



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

**Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District**

## Awards Presented at 68th Annual Meeting

The 2015 Conservation Farm Award was presented to David Rohrer. David Rohrer operates a grain farm in Wayne County with help from his wife Velda. The farm is located in Green Township and consists of 400 acres of cropland with 80 acres of alfalfa rented to Fred and Scott Myers.



A conservation plan and nutrient management plan are being followed on the land. A rotation of corn and soybeans is followed with all crops planted no-till or minimum till. Wayne SWCD has assisted with the installation of many conservation practices over the years including crop rotations conservation tillage, grassed waterways, subsurface drains, contour farming, strip cropping, and nutrient management.

Marge Forbush received the 2015 Conservation Education Award. Marge has been teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Melrose Elementary in Wooster for the past

four years and she previously taught at Wayne Elementary for 35 years before it closed.

Marge loves teaching about plants and animals and their unique adaptations. She schedules field trips centered on science and conservation. In 2015, all 4<sup>th</sup> graders were taken to the Wayne County Historical Society and then to Brown’s Bog where they studied real plant adaptations.

An entertaining conservation highlight video was shown by SWCD staff for events and work done throughout the year.

Laura Kearns, with ODNR Division of Wildlife presented a very interesting program on Ohio’s swans and taught the audience the differences between the Tundra, Trumpeter and Mute Swans. Mute swans are invasive, non-native, and the adults will have orange bills and tend to be more aggressive than the other two native types of swans. For more information on Mute Swans, please call 1-800-WILDLIFE.

Matt Peart, Burbank, and John T. Redick, Wooster, were re-elected as Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors.

### **THANKS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING DONORS!**

The Banquet and Meeting had great food and a lot of wonderful door prizes thanks to these wonderful Donations by: Beall Avenue Car Wash, Bishop’s Restaurant, Broken Rocks, Everything Rubbermaid, Green Thumb, JM Smucker, Omaha Bob’s BBQ, Pine Tree Barn, Today’s Kitchen Store, The First Amendment Public House Restaurant, The Parlor Restaurant, The Wooster Book Co, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, First National Bank, Lowe & Young, Steiner Excavating, & Tyler Grain & Fertilizer Company.

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On average,  
one inch of  
rain is

equivalent to how many  
inches of snow?

#### Calendar :

- Jan. 12th Board Meeting 10:00 AM
- Jan 18th MLK Day - Office Closed
- Feb. 9th Board Meeting 10:00 AM
- Feb. 15th Pres. Day - Office Closed
- March 8th Board Meeting 10:00 AM
- March 13th DST begins
- April 8th Fish Orders Due



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A: TEN inches of snow



## Help us say Thanks / Staff Changes

As the saying goes, all things must change. So it is with deep sadness that Wayne SWCD announces the retirement of our longtime District Program Administrator, Duane Wood. Duane started working at Wayne SWCD in 1992 as a Manure Nutrient Management Specialist and later worked his way up to becoming the DPA in 1998. He has been a role model, a friend, a leader, a fair and balanced boss, a caring citizen, and will for certain be very well missed.



We are holding an open house/retirement party for anyone wanting to stop by and congratulate Duane or give him one last harassing! This will be on Wednesday January 27th, from 12:30 pm until 3:30 pm at the Wayne SWCD office. Duane's last day at Wayne SWCD will be January 29th, 2016.

You are never too old to  
set another goal or to  
dream a new dream.

~C.S.Lewis~

On a positive note, we are thrilled to announce that our own Adam Liston will be taking over and will be our new District Program Administrator. Adam has been with Wayne SWCD for over 15 years as the District Engineering Technician. Wayne SWCD will be going through some changes while we transition, we hope that everyone shares our excitement and is understanding while our office adjusts in 2016. Stop by anytime to

## No Tree Seedling Sale in 2016

There will NOT be a tree seedling sale in 2016 with Wayne SWCD. Several reasons lead to the decision by the board and the staff to not have the annual tree seedling sale. However, Holmes SWCD will be having a tree seedling sale if you are interested in purchasing trees. Their pick-up date is mid-April. You can contact Holmes SWCD at (330)-674-2811 or online <http://www.co.holmes.oh.us/soil-and-water-overview>.

## Poster Contest & The Envirothon Competition

Teachers mark your calendars for two important dates! All grade levels are eligible to compete in our Annual Conservation Poster Contest held every spring. The poster entry deadline to our office is **APRIL 29th, 2016**. From Kindergarten to 12th grade—all ages are encouraged to learn a little while expressing their artist side in conservation. The theme in 2016 is “**We all Need Trees**”. Ideas, rules & information can be found both on the national website and on our own website. For more information, visit <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html>.



High School teachers or Home School groups can start preparing students now and form a team of five students for the Envirothon competition which will be hosted in Stark County this upcoming year and will be held on **April 28th, 2016**. The Area 2 Envirothon will be held at Sippo Lake Exploration Gateway in Canton, Ohio and is being hosted by Stark SWCD. **Team registrations are due to Stark SWCD by March 28th!**

A competitive outdoor team event, Envirothon offers a unique and enjoyable learning experience. A team consists of five students, all from the same high school. An adult advisor (or advisors) must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during the competition. Envirothon tests students' knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. This year's current environmental issue is “*Invasive Species: A Challenge to the Environment, Economy and Society.*” For more information, please visit our website at <http://wayneswcd.org/envirothon.html> or contact Kelly in the office.

## EQIP & CSP sign ups

Agricultural producers are encouraged to **sign up for the EQIP** (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) or **CSP** (Conservation Stewardship Program) programs **by January 15<sup>th</sup>** if they have conservation practices they want to install on their farm.

EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to local producers to help implement conservation practices on cropland, pasture, forest, and headquarter areas. Practices include livestock waste storage facilities, grassed waterways, cover crops, no-till, spring development, livestock water tanks, stream crossing, heavy use pad, pasture seeding, woodland grapevine control, tree plantings, and more. Several initiatives will be offered again this year for organic and specialty crop producers and those interested in installing a seasonal high tunnel to provide produce to the local markets.

CSP is different than our other financial assistance programs. It offers payment to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt a higher level of stewardship on their entire operation. Applicants must meet several requirements to obtain a CSP contract. They must be listed as the operator in the USDA farm records system for the land being offered and they must document that they control the land for the five year contract period. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, and non-industrial private forestland.

Applications for both programs are accepted on a continuous basis, however applications will be reviewed and ranked after January 15th. Approvals have become more difficult the past couple of years since we are competing statewide with many funds going to distressed watersheds so I encourage potential applicants to

## Another Successful Litter Clean up

On Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 12 Chippewa High School Leo Club members collected litter along roads in Chippewa Township. The litter cleanup is one of the practices in the Storm Water Management Plan for this Ohio EPA MS4 permitted area. Litter was collected from approximately four miles of road ditches in just two hours. Thank you to the kids and to the Leo Club advisor T.J. Lindeman who got the word out to the school and helped cook the burgers and hot dogs! Wayne SWCD's Rob Kastner helped lead the event and supplied garbage bags, vests, gloves and the food afterwards. Keepin' it green & clean!



### E –Newsletter

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Thanks for helping us conserve!

### Free Mobile App

The Ohio Nutrient Management Record Keeper ([ONMRK](#)) app allows farmers to see if conditions are favorable for applying certain nutrients on fields. An alert will pop up if conditions are not favorable. It has current weather conditions and is designed to help farmers comply with SB1 and SB150. Its free & available for both Apple and Android devices.

### Give the Gift that Keeps Giving: RECYCLE

It takes 2/3 less energy to make products from recycled plastic than it does by using virgin materials. When 1 ton of plastic bottles is recycled, almost 4 barrels of oil are saved. Furthermore, recycling just 1 ton of plastic saves 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space. Why not make a resolution to start recycling or expand on yours?



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# Wayne SWCD Annual FISH Sale



The Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District will begin taking orders for our annual fish sale. The fish will be purchased from Fender's Fish Hatchery in Baltic. The types of fish which are available include fingerling size largemouth bass, channel catfish, white amur, perch, minnow, bluegill, crappie, redear shellcracker, and Japanese koi. White amur (grass carp) are an excellent alternative to chemical control of weeds in ponds. New this year we will also be offering Japanese Koi, these colorful carp are good for eating duckweed and also enjoyable to look at!

Orders for the fish will be taken until **Friday, April 8th**. **Pickup** date will be **THURSDAY, April 14th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds**. Orders must be picked up at the specified time. At the pickup, you will need to bring a container filled with your own pond water, 5 to 10 gallons of water per 100 fish is required. 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 any questions concerning stocking rates, please contact our office at 330-262-2836. Send order to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691.

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|                                  | No.   | Species             | Size  | Price     | Total |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Name _____                       | _____ | Largemouth Bass     | 2-3"  | .85       | _____ |
|                                  | _____ | Bluegill            | 2-4"  | .75       | _____ |
| Address _____                    | _____ | Channel Catfish     | 4-5"  | .75       | _____ |
|                                  | _____ | White Amur          | 8-10" | 13.00     | _____ |
| City _____ State _____ Zip _____ | _____ | Perch               | 2-3"  | .80       | _____ |
|                                  | _____ | Minnow              | 1-2"  | .07       | _____ |
| Daytime Phone _____              | _____ | Redear Shellcracker | 2-4"  | .85       | _____ |
|                                  | _____ | Black Crappie       | 2-4"  | .85       | _____ |
| Email _____                      | _____ | Japanese Koi        | 6-8"  | 12.00     | _____ |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     |       |                     |       | <b>\$</b> | _____ |

**Please return form and payment to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St. Wooster, Oh 44691 by April 8th**

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