



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

New Supervisors Installed

Parry Cochran of Wooster and Scott Stoller of Sterling were elected into a three year term and inducted at the January 8th board meeting by Supervisor Matt Peart. Cochran and Stoller were elected to the board at the district’s annual meeting in November. They join incumbent board members Matt Peart, Fred Myers, and John Redick in administering the Wayne SWCD's natural resource conservation programs.



Parry Cochran



Scott Stoller

Districts was organized in 1943 to further the natural resource conservation mission of the state's 88 county-based SWCD's. As subdivisions of state government, soil and water conservation districts have legal authority to assist landowners with a wide range of soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation objectives. Another important goal is to provide information and education programs on natural resource conservation and management topics for county residents.

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation

Cover Crop Funding

Cover crops “reduce soil erosion, reduce nutrient leaching, store carbon, improve soil structure, increase water infiltration, reduce compaction, suppress weeds, enhance wildlife, fix nitrogen and serve as a forage product.” (Rafiq Islam, Ohio State University Extension soil scientist). Funding is available from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District through the Wayne SWCD for landowners to seed cover crops. Interested landowners need to apply at our office. Cover crop fields and adjacent roads need to be identified on a Farm Service Agency map. The cover crop program is a competitive application. Fields will be awarded higher points for: soybeans or corn silage, C (6-12%) or greater slope, proximity to a waterway or stream, soil test within last three years, located in the watershed of

an MWCD lake or dry dam, and if livestock manure is to be applied to the field. Seeding must be completed by September 5th for oats and November 1st for cereal rye to be eligible for reimbursement. (See the NRCS December 2012 Appendix A Seeding Tables for additional seeding dates for other species. http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/references/public/OH/Appendix_A_12-11-12.pdf)

The **application deadline** for the cover crop program is **July 1st**. The program will reimburse successful applicants that meet the seeding deadline **\$13 per acre up to 200 acres maximum**. Contact Duane Wood or Mark Duncan for more information or to apply.



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K-12 Conservation Poster Contest

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring our annual poster contest for grades K-12. The 2014 stewardship theme is "**Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil**". Cash awards will be given for 1st and 2nd place in the following categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

It is open to public, private or home school students. All winners will be sent on to the State contest and also featured in the Wayne SWCD Fair Building September 7-12.



Contest rules:

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category)
- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- Posters should be packaged so they

remain flat when sent for judging.

- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2014 Stewardship title "**Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil**" or "**Dig Deeper**" must be on your poster. (Don't use any other title)
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in

planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by

students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

On the back of each poster, please print:

- Student's name
- Student's age
- School grade
- Student's home address
- Student's phone number

with area code

- School's address and phone number with area code
- Teacher's name
- Conservation District (county in which school is located - **Wayne SWCD**).

Only one entry per student may be submitted.

Evaluation criteria:

- 50% Conservation message
- 30% Visual effectiveness
- 10% Originality
- 10% Universal Appeal

Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria:

1. Has the theme been clearly addressed?
2. Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter?
3. Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be turned in to the Wayne SWCD office, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster by **4:00 p.m. on Friday April 25th**. Contact the Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 with questions concerning the contest.

No-Till Drills and Planter For Rent

The Wayne SWCD has three no-till drills and a planter for rent. The no-till drills can also be used for (small grain, grasses, alfalfa) late summer cover crops, or for double cropping soybeans after a small grain.

A 7' no-till drill can be rented and pulled with a tractor or accompanied with a ground driven hydraulic forecart for horse drawn compatibility. It

has separate boxes for small grains and legumes or grasses. It rents for \$11.00 an acre with a minimum of 6 acres. Also available are two larger no-till drills, 10' (8 acre min.) and 15' (15 acre min.), which rent for \$11 per acre and a three row horse drawn no-till corn planter (5 acre min.) for \$7.50 per acre.

The equipment is for rent to the public in an effort to promote no-till planting in Wayne County. Please call Steve Grimes at 330-347-8179 for the drill or the Wayne SWCD office at 330-262-2836 for the corn planter to be scheduled for this spring.

satisfactory scholastic advancement. Applications are available in the SWCD office or online at <https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/ohioforest.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/pdf/memorialscholarship2013.pdf> Applications must be returned to the Ohio Forestry Association by **April 15th**.

Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award

Nomination forms are available in our office for the Ohio Farm Family Award or at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/21659/default.aspx> The forms need to be sent to **Ohio Farmer** magazine by May 1st.

Calendar

- April 8 - Wayne SWCD Board Meeting
- April 9 - **Tree Pickup/Fairgrounds/ Sheep Bldg 1:30 - 6:00 pm**
- April 11 - Deadline for Fish Orders
- April 15 - **Fish Pickup/Fairgrounds 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 25 - Arbor Day
- April 27 - May 4 - Soil & Water Stewardship Week

Ohio Forestry Association

Memorial Scholarship

The Ohio Forestry Association is offering a scholarship grant. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen and high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college with a two-year minimum program. Current college students must provide evidence of

Reminder:

- Tree pick-up - Wednesday, April 9th, 1:30 - 6:00pm, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds - Sheep Bldg.**
- Fish Sale Deadline - April 11th**
- Fish Sale Pickup - Tuesday, April 15th, 9:00 - 10:00 AM**
Wayne Co. Fairgrounds,

Manure Management and Set Back Distances

It has been a long winter and hopefully we will begin to see signs of spring as we get into the month of March. Live-stock producers with storage facilities nearing capacity will be looking for the ideal time to apply manure this spring and are reminded to follow the NRCS Nutrient Management standard when making field applications. It is important to fol-low the recommended setback distances from water sources as outlined in the standard to avoid runoff and pollution problems. Those who hire custom applicators to empty their facilities and apply waste should remind the operators of the setbacks as well. The Nutrient Management standard outlines the acceptable practices used by the SWCD/NRCS staff when assisting landowners with their operations. The chart below shows the recommended setbacks for different manure application methods on your fields. Contact the SWCD/NRCS office for more information on the standard or assistance in developing a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for your operation.

Type of Sensitive - Setback Area

Setbacks Based on Methods of Manure Application

	Surface Application	Winter Application Frozen or Snow Covered Soils ^{7/}	Surface Incorporation W/ 24 Hours OR Direct Injection
Residences / Private Wells down slope from the application area.	100 ft.	200 ft.	100 ft.
- Sinkholes	300 ft.		100 ft.
- Pond or Lake	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , with the remaining 100 ft. setback in non- vege- tative Setback ^{2/}	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , with the remaining 200 ft. setback in non-vegetative Setback ^{2/}	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/}
Streams Ditches Surface Inlets	35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , OR 100 ft. setback in non- vegetative Setback, OR 35 ft. in non-vegetative setback ^{3/}	200 ft.	None
Grassed Waterway	35 ft.	200 ft.	None
Field Surface Drains	35 ft. ^{4/}	200 ft.	None
Public Wells	300 ft.	300 ft.	100 ft.
Developed Springs	300 ft. upslope	300 ft. upslope	300 ft. upslope
Public Surface Drink- ing Water Intake	300 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.

^{1/} Permanent vegetation consisting of grass, grass/legume mix, trees/shrubs, or trees/shrubs and grass/legumes. Measured from top of bank.

^{2/} Includes 100 ft. total setback. The setback must include a minimum of 35 ft. of vegetative cover from top of bank with the remainder of the 100 feet with no vegetative requirement. The setback is measured from the top of bank.

^{3/} Applies if the manure application area has at least 50% vegetation/residue cover at the time of application.

^{4/} No setback required for field surface drains if the Additional Criteria to Protect Water Quality, Item 5 is applied from this standard.

^{7/} See Additional Criteria to Protect Water Quality, Item 7, for the special manure application criteria on frozen and snow covered fields.

Equine Open House March 18th

Horse enthusiasts will want to mark their calendar for the evening of Tuesday March 18th! This will be the 9th Annual Event held by Wayne SWCD. This free educational program will feature guest speaker Mr. Doug Sutherland. Doug is a well know and highly respected equine nutritionist that is part of Tribute Equine Nutrition team. He plans on bringing several samples of hay and discussing what to look for in hay, the importance of hay testing, and how this can affect your finances. Doug will also discuss basic equine nutrition and answer any of your feed questions. In addition, Kelly Riley and Duane Wood with



Wayne SWCD will speak about soil testing. They will explain how to collect soil samples, what the results mean & what to do with the information. If you are already familiar with taking soil samples and want to bring them to the meeting, you can get on in a special deal! For anyone attending the Equine Open House, they can pay just \$2 per sample for soil testing. The event will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds from 6:30-9pm Tues. March 18th. Nagy's Collision Specialist will again sponsor the event, so please RSVP by March 14th to kriley@wayneoh.org or call the office.

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Free Pond Clinic

The Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District will host a free educational pond clinic on Tuesday, April 1st 2014. It may be April Fool's Day, but this is no joke... it's a chance to ask questions and learn more about ponds. Everyone is welcome to attend this educational clinic and learn more about pond management, pond design, fish stocking, water quality issues, and vegetation growth among other topics. Mark the evening of Tuesday April 1st on your calendar and plan on bringing some questions. This will be an informal question and answer session held

indoors, with a very knowledgeable speaker, Mr. Steve Fender. Steve has revised and republished the book, ***Pond Management: The Common Sense Guide***, and it will be available for purchase for \$20. Light refreshments will be provided. Even if you don't own a pond, but love to fish, or you don't own a pond, but are thinking of building one, this program is for you also! The program will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Armstrong Building, 199 Vanover St. Wooster, Ohio starting at 7 pm. Please RSVP to Wayne SWCD if you can, however, last minute attendees are welcome! There will also be informa-

tion available to order fish to stock your ponds. Please call Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 or email kriley@wayneoh.org to RSVP.

Receive Your Newsletter by Email

If you would like to switch from the mailed newsletter to the emailed newsletter, email us at info@wayneswcd.org. We will email the next Newsletter to you.

Thanks for helping us conserve!

2014 Stewardship Week



April 27-May 4

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