



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

## Supervisor Sworn In

Fred Myers of Dalton was sworn into office at the January 13th board meeting. Myers was re-elected to the board at the district's annual meeting in November. He will serve a three year term. He joins incumbent board members David Maurer, Tim Moomaw, John T. Redick and David Rohrer in administering the Wayne SWCD's natural resource conservation programs.

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was organized in 1943 to further the natural resource conservation mission of the state's 88 county-

based SWCD's. As subdivisions of state government, soil and water conservation districts have legal authority to assist landowners with a wide range of soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation objectives. Another important goal is to provide information and education programs on natural resource conservation and management topics for a wide range of county residents.



Fred Myers

## Harold Tegtmeier Inducted into the Supervisor Hall of Fame

Jim and David Tegtmeier accepted the induction award for Supervisor Hall of Fame for their father, Harold Tegtmeier, in Columbus at the OFSWCD Annual Meeting banquet. Harold was a Wayne SWCD Supervisor from 1975 to 1994 serving for 20 years, who unfortunately passed away in 2003.

Harold was a life-time farmer in Congress Township. He had been a cooperater with the District since 1959. While serving on the SWCD board, Harold participated in many conservation projects. The Killbuck Creek and its upkeep was a major concern of Harold's as a supervisor and as a Township trustee, and through his dedicated efforts to the project, the Killbuck Creek was greatly improved from removal of logjams from the creek. Harold spent many years taking inventory of logjams on the northern reach of the Killbuck Creek. He was a supervisor when the District won the Goodyear Award in both 1979 and 1991. Harold and his wife, Lucille, received the Dis-

tinguished Service Award from the District in 1994. The Tegtmeier Farm hosted the 1999 and 2003 County Land Judging Contests. In 1998 the Tegtmeier Farm won the Goodyear Award. Jim, Don, David and grandson Randy continue to farm approximately 1,000 acres throughout Wayne County. The Tegtmeiers' have installed many conservation practices on their farm over the years.

Harold had 38 years of service as a Congress Township Trustee. In 1990 he was a Wooster Daily Record Citizen of the Year and in 2003 was presented a certificate from the U.S. Department of Commerce for 30 years of rainfall records. He helped organize the Town and Country Fire District, was a Wayne County Farm Bureau member and belonged to the F.B. Council NW16 for 50 years, was on the West Salem Equity Board, a Northwestern Ruritan Club member which he participated in their annual spring musicals, an active member of the Canaan Lutheran Church, and served on the Wayne County Board of Improvement Committee.

Harold is remembered by the “kid-wagon” that he built with the help of others; the wagon has been in many area parades the past 10 years.

Harold and Lucille have four children, Jim, Don, and David, all of Congress Township and Barbara of Maumee, Ohio. There are nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



L to R: Jim & David Tegtmeier accepting award from Clark Sheets

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# K-12 Conservation Poster Contest

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring our annual poster contest for grades K-12. The 2009 stewardship theme is **"Dig It! The Secrets of Soil"**

Cash awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the following categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

All winners will be sent on to the District contest and also featured in the Wayne SWCD Fair Building September 12-17.

## Contest rules:

1. Posters must measure between 8 1/2"x 11" and 22"x 28"
2. Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials).

**Prints or pictures of commercial origin are not permitted.**

3. Students are encouraged to work individually. However,



the success of the program depends upon the support and assistance from classroom teachers, art teachers, and local conservationists.

4. On the back of each poster, please print:

- Student's name
  - Student's age
  - School grade
  - Student's home address
  - Student's phone number with area code
  - School's address and phone number with area code
  - Teacher's name
  - Conservation District (county in which school is located - Wayne SWCD).
5. Only one entry per student may be submitted.

## Evaluation criteria:

- 50% Conservation message
- 30% Visual effectiveness

10% Originality

10% Universal Appeal

Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria:

1. Has the theme been clearly addressed?
2. Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter?
3. Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be turned in to the Wayne SWCD office, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster by **4:00 p.m. on Friday May 1st**. Contact the Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 with questions concerning the contest.

The Poster Contest takes its theme from NACD's annual Stewardship Week theme, **"Dig It! The Secrets of Soil"** Soil supports forests, wetlands, grasslands, tundra, and aquatic ecosystems and directly and indirectly effects agricultural production, water quality and climate.

More information is available at <http://nacnet.org/education/contests/poster/>

## No-Till Drills & Planter for Rent

A 7' no-till Drill can be rented and pulled with a tractor or accompanied with a ground driven hydraulic fore-cart for horse drawn compatibility. It has separate boxes for small grains and legumes or grasses. It rents for \$10.00 an acre with a minimum of 6 acres.

Also available are two larger no-till drills, 10' (8 acre min.) and 15' (15 acre min.), which rent for \$10 per acre and a three row horse drawn no-till corn planter (5 acre min.) for \$7.50 per acre. The equipment is for rent to the public in an effort to promote no-till planting in Wayne County.

Please call the Wayne SWCD office at 330-262-2836 to be scheduled for this spring.

## Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award

Nomination forms are available in our office for the Ohio Farm Family Award or at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/12/swcds/admin/forms/farmfamilyform.pdf>

The forms need to be sent to **Ohio Farmer** magazine by May 1, 2009.

## Ohio Forestry Association Memorial Scholarship

The Ohio Forestry Association is offering a scholarship grant. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen and high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college with a two-year minimum program. Current college students must

provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic advancement. Applications are available in the SWCD office or online at - <http://209.235.214.233/pdf/websiteapplication2008.pdf> Applications must be returned to the Ohio Forestry Association by **April 15th**.

### Calendar

- April 14 - Wayne SWCD Board Meeting
- April 15- **Tree Pickup/Fairgrounds/ Sheep Bldg 1:30 - 6:00 pm**
- April 17 - Deadline for Fish Orders
- April 21 - **Fish Pickup/Fairgrounds 9:00am**
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 24 - Arbor Day
- April 27- May 4 - Soil & Water Stewardship Week
- April 29 - Area 2 Envirothon - Portage Co.

## Urban Assistance Defined

*By Robert Kastner*

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) were established to abate soil erosion and water pollution from soil sediment and animal waste. Most early practices focused on farm practices. However, as non-farm, earth-disturbing activities, such as the construction of residential, commercial and industrial structures increased, rules regarding sediment and erosion control on those construction sites were developed. The term used by SWCD's to describe section of the district that oversees sediment and erosion control at these non-farm activities is called the urban section.

Depending on what county the SWCD resides, the term urban is more or less appropriate. The word urban usually evokes thoughts of high-rise buildings, rows of commercial establishments and condominium complexes. In some of the more densely populated counties, Cuyahoga and Franklin counties for example, our common association of the term urban fits the landscape. However, in primarily rural counties like Wayne County, the term needs some explanation.

The urban section of Wayne SWCD assists homeowners, contractors, developers and designers by providing explanations of state and local sediment and erosion control requirements and recommendations of appropriate practices to meet these requirements. Wayne SWCD issues a sediment and erosion control permit for any non-farm, earth-disturbing activity in the unincorporated areas of the

county. This permit is required in order to obtain a building permit from the County Building Department for structures ranging from a deck or building addition to a new residential dwelling or commercial/industrial building. The sediment and erosion control permit is also required for earth-disturbing activities not requiring a building permit, such as, general clearing and pond construction. Periodic inspections are conducted at these sites to assure that the required sediment and erosion measures have been implemented and are in good working order.

Urban assistance also includes the review of proposed lot splits for the presence of hydric soils (according to the County Soil Survey) or the existence of drainage courses that must be preserved to facilitate storm water runoff through the Technical Review Committee. The urban section of the Wayne SWCD can also be called upon to conduct a site visit at a property that is experiencing sediment runoff from an adjacent property.

If it appears that a project you are working on falls under the urban assistance category, call or come and see us. Our office is not in a high-rise; we are located in the lower level of the County Administration Building at 428 West Liberty Street in Wooster.

### Reminder:

**Tree pick-up - Wednesday, April 15th, 1:30 - 6:00 PM**  
Wayne County Fairgrounds - Sheep Bldg.

**Fish Sale Deadline - April 17th**

**Fish Sale Pickup - Tuesday, April 21st, 9:00 - 10:00 AM**  
Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Vanover St. Entrance

## Conservation Buffers

*By John Knapp*

Conservation buffers are one of the easiest and cost effective practices to establish. A buffer is a strip of permanent vegetation between cropland and a body of water such as a stream or ditch. Buffers work by slowing water runoff, which reduces soil erosion and improves water quality. They also trap fertilizers and pesticides minimizing the chances of these potential pollutants reaching surface and groundwater. Buffers include filter strips, field borders, grassed waterways, and riparian (streamside) buffers.

Filter strips are strips of grass between cropland and a stream or ditch. Width varies depending on the slope and soil type with a minimum of 20' wide on slopes less than 5% and a minimum of 30' wide on slopes greater than 5%.

Field borders are grassed areas along the edges of cropland. These areas could be used to square up a field or as turn rows. The area needs to be wide enough to allow for adequate turning room for equipment.

Grassed waterways are strips of grass in cropland where water concentrates or flows off a field. Primarily used

to prevent gully erosion, they can be used with other buffers to filter sediments.

Riparian buffers are streamside plantings of trees, shrubs, and grass. These areas reduce contaminants from reaching the stream. Width varies by slope and surrounding landform, typically a minimum of 35 feet wide.

Cost share is available to establish filter strips, grassed waterways, and riparian buffers through the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Rates are currently 90% of the state average cost to establish the practices. In addition, an annual rental payment is made for a 10 year period on the acreage taken out of production.



### Equine Open House

March 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-9:00pm

Free Educational Horse Program at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds featuring information on Emergency Care & First Aid Kits for horses, with Dr. Joe Varga, and Poisonous Plants and Trees – harmful to your horse, with Ron Becker, OSU Extension. For more information, contact Kelly at 330-262-2836 or check the website:

[www.bright.net/~swcd](http://www.bright.net/~swcd)

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## Soil & Water Stewardship Week April 26 - May 3

The 2009 Stewardship Week is themed "DIG IT! The Secrets of Soil." Correlating education materials were developed based on an exhibition created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America and the Nutrients for Life Foundation.

Soil supports forests, wetlands, grasslands, tundra, and aquatic ecosystems. Soil makes up the outer layer of the earth's surface, it nourishes the plants we eat, the animals we use for food and fiber and the thriving underground kingdom of bacteria, fungi, protozoa, earthworms and other microbes that are critical to the planet's food web. Soil directly

and indirectly effects agricultural production, water quality and climate. Thanks to the earths soils, most of the rainfall hitting the planet is trapped and absorbed, watering plants and replenishing aquifers, rivers, lakes and streams.



"Since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, the protection of soil from erosion and degradation has greatly increased through the work of conservation districts and our partners. These conservation groups assist landowners and the general public through educa-

tion and technical assistance as to the importance of the soil and how to properly manage it," said NACD President Steve Robinson. "Soil is one of our precious natural resources that we must conserve for the next generation. All communities benefit when they have a better appreciation of soil and its connections to our every day life. Conservation districts are working with local communities to instill the appreciation for our natural resources across America."

Stewardship materials can be ordered for churches through the Wayne SWCD. Available are bulletin covers, litanies, inserts or children's programs. Orders must be received by **March 27th.**



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