY
SEEDLINGS?

HOW DO I PLANT
BARE ROOT
SEEDLINGS?

BRING TREE
QUESTIONS!

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Wood SWCD 2024 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 **pre-ordered** fish fingerlings on **Tuesday, April 23 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 15.**

Fish Species Available:

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

Recommended stocking rates of fingerling fish for new or renovated ponds					
Number of fish to stock per acre					
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	
Fathead Minnows may be stocked at a rate of 1,000 per one acre pond					

Return order form and payment by Monday, April 15, 2024.

Make check payable to:

Wood SWCD

1616 E. Wooster St., Suite 32

Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

419-354-5517 • woodswcd.com

NAME _____

DAY PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

Species	Size	Price	# Purchasing	Total Cost
Bluegill	2-4"	\$ 1.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Red Ear Sunfish	2-4"	\$ 1.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	\$ 1.00 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Channel Catfish	4-5"	\$ 0.90 x	_____ =	\$ _____
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	\$ 1.30 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% \$ _____

Total \$ _____

WOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

POND CLINIC



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

Thursday, March 21, 2024 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 julielausa@woodswcd.com, or call 419-354-5517 #4.



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Managing Invasive Species

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Controlling Woody, Upland, & Wetland Invasives on your Property

Join Mark Witt and Matt Conner, ODNR Wildlife Management Consultants; and
Garrett Caudill, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, for a woodlot invasive
species workshop on

Tuesday, March 19, 2024
at the **Wood SWCD office**

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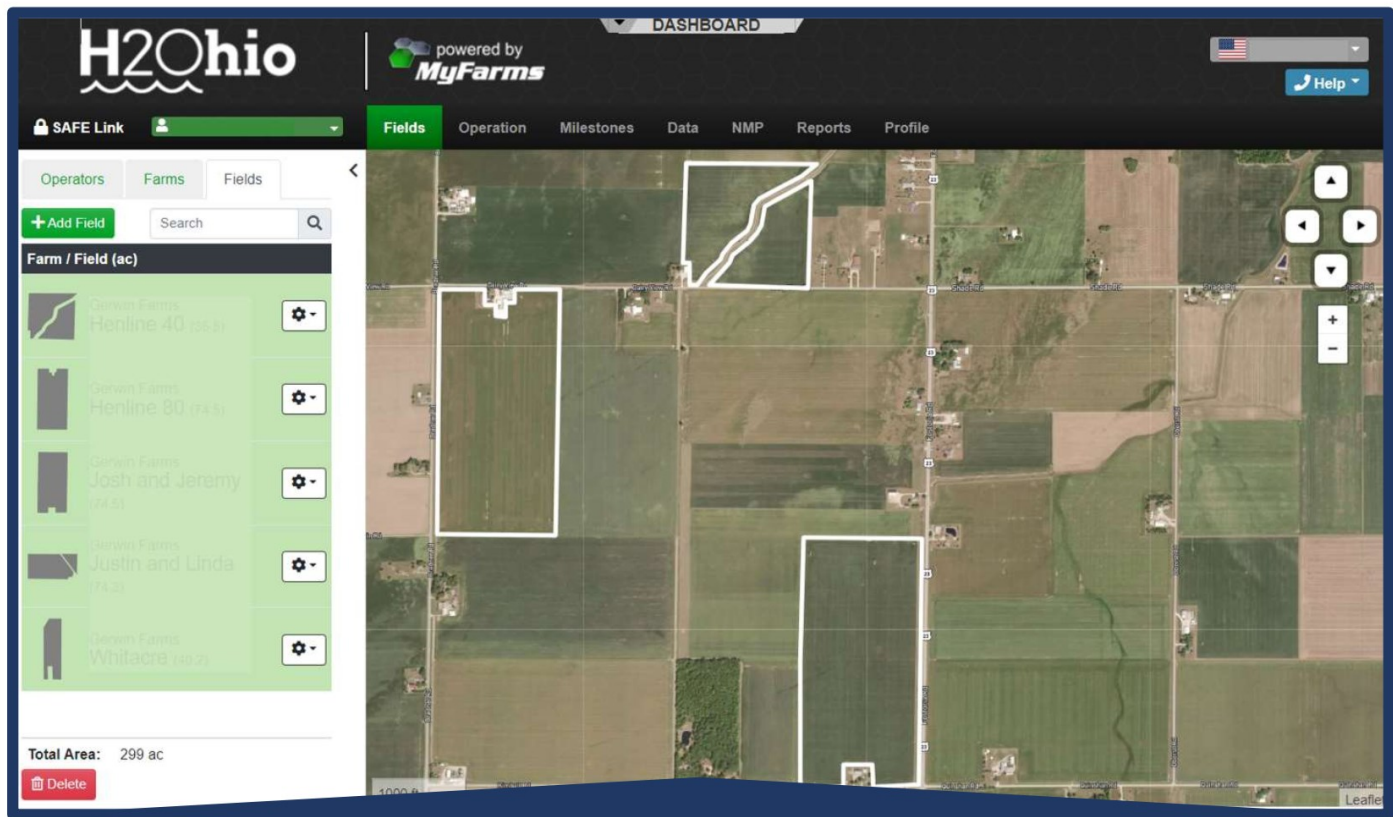
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*To ensure enough materials, please register
online at woodswcd.com, email
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MyFarms and H2Ohio

An introduction to the new software application for H2Ohio participants

with guest speaker

**Kip Studer, ODA Conservation Programs Manager
Division of Soil and Water Conservation**

Thursday, February 8th 2024 at 6:30 PM

**at our office in Bowling Green
1616 E Wooster St. Suite 32**

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

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THE MOST EXPENSIVE
PHRASE USED IN
AGRICULTURE TODAY IS
"I'VE ALWAYS DONE IT
THIS WAY".

From the Farm

Next Level Nutrient Management

with guest speaker

Paige Scott

Precision Services Manager for Legacy Farmers Coop.

Join us to learn more about soil testing, reading fertility recommendations, and how to develop a successful nutrient management plan.

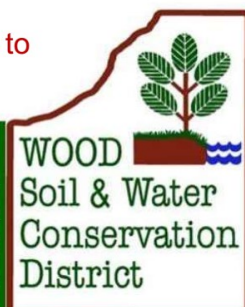
**Buffalo Wild Wings – Bowling Green
1550 E Wooster St.**

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

Wednesday, February 28th 2023 at 6:30 PM

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

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Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$170.00
Pond Filter Float	\$105.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 45.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (per foot)	\$ 0.25
Tile Probes	\$ 40-50
Soil Test Kit	\$ 10.00
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.15 ea
100 5x 8	\$ 15.00
6' field flag	\$ 10.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 3.50
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-50
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*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TREE SEEDLING SALE

JANUARY - MARCH 1

MYFARMS AND H2OHIO

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6 PM

WOOD SWCD OFFICE

TREE WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

WOOD SWCD OFFICE

MANAGING INVASIVE

SPECIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

WOOD SWCD OFFICE

POND CLINIC

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

WOOD SWCD OFFICE

FINGERLING FISH SALE

ORDER DEADLINE,

MONDAY, APRIL 17

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Beth Landers, Resource Technician

Julie Lause, Administrative & Outreach Manager

Sarah St. John, District Technician

Beth Anne Hermes, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician

NRCS Staff

Andrea Morehouse, District Conservationist

Kelly Copeland, 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.