



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”
Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

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Winter 2020–2021

Conservation Farm Award

~ Tim & Karen Anderson ~

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District’s Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to award the 2020 Conservation Farm Award to Tim & Karen Anderson. Tim and his wife Karen, own and operate a 170-acre farm located in Chester Township. Their farm has been in the Anderson family since 1974 and they have established and maintained conservation practices for nearly half a century. Tim & Karen grow several crops on about 150-acres of the farm including corn, soybeans and wheat. The Anderson’s utilize conservation practices including 100% No-Till, grassed waterways, strip cropping, contour farming, tile drainage, crop residue management and cover crops. Tim & Karen are very proud of their cover crops, which are a mixture of sunn hemp, buckwheat, radishes, hairy vetch and clover. Tim believes that conservation is not something you try, it is something you have to commit to from the beginning. Because of their commitment to conservation, the District is proud to give the Anderson’s the 2020 Conservation Farm Award.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2/9 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 2/15 Presidents’ Day
- 3/9 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 3/19 Tree Order deadline
- 4/8 Fish Order deadline
- 4/13 Board Meeting 8:00 am
- 4/13 Fish pick-up 9-10 am
- 4/15 Tree pick-up 12-4:30pm
- 4/30 Poster deadline

High Water Warning System

In an effort to alert first-responders, school districts and county residents of flooded roads in a timely manner, a Partners in Watershed Management Grant was obtained from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) by the County Commissioners to purchase water level sensors for installation in four stream locations in Wayne County. The local match will consist of labor and materials supplied by the Wayne County Engineer’s Office (3 sensors) and the City of Wooster (1 sensor) to install supports for the sensors and data loggers.

The sensors – located in streams with large watersheds and/or near high traffic roads – will allow remote, real-time monitoring of the rise and fall of stream levels allowing local officials to anticipate when roads will be flooded and when water has receded and the roads are safe to travel again. The sensors will also provide historical data on how these significant tributaries respond to local rainfall events.



Sensor locations include Willow Road at the Killbuck Creek, West Lebanon Road at the Sugar Creek, Lattasburg Road (State Route 302) at a tributary to the Killbuck Creek and Spruce Street at the Apple Creek. Wayne SWCD has taken the lead in sensor and site location selection and grant implementation and has aided the Wayne County Planning Department and Wayne County Emergency Management Agency in the grant application process. Sensor installation is planned for December 2020. Stay tuned for more details on this project or keep up to date on our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/storm-water-management-cap/high-water-warning-system>



*Cheers to a
New Year! 2021*

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Supervisor Election Results

In the fall of 2020 Wayne SWCD sought to elect one (1) supervisor to fill the expiring term of Jeff Gochnauer. Jeff ran unopposed and will continue to fill the position. He has served on the board since January 2018. The Wayne SWCD is governed by five board members that are elected from the populous of Wayne County. Each board member serves a three year term as public officials and serve without pay. They are protected from liability by laws which indemnify all SWCD supervisors from personal liability in any civil actions arising from involvement with the SWCD. Board members provide locally led input and guidance to the programs and services provided by Wayne SWCD. Staff provide the daily services and programs on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Each board member shares a genuine concern to protect our local natural resources.

Educator of the Year: Duane Wood

Wayne SWCD is pleased to announce that the 2020 Conservation Educator of the Year is Mr. Duane Wood. Anyone whom is familiar with Wayne Soil and Water, Duane is a well known face, having served 23 years with Wayne SWCD and retiring in 2016 as the DPA (District Program Administrator).



Duane was born and raised in Wayne County, and still resides here with his wife Michelle and their son Wyatt. Duane now works full time as a Soil Consultant in his own business, L Wood Consulting. Duane is no stranger to helping others and expressing his passion of soils onto others. But he goes beyond soils, as anyone that knows him...knows his love for conservation extends to the outdoors through canoeing, hunting, fishing, hiking and traveling! He is always available to lend his knowledge and time to FFA chapters, school groups, 4-H clubs, church leaders, and anyone or organization that is interested in learning more about the importance of conservation and of the complexities of soils.

Each year, Wayne County FFA students hold Land Judging contests and there are soil pits that are dug, and the soils have to be "scored" or determined based on various factors. These competitions show the importance of soils for agriculture; if the soils are suitable for crops or if there would be any issues. They are also judged for development – for building a basement, house, drive or the like, and again...if there would be any limitations. Duane is a certified Soil

Scientist, one of only a few in the State that is able to help assist with these competitions. He has been doing this for many years, and he encourages students to value soils, and foster the conservation efforts to protect soils. He understands the complex nature of soils and is able to bring his knowledge to simple terms so that people can appreciate and comprehend this valuable resource. This is a trademark of a true educator. His enduring passion for soils and willingness to educate others on this subject make him a community leader in conservation. He may have retired from Soil and Water Conservation, but it is evident, it has not retired from him. We thank him for his continued support and educational efforts and for inspiring young adults. To learn more, visit Conservation Award winners at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/educator-of-the-year>

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Don't Miss the Tree and Fish Sale

The tree sale is back this year! Please see the Tree Order Form insert enclosed in the newsletter to order. Please note: this year you can purchase a White Pine seedling pack for \$10.00 to donate to local school students. Orders and payment must be received in our office by **Friday, March 19.**



Pick up will be **Thursday, April 15th between 12:00 – 4:30 pm at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.**



The Annual Fish sale order form is on the back page of the newsletter. Orders and payment must be received in our office **by Thursday April 8th.** Fish pick up will be **Tuesday, April 13th from 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.** Updated info will be on our website at

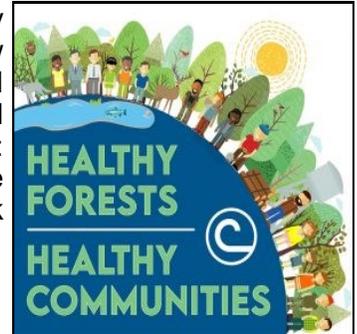
www.wayneswcd.org and on Social Media. <https://www.facebook.com/WayneSWCD/>

Poster Contest

POSTER CONTEST: The annual poster contest is for any student in Wayne county grades Kindergarten through 12. The goal is to educate students how conservation helps to ensure their generation will be wise stewards of our natural resources. The rules and guidelines are followed by the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) rules. The 2021 Stewardship Theme is: "[Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities.](#)" Posters must have this displayed as the title! **For more information go to the following link:** www.nacdnet.org - click on the Conservation Education Hub tab- and look for contests, or visit

<https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/poster-contest> for more details.

Posters are due to the Wayne SWCD office **by 4:30 pm April 30th.**



EQIP Deadline

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced Friday, **January 15, 2021**, as the deadline to submit applications for [Ohio's Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\).](#)

EQIP is a voluntary program which helps producers improve conservation on their farms. NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and help to plan and implement conservation practices. Using these practices can lead to cleaner water, healthier soil, and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations.

Financial assistance is now available in a variety of agricultural land uses such as cropland, pasture, forest, and livestock production. Several special projects are also available which address organic production and improving pollinator habitat.

Applicants should be farmers, or farm landowners and meet eligibility criteria. Applications submitted to NRCS by the January 15 deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2021 funding. To participate in USDA conservation programs, [contact the NRCS office](#) at 330-262-2836.

Owls in Ohio

Some of the most fascinating wild animals in Ohio are owls. Their mysterious nature, charismatic expressions, and recognizable calls have sparked interest for centuries. Predators of the night, hunting while the world sleeps. Many people claim to have never seen an owl in the wild, but chances are they have been near one without knowing it.

Up to eight owl species reside in Northeast Ohio throughout the year. Three of the most common include Great Horned Owls, Barred Owls, and Eastern Screech-Owls which are the smallest and most common—about the size of a Robin. Also included are Long-eared Owls, Barn Owls, Northern Saw-whet Owls, Short Eared Owls and Snowy Owls. To learn more about these amazing birds visit <https://birdwatchinghq.com/owls-in-ohio/>

And if you are asking yourself ...Do Owls stay here in the winter? The answer is Yes, they do! With some exceptions (the Snowy Owl) most owls do not migrate... which means you could hear them now...learn more about why in [Winter is a Hooting Season!](#) Or go to <https://www.dupageforest.org/blog/owls-in-winter>. Enjoy learning about the wise ole birds!



[Barn Owl](#)

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Tree Order Form Inside

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Wayne SWCD Annual FISH Sale



Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District is accepting orders for our annual fish sale. The fish will be purchased from [Fender's Fish Hatchery](#) in Baltic. See below for fish options. We will offer pond conditioner in 1 gallon & 5 gallons. We will also offer 40 pound bags of fish food. Please order ahead with these items as Fender's will only bring what we have ordered. Side note: [White amur \(grass carp\) are an excellent alternative to chemical control of weeds in ponds.](#)

Fish orders will be taken until **Thurs, April 8th. Pickup is Tues., April 13th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds.** Orders must be picked up at the specified time. At pickup, you will need to bring a container filled with your own pond water, 5 to 10 gallons of water per 100 fish. Line the container with a new plastic liner before adding water. The White Amur & Japanese Koi must be placed in a container with a lid or a liner large enough to be tied at the top. Only 2 Amur/ Koi to each 5 gallons of water. If you have questions, contact our office 330-263-5376. Send orders to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691.

Keep this section for reference

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Return this section with payment

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

***payment must accompany order**

Species	Size	Price	Qty	Total
Bass -Largemouth	2-3"	.95	_____	_____
Black Crappie	2-4"	.90	_____	_____
Bluegill	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
Bluegill -Hybrid	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	4-5"	.80	_____	_____
Japanese Koi	6-8"	12.00	_____	_____
Minnow	1-2"	.08	_____	_____
Perch (Yellow)	2-3"	.90	_____	_____
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
White Amur	8-10"	13.00	_____	_____
"Farm Pond Management-The Common-Sense Guide, Revised Edition"				
Book by Steve Fender		\$20.00	_____	_____
Natures Pond Conditioner	1 gallon	\$90.00	_____	_____
	By Koenders 5 gallons	\$375.00	_____	_____
Fish Food (Optimal)	40-pound bag	\$45.00	_____	_____
TOTAL \$				_____

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