



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

Matt Peart—Elected President OFSWCD

Spring/Summer 2021



Dates to Remember:

- 5/11 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 5/20 [World BEE Day](#)
- 5/31 Memorial Day –Closed
- 6/08 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 7/04 Independence Day
- 7/05 Office Closed
- 7/13 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 8/10 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 9/06 Labor Day –Closed
- 9/07 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 9/11–16 [Wayne County Fair](#)
- 10/5 Board Meeting 8:30 am

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) is pleased to announce the officer slate for 2021-22 as confirmed by the OFSWCD Board and Delegates. The newly elected officers, from the left, are: Bob Short, Dave Anspach, Matt Peart, Jeff Duling and Samantha Steiner. (Courtesy Photo)



*Plant
Natives*

During the Annual Conservation Partnership Meeting, held virtually this year, Matt Peart, our own Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Supervisor, assumed the role of the President. Other officers are: Jeff Duling, a Putnam SWCD Supervisor, 1st Vice President; Samantha Steiner, a Warren SWCD Supervisor, 2nd Vice President; Dave Anspach, a Clermont SWCD Supervisor, Secretary-Treasurer; and, Bob Short, a Williams SWCD Supervisor, who completed his two-year role as President, Past President. This meeting brought together hundreds of conservation leaders throughout the state, including Supervisors and staff from Ohio’s 88 county SWCDs, and staff from the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

As newly elected President Peart, a first-generation farmer from West Salem, took the helm of the organization, he offered the following comments, “It is not one person, committee or game plan that makes the difference. It is a team with the same heart and the same goals that will make an impact and a difference for the betterment of conservation in Ohio.”

The [OFSWCD](#) is a non-profit organization providing support and assistance to Ohio’s 88 county Soil and Water Conservation Districts. County SWCDs provide a variety of conservation related assistance and programs to landowners and user’s of Ohio’s working lands — working hard to keep soils productive and waters clean throughout the state of Ohio. — *Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts*

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Wetland Determinations –by John Knapp

I have seen several wetland determination requests come across my desk lately where the work has already been done. Farmers who participate in the USDA programs are reminded to check with the Farm Service Agency prior to any clearing or drainage activities. The current Farm Bill has specific provisions pertaining to wetland conservation on agricultural land. These provisions have been around for some time beginning with the 1985 Farm Bill.

Farmers who intend to do any of the following need to have the area checked before doing the work:

- * clearing fencerows, woodland, or other land for new fields
- * bringing old fields into production that have not been farmed at least 5 years
- * Installing tile in existing or proposed cropland
- * tiling wet spots or low areas



If you plan to do any clearing or drainage this needs to be checked prior to doing the work. A request needs to be made at [the Farm Service Agency](#) at least 30 days in advance of any work being done so we have time to complete the determination. Please call FSA at 330-264-1911 for additional information. You may lose USDA program benefits if you do any work prior to getting a determination.

Cover Crop Sign-up deadline June 14th

It's that time again! Cover crops are essential to not only prevent erosion, but to help improve soil health, productivity, and farm profitability. The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District is funding landowners to seed cover crops. Interested landowners can apply at the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District. **The application deadline is June 14, 2021!** All information needs to be in our office by that date. You can get the [application](#) and all information needed with the application at our office. All cover crops should be planted by November 1st. They will pay \$12/acre with a 200-acre cap for returning participants and for anyone who is BRAND NEW to the program, they are offering \$15/acre with a 200-acre cap. Anyone who is interested in the program can be put on a direct e-mail list or can [check our website for up-to-date material](#) as we get it. You can also call Wayne SWCD at 330-263-5376. The application window is short, so hurry and put your name in!



Important Pollinator Facts



Pollinators are responsible for assisting more than 75% of the world's flowering plants to reproduce and are critically important!



One out of every three bites of food we eat as Americans, we owe to pollinators! Many crops, from apples to almonds, rely almost exclusively on pollinators to survive and thrive.

Don't like apples or almonds? What about blueberries, tomatoes, squash, watermelon, strawberries, peaches or peppers? All of these fruits and vegetables greatly benefit from bee pollination. Poor pollination is one potential cause of misshapen fruit. Not only do pollinators help provide us with nutrition, but they also contribute to how ripe and beautiful the presentation is.

Next time you stop to smell the flowers near you, thank a local pollinator! Did you know that most pollinators fed on specific plant species native to where they live?

Pollinators have declined worldwide as a result of habitat loss and other factors, so it's more important than every to appreciate them and help improve the places they call home. Do your part! We are all in this together! Learn more at <https://www.pollinator.org/>



To those that donated to help give free seedlings out to 3rd grade students!

Calling all Educators! IF you missed any of the newsletters, the [CONQUEST](#), they are online! And so are Kelly's list of [Education Programs](#).

BEST HOMEMADE WEED KILLER



1 Empty Spray Bottle
1/2 Cup Liquid Dish Soap
1 Gallon of White Vinegar
1/4 Cup of Salt

Got Compost?

Compost... big or small, anyone can compost! From kitchen scraps, yard waste and even large scale farms... composting can be simple, and easy. It just takes time and some learning the do's and don'ts! Learn about the browns, greens, moisture and aeration. You will cut down on your garbage and waste, and make some great soil! Visit <https://www.nrdc.org/stories/composting-101> or [check out our website](#) and see it in action! Get tips and local Wayne County drop off locations! <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/storm-water-management/small-municipal-separate-storm-sewer-system-ms4-programs>

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Pear Trees Gone Wild!



K.Riley photo

Spread of Callery Trees in Wooster.

Did you know the Callery Pear Tree, aka Bradford Pear Tree...the classic known tree that was planted all over cities, strip malls and suburban lawns is now considered an invasive species! That is correct. **DO NOT PLANT THIS TREE or BUY ONE.** In fact, it should be hard to purchase. They are hard to miss right now, beautiful flowering white trees, but don't be fooled! [Here are some reasons why these are not so wanted](#): Because it is extremely fast growing, it flowers and fruits profusely and birds spread its seeds. It is one of the first species of trees to leaf in the spring, and last to drop its leaves in the fall. Thus, this tree overtakes native trees and flora and fauna!

Do you need a CNMP?

If you are a livestock farmer wondering how you can maximize your livestock manure storage, nutrient consumption of the manure in your fields, and cut fertilizer costs look no further! [A Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan \(CNMP\)](#) is a plan created to implement the right rate, right time, right place, and right source of manure application to effectively benefit your crops while reducing harmful environmental impacts. The only information we need in addition to general farm info such as field numbers/sizes, type/head count of animals, and manure storage/equipment **is soil tests from a lab**. The soil tests must be no older than 3 years old, however, the most recent the better! These soil tests are the basis of our plan, as they give us the information to determine how much and when nutrients can be applied to your fields. A CNMP is also required to receive any other type of technical or financial assistance for your livestock operation. This ensures that all measures, to the fullest extent possible, are being considered and fixed to prevent harmful issues such as waste runoff, air pollution, and water pollution. Not only are you promoting a healthier environment for you and your neighbors, but also taking the primary step for your farm to grow and save financially in the future. If you have any questions about CNMPs or would like to start one for you farm please call our office at (330)-263-5376 and ask for **the Nutrient Management Specialist, Cody Beale**.

Welcome Cody Beale!

Hello, my name is Cody Beale and I am the new Nutrient Management Specialist (NMS). Along with being the NMS I also handle all District Technician responsibilities. I grew up just north of Marysville, Ohio (Union County), where I lived until moving near Wooster with my Fiancé. I went to Ohio State ATI where I majored in Agricultural Systems Management, and recently graduated with my Bachelor's Degree at The Ohio State University. I have always had a strong passion for agriculture and the outdoors which I developed early on from helping around my family's farm and being a farmhand and then farm manager for four years at a dairy farm in West Mansfield, Ohio (Logan County). Aside from my passion for agriculture and the outdoors, I enjoy hunting, riding ATV trails, sports, and a good game of cornhole. Please feel free to contact me with any of your agricultural needs or concerns. [Visit https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/agricultural-services](https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/agricultural-services)



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Going Green can be easy... BIG or SMALL it all makes a Difference! Check out these ideas!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off—MUST have an appointment! **Dates are MAY 3rd & JUNE 7th** - from noon to 6pm at the WC Fairgrounds conducted by the Wayne Co. Health Dept. For more info, call (330)264-9590 or [click on this link](#). Or visit <https://www.wayne-health.org/household-hazardous-waste>

GO COLD! That's right. If you haven't already seen the [TIDE commercials](#), or heard the latest trend, then you can start washing your laundry with cold water and save money and help with your carbon footprint. To learn more... [click here!](#)



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SMART Links & Resources:

Want to know more about your soils? If you have a smartphone, you can download a free APP, called [SOILWEB](#), through UC Davis and NRCS with accurate maps and soil surveys! Visit <https://casoilresource.lawr.ucdavis.edu/soilweb-apps/> on your computer to learn more!

Are you in the LOOP? Our friends at OSU Extension have a great ANR [Agricultural and Natural Resource Update](#)... with lots of local ag news. You can sign up for Matthew's email at <https://wayne.osu.edu/program-areas/agriculture-and-natural-resources/anr-email-updates>

PONDing your water? Read a great article from Dr. Gary Graham on managing your pond and options you have for spring treatment strategies dealing with algae. <https://wayne.osu.edu/news/spring-pond-management>.



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