

# CONSERVATION TRAILS

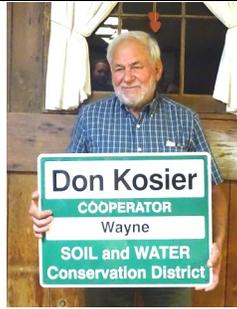
“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”  
Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



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## Awards Presented at 72nd Annual Meeting

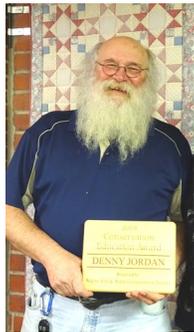
On Nov. 7th Wayne SWCD held our Annual Meeting/ Banquet at the Barn Restaurant in Smithville. Don Kosier was the recipient of the Conservation Farm Award. Don owns and operates a 120 acre farm in Chippewa Township, where he has lived the past 71 years. Don's farm has been in the Kosier family since 1882. He grows a variety of crops including hay, corn, beans, wheat and oats, along with a mixture of rye and red clover as cover crops. There are many conservation practices on the farm consisting of multiple waterways, subsurface tile, water and sediment control basin and field strips. Don has been practicing 100% no till for 30 years and his farm is enrolled in the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation program. Because of Don's commitment to conservation, the district felt he was very deserving of this award.



**Winter 2019–2020**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

2/11	Board Meeting 8:30 am
2/17	Presidents' Day
3/10	Board Meeting 8:30 am
3/20	Tree Order deadline
4/8	Fish Order deadline
4/14	Board Meeting 8:00 am
4/14	Fish pick-up 9-10 am
4/16	Tree pick-up 12-5pm
4/24	Poster deadline



The Conservation Education Award was presented to Denny Jordan. Denny is a retired teacher from Wooster High School who taught Physical Science, Biology and Geology. He is Chairman of the Wayne County Park Board, and an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. He volunteers at the Wayne County Historical Society, the Wilderness Center and leads nature walks and field trips at Barnes Preserve. Denny continues to educate young and old about nature, wildlife and environmental conservation. His passion, caring and good nature are inspirational. For this reason, The Wayne SWCD was very proud to honor Denny Jordan as the 2019 Conservation

Educator of the Year.



Happy New Year

Our guest speaker, Dr. Greg Wiles, is the Ross K. Shoolroy Chair of Natural Resources and Professor of Earth Sciences at The College of Wooster. His primary research focuses on the records of past environmental change records in glaciers, lake sediments and tree-rings. He has taught at Wooster for over 20 years. He directs The College of Wooster Tree Ring Lab, which has an archive of thousands of tree cross sections and tree cores from around the world. The archives include over 900 cross-sections of trees from Alaska killed by advancing glaciers and samples from over 70 buildings from Ohio and surrounding states that have been dated by the lab. Wiles enlightened the crowd on how the Wooster lab dates buildings using tree-rings and some of the historical and environmental information derived from those records.

## Thank you to Annual Meeting Donors

Apple Creek Banking Co., Farm Credit Mid-America, Farmers National Bank, Lowe & Young Inc., Steiner Excavating, and Tyler Grain & Fertilizer were recognized for their donations to defray costs of the annual meeting. Also local business door prize donations by: Auto Zone, Basil Asian Bistro, Farm Bureau, RKO, Farmers National Bank; Mairs Vet Clinic and The Parlor.

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## Supervisor Election Results

Results from the election were announced at the conclusion of the evening at the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet. In the fall of 2019 Wayne SWCD sought to elect two (2) supervisors to fill the expiring terms of Scott Stoller and Dustin Ramsier. 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.

Incumbents Scott Stoller and Dustin Ramsier were re-elected as Wayne SWCD Supervisors. Each board member shares a genuine concern to protect our local natural resources. Thank you to Greg Beckler for his interest in serving on the board.

## Poster Contest

**POSTER CONTEST:** The annual poster contest is for any student in Wayne county grades Kindergarten through 12 to learn about conservation by expressing their creative artistic skills. The rules and guidelines are followed by the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) rules. The 2020 Stewardship Theme is: "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" Posters must have this displayed as the title! **For more information go to the following link:** [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) - click on Get Involved tab and the Stewardship & Education - and look for Contests, or visit <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html> Posters are due to the Wayne SWCD office **by 4:30 pm April 24th.** Best of luck to all students!



## Wayne SWCD Assistance



The Wayne SWCD is committed to assisting local landowners with natural resource conservation. We offer assistance in many forms at no cost. Technical assistance can be a simple site visit to recommend conservation practices or best management practices to meet the goals of the landowner as well as conserve natural resources. Conservation planning can be offered so that BMPs or practices can be installed over a period of time. Planning can also take the form of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning (CNMP). CNMP's are especially important for livestock farms managing livestock manure to maximize crop production while minimizing potential water quality issues. Technical assistance is also offered in surveying and designing projects to ensure a practice is sized and situated on the landscape properly.



Grassed Waterway



Manure Storage Tank



CNMP for Waste Utilization

<https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/agricultural-services/comprehensive-nutrient-management-plans>



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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. Orders and payment must be received in our office by **Friday, March 20**. Pick up will be **Thursday, April 16 between 12:00 – 5:00 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 **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. Fish pick up will be **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Wayne County Fairgrounds**. Updated info will be on our website at [www.wayneswcd.org](http://www.wayneswcd.org) and on Social Media. <https://www.facebook.com/WayneSWCD/>

## How do Wildlife Survive the Cold Months of Winter?



Over time, wildlife have adapted and learned to cope with the climatic changes they face in their habitats. Some animals hibernate and some migrate, while others stay put, growing thick coats and consuming extra food to keep them warm.

Hibernation is one of the most intriguing methods animals use to survive cold weather. When an animal hibernates, its heart rate, body temperature and other life processes slow down, putting them into a kind of a "deep sleep." When outside temperatures drop dangerously low, skunks, raccoons, chipmunks and opossums are known to go into a temporary hibernation. During those frigid periods, they seek shelter in trees, logs, beneath rocks or underground where they "hole up" and sleep for about five days until the weather breaks.

Watching wildlife scurrying along the ice and snow can tug at the human heart strings. Many people think feeding the animals is humane, but wildlife experts recommend against this practice. With the exception of feeding songbirds, putting out food for wildlife can hurt more than help. The unnatural gathering of many species to one food source can promote the spread of disease. Feeding bread to ducks and geese is "terrible" for their digestion, and waterfowl is especially vulnerable to outbreaks of botulism when artificially fed. And, just as it's bad for humans, filling up on items lacking nutritional value is harmful to an animal's health.

If you really want to help, consider making your yard "wildlife friendly" with naturally grown food and shelter. Plant trees that yield nuts and berries. Evergreen trees and shrubs such as pines and taxus yews give animals protection from wind and rain. If you own a larger parcel of land in the country, brush piles and thick patches of briars provide excellent winter cover for cottontail rabbits and other small animals.

## Welcome Joanna, District Technician

Joanna Moine was born and raised in Wayne County. Having grown up playing in her backyard creek and camping as a kid, she has had a lifelong interest in the environment. During her years at Norwayne, Joanna was involved in the FFA. After three years and a couple of changes in her major, she graduated from Grace College this past spring with a Bachelors in Environmental Studies (and Bible). Joanna is excited to start her new role as District Technician and serve landowners by providing technical engineering assistance on their projects.



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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 **Wed., April 8th. Pickup is Tues., April 14th 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.

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**\*payment must accompany order**

Species	Size	Price	Qty	Total
Bass -Largemouth	2-3"	.90	_____	_____
Black Crappie	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
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	2-3"	.85	_____	_____
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
White Amur	8-10"	13.00	_____	_____
"Farm Pond Management-The Common-Sense Guide, Part I"				
Book by Steve Fender		\$20.00	_____	_____
Natures Pond Conditioner	1 gallon	\$90.00	_____	_____
	By Koenders	5 gallon	\$375.00	_____
Fish Food	40-pound bag	\$40.00	_____	_____
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	_____

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