



Spring 2016



# Conservation Trails

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## CHANGES to the SWCD's in 2016

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Have you heard? Once part of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - ODNR all of Ohio's 88 SWCD have now been moved. Effective January 1, 2016, and in accordance with Amended Substitute House Bill Number 64 of the 131st General Assembly, the following changes have been made to ODNR's Division of Soil and Water Resources:

- All programs and staff related to soil and water conservation have been moved to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) as the new [Division of Soil and Water Conservation](#).
- All programs and staff related to storm water issues have been moved to the [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's](#) Storm Water Management Program.
- All programs and staff related to silviculture have been moved to [ODNR's Division of Forestry](#).
- All remaining water resource related programs and staff in ODNR's Division of Soil and Water Resources become the [new Division of Water Resources](#).

Wayne SWCD continues to provide the same services and dedication towards conservation as it always has. Information and valuable educational resources that used to be on ODNR's website are now on the ODA or EPA websites. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office or look on our website.

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### Important Dates:

**March 30th** Pond Clinic  
**April 8th** Deadline to order Fish from Wayne SWCD  
**April 12th** Board Mtg 10:00AM  
**April 14th** Fish Order Pick up  
**April 19th** SGGF @ OARDC  
**April 22nd** Earth Day!  
**April 28th** Area 2 Envirothon  
**April 29th** Poster Entries Due  
**May 20th** Farm Family Award Due to ODA or Ohio Farmer Magazine  
**May 30th** Memorial Day  
**June 15th** Deadline for Cover Crop info to Wayne SWCD  
**July 13th** Ag Container Recycling—clean & save those plastic containers!

## Adam Liston, DPA & Rachel Lumpcik, Technician

Changes are also a happenin' at the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District. If you missed our last newsletter, then you missed the news that Duane Wood, our longtime DPA (District Program Administrator) retired the end of January. We are happy that Adam Liston will now be our new DPA. Many of you may recognize Adam as he worked with Wayne SWCD since 2000 as the District Engineering Technician. Adam spent many hours out in the field meeting with landowners and contractors, helping design plans, offering best management practices and also helped create new videos for education among many other duties at Wayne SWCD. He now looks forward to taking on his new role at Wayne SWCD as the



Adam Liston

DPA. As Adam transitioned into his new position, we had a huge void, with much work still coming in, so we are happy to also announce the hiring of Rachel Lumpcik as the new District Engineering Technician. Rachel will be getting caught up as much as she can with Adam's assistance and the help of Jeff LeFever with NRCS. Rachel is from Stark County and is looking forward to working with the local producers to help them achieve their conservation goals and be part of our team.



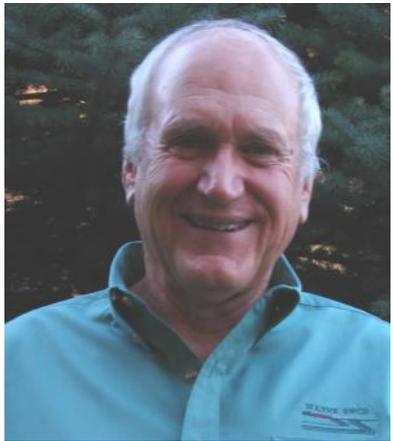
Rachel Lumpcik

## David Rohrer - Inducted into Supervisor Hall of Fame

During the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' (OFSWCD) 73rd Annual Conservation Partnership Conference, "Champions of Conservation," former Wayne SWCD Supervisor David Rohrer was inducted into the OFSWCD Supervisors Hall of Fame.

Rohrer now becomes one of 92 individuals throughout Ohio to be inducted into the Hall of Fame as a result of his conservation and stewardship efforts. According to OFSWCD President Kris Swartz, "David's dedication, stewardship efforts and love for the land and water resources has shown throughout his lifetime. He has been a role model for the rest of us and a guiding light for Ohio's citizens."

A dedicated and conscientious board member and community servant, Rohrer was fully engaged in the district's business, special events and activities and initiated various conservation educational programs for students and the residents of Wayne County. He served as Wayne SWCD Supervisor for 25 years and also served as an OFSWCD Area 2 Director. He and his wife, Velda, continue to operate grain farm.



Vice President Harold Neuenschwander shared, "David's dedication to conservation practices were demonstrated on his family farm on a daily basis, year in and out. He received many awards as a result of his diversified operation and his devotion to doing the right things on the land to positively impact the future."

This year's OFSWCD "Legends and Legacies" Award Luncheon, sponsored by the Ohio Soybean Council, recognized a number of individuals for outstanding conservation efforts for 2015, including teachers, supervisors, SWCD staff, and landowners. The event's attendance included over 500 conservation leaders representing the local, state and federal government, farmers, business owners and many more. The Annual Meeting is conducted yearly in downtown Columbus and is focused on conservation training, development, education and outreach.

## Get with the program - ONMRK App

"FACTS do not cease to exist because they are ignored"

Spring is on the minds of us all...and with that season comes the wet season. We welcome this wonderful natural resource, fresh water...but that also means we must manage the excess runoff and any nutrients or pollutants that could come in contact with and contaminate our fresh water resources. A wonderful new app is available that is FREE and user friendly - it is called ONMRK. The Ohio Nutrient Management Record Keeper can be used on smart phones and tablets. The app features drop-down menus that make it easy and quick for farmers to record their fertilizer or manure application, as well as, record the current weather conditions and forecast for the next 24 hours. Those records can then be printed through an Internet portal. After setting up the ONMRK app on their mobile device, farmers can easily record what nutrients they apply on their farms and fields. It uses a GPS system to pinpoint exactly where farmers are on their acreage and give an accurate report instantly. It can also warn if conditions aren't favorable to apply. This app, developed by Knox Co. SWCD and the Knox Co. Farm Bureau, can be a wonderful tool!

## Save the Date — July 13th Recycle your Ag Plastic Containers...

**Wednesday, JULY 13th..** from 8am -4pm....mark your calendars! Once again, Wayne SWCD will be holding a collection for Agricultural chemical containers. These containers MUST be HDPE Type #2, triple-rinsed, empty and dry. They also must have the caps, bungs & labels removed. Please understand Wayne SWCD may reject your load if the containers do not meet these standards. We are requiring a simple call in or mail in PRE-REGISTRATION due July 8th. We will accept any size, 55 gallons or smaller plastic container. This effort is brought to you by Wayne SWCD with help and support from the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management District. For more information about the event, and to get a form to pre-register, please stop in the office, call or visit our website. See you in July!



## Cover Crop Sign Up's Due June 15th

Funding is available from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District through the Wayne SWCD for landowners to seed cover crops. Interested landowners need to apply at our office. **The deadline to apply to Wayne SWCD is WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th.** Cover crop fields and adjacent roads need to be identified on a Farm Service Agency map. Tillage and planting information will also need to be provided at the time of application. The cover crop program is a competitive application. Fields will be awarded higher points for: soybeans or corn silage, C (6-12%) or greater slope, proximity to a waterway or stream, soil test within the last three years, location in the MWCD watershed, and if livestock manure is to be applied to the field. Seeding must be completed by September 5th for oats and November 1st for cereal rye to be eligible for reimbursement. Check our website for more up-to-date information as we get it or call the office at 330-262-2836 ext. 105 to speak with Mark Duncan.

## Poster Contest



**ATTENTION EDUCATORS!** Our Annual Conservation Poster Contest hosted each year by Wayne SWCD is ongoing—there is still time to get those posters done and into the office by the **April 29th deadline!** From Kindergarten to 12th grade—all kids are encouraged to learn a little while expressing their artist side in conservation. The theme this year is “We All Need Trees”. Ideas, rules & information can be found both on the national website and on our own website <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html> Wonderful Educational resources for the Poster Contest are available on the NACD website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/we-all-need-trees-poster-contest>.

## Wetland Determinations

Farmers who participate in USDA programs are reminded to check with the Farm Service Agency prior to any clearing or drainage work. The Farm Bill provisions pertaining to wetlands and conservation compliance have been around for over 30 years. Don't assume an area is not a wetland because there is no standing water or cattails present.

**Farmers who intend to do any of the following need to have the area checked before starting the work:**

- Bringing old fields back into production
- Clearing fencerows, woodland, or other land for new fields
- Installing tile in existing or proposed cropland
- Tiling low lying areas or wet spots

We have a backlog of requests so it is important to request a determination far in advance of when you plan to do any work. **You may lose all USDA program benefits** if you do any clearing or drainage without getting a determination prior to beginning the work. **Contact FSA at 330-262-1911** or Wayne's NRCS D.C. **John Knapp 330-262-2836 ext. 101**

## No-Till Program Updates

No-till and conservation tillage are still strongly encouraged farming methods supported by Wayne SWCD. In an effort to promote no-till planting in Wayne County, the Wayne SWCD offers local farmers the availability to rent two pieces of equipment. The equipment includes two (10ft & 15ft) Great Plains no-till drills. Both rent for \$11 per acre. The 10-ft. planting width rents for a minimum of \$88 per delivery, and the 15 ft. rents for a minimum of \$165 per delivery. The 10 ft. should be used with a 60-hp tractor and the 15ft. a 90 hp tractor. The purpose of the rental program is to promote the use of no-till systems, therefore, the equipment may only be used with conservation tillage. The drills are handled by our NEW No-till Specialist Luke Nussbaum. Luke can be reached at [330-464-9563](tel:330-464-9563). We would like to send special thanks to our long-time and former No-till Specialist Steve Grimes. Steve did a tremendous job, educating landowners and caring for the equipment. We wish him well and thank him for his years of service as a special part of our staff, and now welcome Luke. Also it should be noted that the 7 ft. drill was SOLD this Spring at auction and is no longer available in the program.



Luke Nussbaum

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**Pond Clinic March 30th & Fish Sale Orders Due April 8th**

Get an early start on Spring & your ponds health! Come to this **free** educational clinic and learn more about pond management, pond design, fish stocking, water quality issues, and vegetation growth among other topics. **Mark Wednesday, March 30th on your calendar and plan to attend!**

This will be an informal question and answer session with a very knowledgeable speaker, Mr. Steve Fender. Steve has published the book, *“Pond Management: The Common Sense Guide”*, and it will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided. Even if you don't own a pond, but love to fish, or you



don't own a pond, but are thinking of building one, this program is for you also! The program will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Armstrong Building, 199 Vanover St., Wooster, Ohio starting at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Wayne SWCD before March 28th—however, last minute attendees are welcome! Bring your questions and a friend! For more information, please call Wayne Soil and Water Conservation at 330-262-2836. We are also still taking orders for our annual **Fish Sale** purchased from Fenders Fish Hatchery in Baltic. Order forms are available on our website or in our office and are due by April 8th. Pick-up is Tuesday April 14th from 9-10 am at the Wayne Co. fairgrounds. Call our office for more information.

**REMINDER:** Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award Nominations are due May 20th 2016. Help recognize farmers who are doing an outstanding job of protecting and conserving soil, water & related natural resources on the land they farm. Partners: ODA, Div. of Soil & Water, OFBF, Ohio Farmer Magazine. FMI Call 614-265-6685 or check our website for the entry forms and details.

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