



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

## Awards Presented at 61st Annual Meeting

The 2008 Conservation Farm Award went to the Carl Good Family in Chester Township. Carl operates a 175 acre dairy farm consisting of corn, soybeans, wheat and



Ruth and Carl Good receive 2008 Conservation Farm Award

alfalfa. He currently milks 65 head of cattle and has 60 replacement heifers. Carl uses no-till and minimum tillage, has a waste storage facility, and a filter strip for feedlot runoff and a sand infiltration bed for milkhouse and parlor water. Other practices include a farm pond and tree planting. The Good's were awarded a plaque and cooperator sign.

Jane Braddock, Fredericksburg, received the Conservation Teacher Award. She has been an educator since 1979 when she first taught horticulture at the Toledo



Jane Braddock

Public Schools Ag Center. After moving to Wayne County she taught lab classes at Ohio State University Agriculture Technical Institute and later taught at St. Peter's Preschool in Apple Creek. Jane is currently director of the Fredericksburg library and has also worked as the library aide at Fredericksburg Elementary School. Jane along with Kevin Troyer helped plant an outdoor lab at Fredericksburg Elementary. Today the

outdoor lab is used by the teachers, as well as the after

school program called the Fredericksburg EXPLORERS which was organized with the help of several Fredericksburg volunteers. Jane was presented with an engraved wooden pen and note set.



Keeton Purvis Keene Purvis

Keeton, first grade, and Keene, fifth grade, Purvis were recognized for placing first in the state Conservation Poster contest. They both attend Parkview Elementary in Wooster. Their posters will go on to the National contest which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana February 1-4th 2009.



Fred Myers was recognized for 15 years of service to Wayne SWCD. Fred, who became a supervisor in January 1994, has served as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

John Knapp, USDA NRCS District Conservationist, and Duane Wood, SWCD Program Administrator, reviewed practices and activities from the past year.

Fred Myers was re-elected supervisor for a three year term beginning January 2009.

The meeting concluded with door prizes.



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# Dreaming of a Green Christmas...

By Kelly Riley

Ok, maybe you're thinking of "green" as meaning no snow, or possibly saving or receiving that precious green we know as money. But what I'm talking about is the environmentally friendly way to celebrate the holidays – going green! Unfortunately, ringing in the holiday season usually means bringing on more environmental waste. But with a little knowledge and some planning you can make this holiday season a green one, possibly in more ways than one! Here are some ideas to get you thinking about a "greener" season.

**BYOB! (Bring Your Own Bag)** Take your own bag with you when you go shopping. Don't load up on plastic bags that will end up in landfills. If you have to take a bag with your purchase, save it and use it again.

**CARDS...** Consider going paper free. Use e-cards or texts to send your holiday greetings. Or, you could make a personalized Christmas postcard. Use previous or saved cards, cut in half and write a message on the back of the picture to use it as a Christmas post card. Or finally, use old Christmas cards as gift tags.

Buy rechargeable batteries. It's always better to reuse a battery than throw it out.

Choose a re-usable holiday gift-bag to give your gift. Or re-wrap! Use last year's Christmas wrapping. Unwrap presents carefully and neatly fold the paper to wrap another gift with later. Other options include decorate your own brown-paper bag, wrap in towels, scarves, or even old posters, and using recycled paper products.

Tree controversy...Live or artificial? I'm not going to tackle that issue, but if you do get a live tree, you have "green" options. Potted or balled trees are great, because that means there should be one more tree planted after the holidays. Cut trees can also be beneficial if you don't let them end up in a landfill. Take it to a recycling facility. (*Wayne County residents can take their tree free of charge to Paradise Lawn Care, Inc at 6203 Akron Rd in Smithville from*



*Monday to Friday, 9-5 or call 330-669-3141.)*

Other options for cut trees besides being mulched are using your Christmas tree as a shelter for birds and animals, or anchoring it and putting into a pond for fish habitat.

**Lights!** Using LED Christmas lights use 80 to 90 percent less energy than conventional incandescent bulbs and they last longer. Also, turn off the lights during the day & when you go to bed. This will also help lower your electricity consumption.

**PARTIES.** Use metal flatware and real glasses and dishes. Ok, so you don't have enough, or don't like dishes...then pick recyclable paper products to use. Don't use plastic or Styrofoam, and finally make sure your guests know where they can put their recyclables.

**RECYCLE!** Especially for the holidays. If you can't reuse wrapping paper, boxes, cards, bags or magazines, then recycle them. Don't forget aluminum, glass & plastic can be recycled as well.

**Out with the OLD, in with the New.** What do you do with the old cell phone, computer, television or other electronic device? Many electronics, including mobile phones contain toxic elements like Mercury, Cadmium, Lead, Gallium Arsenide and other toxic materials that shouldn't be thrown into landfills. Go to a Staples store and they can assist you or look online about donating or recycling your electronics at [www.collectivegood.com](http://www.collectivegood.com). Whatever you do, don't just throw it out in the trash.

While reusing is a way to reduce waste, it is more environmentally friendly to minimize the amount of waste you create and the number of things you need to reuse. Less is more when it comes to celebrating a green Christmas!

## Calendar

- Jan. 13 **Board Meeting** 7:00 PM
- Jan 13 **Private Applicator Certification Training**, County Admin. Bldg. 12pm
- Feb 10 **Pesticide Re-certification**, Fisher Auditorium, OARDC 12 - 3:45 pm - \$15 fee
- Feb 24 **Pesticide Exam**, Fisher Auditorium, OARDC 1 pm
- Feb. 12 **Board Meeting** 7:00 PM
- Feb. 24 **Deadline for Tree Sales**
- Feb. 25 Pond Clinic 7 pm
- Feb 27 **Pesticide Cert. School**, Kidron Auction 12 - 4 pm - \$15 fee

## Pond Clinic

February 25th - 7 pm

Steve Fender, Fender's Fish Hatchery, & Ron Becker, OSU Extension Program Coordinator, will be answering your questions on fish and ponds. For more information contact us at 330-262-2836

# Winter Site Stabilization

by Rob Kastner

Winter weather came with little warning this year and shows little signs of a brief warm-up before it fully settles in. With little or no “Indian Summer” this fall, construction sites may have ran out of time to establish grass seed on disturbed areas. Although the growing season has passed, the County’s Sediment and Erosion Control Regulations require that all disturbed areas (bare soil) should either be covered with mulch or dormant seeded and mulched, if they are going to be inactive for longer than 30 days. Mulch consists of straw applied at a rate of approximately 2 to 3 bales per 1,000 sf. The mulch should be anchored to the ground to reduce the affects of loss due to wind and runoff, using mechanical means (crimping or disking), mulch netting (in areas of water concentration or steep slopes) or synthetic binders (in areas outside of water-courses). Should you choose to dormant seed, the seedbed should be prepared, fertilizer applied, seed spread and mulch installed and anchored. It is important to note, that

the dormant seed rate should be increased by 50% over what is applied during the growing season. Stabilizing your residential, commercial or industrial site during the winter months keeps you in compliance with the County Sediment and Erosion Control Permit, keeps sediment out of the County waterways and maintains valuable topsoil on your site so you don’t have to haul in additional topsoil in the spring. If you have any questions about winter stabilization, feel free to call Wayne SWCD at 330-264-6396.



## Applying for Conservation Programs in 2009

by John Knapp

Applicants for the various conservation programs such as EQIP, WHIP, WRP, and others need to be aware of the latest application process. The process has changed since last year and now requires detailed information to be considered for funding. An individual applicant has less documentation to provide than an entity such as a partnership, joint venture, corporation (limited liability or other), estate, trust, or non-profit association or group. The following steps outline what is now needed to make a program application:

1. Applicant indicates interest in a conservation program by completing and signing appropriate program application form.
2. Applicant established a customer record in the Service Center Information Management System (SCIMS) if it does not already exist. This will require the applicant to set up an appointment with the Farm Service Agency to complete the record and necessary eligibility information.
3. Applicant completes forms to determine eligibility for USDA programs:
  - AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation Certification.
  - CCC-502 Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review.
  - CCC-526 Payment Eligibility Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Certification or CCC-926 (2008 Farm Bill).
  - CCC-501A Members Information for entities.
4. Applicant sets up an appointment with the local NRCS office to visit the operation and develop a conservation plan. This process can take several visits, both in the field and the office.

5. NRCS develops program application package based on the approved conservation plan and discussions with the applicant.
6. NRCS reviews program applications and selects eligible applications for funding based on ranking criteria and available funding (due to funding availability this may take months).
7. Applicant provides additional information if NRCS determines their application may be considered for funding. This additional information includes:
  - A completed SF-1199 Direct Deposit form.
  - Notarized Power of Attorney form (CPA-09) if the applicant wants another individual to sign on their behalf.
  - An entity would also need to provide evidence the business is currently in good standing, documents outlining the business name, current members of the business, and members who have legal authority to sign.
  - Document from the IRS indicating the name and Employee Identification Number (EIN) for the business, or if none is available, form LTR 147C from the IRS may requested.
8. Applicant must document control of the land for the contract period using any of the following: Deed, Lease, or other written authorization from the landowner for the contract period.

Failure to provide the required information may cause your application to be considered ineligible for the program year. Program details have yet to be announced but I am expecting signups for the programs in early 2009.

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Tree Order Form Inside

## SWCD Sponsors 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 and redear shellcracker. White amur (grass carp) are an excellent alternative to chemical control of weeds in ponds.

Orders for the fish will be taken until **Friday, April 17th**. **Pickup** date will be **Tuesday, April 21st 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 must be placed in a container with a lid or a liner large enough to be tied at the top. Only 2 Amur 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	2-4"	.80	_____
	_____	Bluegill	2-4"	.70	_____
Address _____	_____	Channel Catfish	4-5"	.75	_____
	_____	White Amur	8-12"	12.00	_____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	_____	Perch	2-4"	.70	_____
	_____	Minnow	1-2"	.07	_____
Daytime Phone _____	_____	Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	.85	_____
	_____	Black Crappie	2-4"	.85	_____
	_____	Total			_____

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