



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

OFSWCD Annual Meeting

Spring/Summer 2017



Jack Hazelbaker, Matt Peart, Bob Short, Harold Neuenschwander & Kris Swartz

Matt Peart, Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor assumed the role of the Second Vice President for the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District during the recent OFSWCD annual meeting held in Columbus. This meeting brought together nearly 600 conservation leaders throughout the state, including Supervisors and staff from Ohio’s 88 county SWCDs, agency and staff from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio EPA, The Ohio State University, and many more. The event focused on the theme “All-In For Conservation.”

“I am extremely honored and excited to receive the vote of the OFSWCD Delegates to serve as Second Vice President for the OFSWCD,” said Peart. “I believe in this organization and the diverse array of services each district provides. I am also eager to help address natural resources challenges like water quality and nutrient management throughout the state,” concluded Peart.

During the annual meeting, the OFSWCD Officer slate was completed to consist of President Harold Neuenschwander (Holmes), 1st Vice President Bob Short (Williams), 2nd Vice President Peart (Wayne), Sec.-Treasurer Jack Hazelbaker (Adams), and Past President Kris Swartz (Wood).

The OFSWCD is a non-profit organization providing support and assistance to Ohio’s 88 county Soil and Water Conservation Districts. County SWCDs provide a variety of conservation related assistance and programs to land-owners and user’s of Ohio’s working lands -- working hard to keep soils productive and waters clean throughout the state of Ohio.

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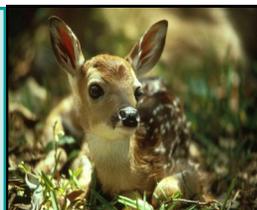
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CALENDAR

- April 11 - Board Meeting
- April 12 - Tree pick up at Fairgrounds
- April 13 - Fish pick up at Fairgrounds
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 28 - Poster deadline
- May 9 - Board Meeting
- June 13 - Board Meeting
- July 11 - Board Meeting
- July 16 - 18 Summer Supv. School
- Aug 8 - Board Meeting
- Sept 5 - Board Meeting

REMINDER! *If you find a young wild animal that is visibly injured or clearly in severe distress and may need assistance, visit wildohio.gov/staywild before taking any action. Unless something seems amiss, keep your distance and leave them alone. Human intervention is always a wild animal’s LAST hope for survival, NEVER its best hope.*



No-Till Drill Rentals

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 No-till Specialist Luke Nussbaum. Luke can be reached at [330-464-9563](tel:330-464-9563).



"Just say no to tillage"

Agricultural Fertilizer Application Certification



Senate Bill 150 requires that anybody who applies commercial fertilizer to 50 or more acres needs to be certified. **There are 3 steps to becoming certified.** They are filling out an application form, paying an application fee, and attending a training session. Certification is valid for 3 years and then must be renewed. OSU Extension is providing the training courses which can be found on their website <http://nutrienteducation.osu.edu/>. The deadline for certification is September 30, 2017. Applying commercial fertilizer after this date without certification can result in fines and/or misdemeanor offenses.

Monarchs and Milkweed

Last Fall Wayne SWCD partnered with a statewide initiative to help collect milkweed seed pods. The [Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative](#) (OPHI) worked with many SWCD's and other agencies to collect these pods. Milkweed is the only plant (host) that the Monarch butterfly will lay its eggs on and that the tiny caterpillars will eat as food. Milkweed is crucial in the survival of the species of Monarch Butterfly.



In 2016, OPHI collected 2,500 gallons of seed pods! Seeds were stratified (placed in cold storage) for approximately 40 days to improve germination. A portion of the seeds went back to each district that assisted with the milk weed pod collection. The remaining seed will be used on habitat projects in Ohio, to promote Monarch butterfly/pollinator habitat. We want to thank everyone that participated in our collection, and we anticipate that OPHI will again have this effort again this fall. Keep our butterflies, bats, bees, ants, moths, lady bugs other good insects in mind when using any chemicals, mowing or planting your gardens or wildlife areas this spring & summer!

Just 20 years ago, the rusty patched bumble bee was a common sight, so ordinary that it went almost unnoticed as it moved from flower to flower, collecting nectar and pollen. But it's now balancing precariously on the brink of extinction and has **become the first-ever bumble bee in the United States** -- and the first bee of any kind in the contiguous 48 states - **to be declared endangered.** Please help save our all of our pollinators!



Poster Contest

POSTER CONTEST: Our Annual Conservation Poster Contest hosted each year by Wayne SWCD is ongoing—there is still time to get the posters done and submitted to our office by **4:30 pm on April 28**. All ages from grades K-12 have a chance to use their imagination and artistic skills while learning about conservation. The poster contest theme changes each year based on the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) national theme. The rules and guidelines are followed by the NACD rules. The 2017 Stewardship Theme is: **"Healthy Soils Are Full of Life"** Posters must have this displayed as the title. FMI, please go to www.nacdnet.org - click on Get Involved tab and the Stewardship & Education and look for Contests, or visit <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html>. Any student in Wayne County is eligible to submit a poster.



Ag Container Recycling— July 12th Save the Date!

Wednesday, JULY 12th.. 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 7th. 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! Collection will be at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.



Rover Pipeline



Wayne SWCD has been following the progress of the Rover pipeline. To keep our local landowners up to date on the status of the pipeline, important documents from the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) website have been posted on the Wayne SWCD website under the landowner's assistance tab. Our office will continue to follow the progress of the Rover pipeline and will post updated information on our webpage along with our social media sites. <http://www.wayneswcd.org/landoilgas.html>

Cover Crop Program Update

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. In the past, deadlines were mid-June. At the time of press, we still don't have the official deadline for 2017. Anyone interested in the program can be put on a direct e-mail list or can check our website for up-to-date information as we get it. We do know they will pay \$12 an acre and it's a competitive program. Please send us your information if we don't already have it and we will contact you when we find out details about the program. Wayne SWCD 330-262-2836.



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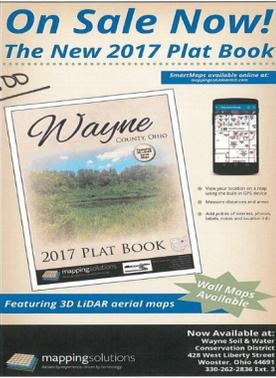


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MISSION: The mission of the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is to protect, restore, enhance, and promote the wise use of natural resources. This will be achieved through the development of projects, technical assistance, education of the public, the cooperation of landowners/users, and through coordination with our partner agencies.

New Plat Books

Best Wishes to Mark!



Wayne SWCD is now selling the 2017 Plat Book in our office for \$25.00. Also available for your smart phone or tablet is a digital Landowner parcel map.

Go to www.mappingsolutionsGIS.com to download the App for a \$75.00 fee. Great for recreation, hunting or business. Please note: the fee is through the website, not our office.



After nine years, we said good-bye and best wishes to our one of a kind, fun loving Nutrient Management Specialist, Mark Duncan. We wish Mark the best as he enjoys his new adventures in life. Mark will be remembered for his many stories, skills

and unique personality. He was part of the Soil and Water family and we appreciate his service to the people and students in Wayne County. Live, Laugh, Love!

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