



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



## Ag Appreciation Breakfast Welcomes New Director



Wayne SWCD Staff & Director Pelanda (center)

In celebration of Ohio Agriculture Week, March 10-16, Wayne, Holmes and Ashland SWCD's collaborated with FSA, Farm Bureau, OSU Extension and hosted a meet and greet Ag Appreciation breakfast with a special visit from ODA Director Pelanda. The event was held at the beautiful Round Lake Christian Camp, just north of Loudonville on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The newest director of agriculture,

Dorothy Pelanda spoke over breakfast. Most of her talk was about improving water quality, issues related to farm profitability, commercial dog breeding licensing, and then Ms. Pelanda fielded questions from the audience. We were thankful for her time, for the support of many groups and for the work and dedication of our local Ag and farm community. We appreciate all of them!

Spring/Summer 2019

### Dates to Remember:

- 5/10 CSP Deadline
- 5/14 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 5/27 Memorial Day
- 6/11 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 6/14 Cover Crop Deadline
- 7/4 4th Of July
- 7/9 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 8/13 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 9/3 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 9/7- 9/12 Wayne County Fair
- 10/8 Board Meeting 8:30 am

## Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-up

NRCS is currently accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled since 2010.

CSP is for producers who are already good stewards who want to further improve their operation by adopting new conservation practices. The program will help to implement cover crops, filter strips, no-till, forest management, and many other practices. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies such as precision nutrient management to improve soil health and water quality.

Applicants must have control of the land they want to enroll for a minimum of five years to be eligible. Producers interested in the program should contact the NRCS office prior to May 10, 2019 to complete an application. Additional information on the program is located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>.



“Life Begins When the Season Starts”

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## *We're Still Here*

*"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change" ~ Stephen Hawking.* If you have not already heard or stopped by our office, then you should know that Wayne SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) no longer houses our partner agency, and Federal friends NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service.) That also goes for the FSA (Farm Service Agency) that was directly across the hall from us. Changes are still taking shape in our building, as improvements and agency moves are being made. So, that means that John Knapp, NRCS District Conservationist, and Jeff LeFever, Civil Engineering Technician, along with the staff of FSA moved into their new location at 2375 Benden Drive, Suite B in Wooster. We were sad to see the change and move, and unfortunately unable to stop it. Looking ahead, the Wayne County Building Codes Department has moved across the hall into the old FSA space. We will still be working with NRCS on conservation programs and keep the communication open between our partner agencies. If you would like to contact us, **Wayne SWCD's new # is 330-263-5376.** Wayne **NRCS # is 330-234-5391,** and **FSA is 330-262-1911.** Please don't hesitate to contact any of us for your conservation needs or concerns.

## *You are the Expert in your Neighborhood*



Lake Erie is not the only place with algae problems. Algal blooms have also popped up in Muskingum River watershed lakes and on the Ohio River. Feeling like the algae problem is too big for you to have make a difference - here is something that everyone can do.

Polluted discharges to creeks, ditches and storm sewers – that aren't made up completely of storm water – are called illicit discharges. These discharges don't get treated before they hit the stream, which makes them illicit – bad. Illicit discharges can come from failing or illegal septic systems, laundry or floor drain discharges, silage leachate, milkhouse waste, straight dumping of cleaning or automotive fluids to catch basins, dumpsters draining to catch basins, etc. Basically anything that is not completely storm water or another clean water source like a footer drain or a spring.

This is where you come in – you are the expert in your neighborhood. You walk your dog on the same roads, you drive your car down the same routes. No one knows your area better than you. You will be the first to see or smell something out of the ordinary. So you say – 'how do I know if a discharge is illegal or illicit?' Does it have a color to it? Odor? Floatables? Are there dead fish or animals nearby? Is there a discharge occurring after a period of three or more days of dry weather? If you notice any of these signs it could be an illicit discharge.

If you see a discharge with any of these signs contact the Wayne County Health Department, Wayne Soil & Water Office or Wayne Emergency Management Agency. They can track the discharge to its source and your call will be anonymous. These county entities cannot be everywhere – so they rely on people like you to be their eyes and ears.

If there is one thing we can agree on about the algae problem is that it is multi-faceted. There is not one source, but many. And there is not one solution, but many people working together doing their part no matter how small. I have always felt that we have the most influence with those who we are nearer to and in the area that we live closest to. Let us all do our part, in our sphere of influence, for cleaner water.

**TICKS**—the weather is finally warm, the sun is out, and now, so are the ticks! Three tick species in Ohio are medically important because they are disease transmitters: the American dog tick (most commonly encountered in Ohio), the blacklegged tick (deer tick) which can carry Lyme disease, and the Lone Star tick. Many of us enjoy spending the summer outdoors, so it's crucial to protect yourself. For more information go to: [tickhttps://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/HYG-2073](https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/HYG-2073)



## *No-Till Drill Rental*

10' Great Plains Drill \$11.00/acre (minimum 8 acres) used with a 60 hp tractor.

15' Great Plains Drill \$11.00/acre (minimum 15 acres) used with a 90 hp tractor.

“Just say no to tillage”

Charges are per delivery (delivery, set-up & pick-up are included in the charge). The rental program is to promote the use of no-till systems, therefore, the equipment may only be used with conservation tillage. Contact Luke Nussbaum at 330-464-9563 to arrange delivery and pick up.

## *Cover Crops*

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers a Cover Crop Program that is funded through the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD). Through this program, MWCD offers \$12/acre for every field you apply for with a cap of 200 acres per applicant. The application includes;

Landowners name, (plus Tax ID # or SS #)

Farm/tract numbers,

Field ID's,

The acres for each field that are being applied for,

Whether or not you had a cover crop on last year,

Applying manure or will be applying manure to any of the fields being applied for,

If soil tests have been done within the past three years.



There's an incentive for **NEW** participants for the 2019 Cover Crop Program.

The cost sharing for new applicants will be \$15 per acre.

Examples that are **NOT** a new applicant are as follows:

Landowner signing up a farm that the producer has signed up before,

A different producer signing up a farm that has been enrolled before,

A producer that has been in the program signing up a new farm,

A farm that is clearly being farmed by a producer that has previously been in the program.

Also needed with the application is maps for the fields you are applying for. You can get those at the Farm Service Agency (FSA), located at 2375 Benden Drive Wooster, OH 44691. You can contact our office at 330-263-5376, visit our office which is located at 428 W. Liberty Street Wooster, OH 44691 or you can email [tgilmore@wayneoh.org](mailto:tgilmore@wayneoh.org) for more details. **The application deadline is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** It's a competitive program, so hurry in and get your application!

## *Recycling Event—Buehler's Milltown on Sat. May 18—10am to 3pm*

**They will take:** all typical recyclables: paper products, cardboard and any plastic, metal or glass containers. Any appliances (large or small) all FREON must be removed, batteries (auto or other).

**Batteries:** auto or other

**Electronics:** computer towers, monitors, laptops, printers, scanners, copiers, cell phones, chargers and accessories.

**Florescent bulbs—no charge—**all tubes up to 8ft, CFL (all sizes).

**Residential Hazardous Waste Collection:** aerosols, propane tanks, items containing mercury, cleaning solvents, pesticides, automotive fluids, all other household chemicals. **All containers must be less than 5 gallons.**

**They will NOT take:** mattresses, styrofoam, paint, upholstered furniture, tires, televisions, or any appliances (large or small). **Residential Collection only! No items accepted from businesses.**

**Question? Concerns? Call Jack Rohrbaugh at 330-345-5908 ext. 2907**



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**We are here to help you with...**

- ◆ Conservation Planning
- ◆ Nutrient Management Planning
- ◆ Planning & Technical Assistance
- ◆ Educational Programs
- ◆ New Construction Storm Water Reviews
- ◆ Best Management Practices

***Conserving our Natural Resources for over 60 years!***

**Visit the website for info about rain barrels, ponds, trees, CAP's, cover crop program, water quality trading, soils & more.**



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