



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

Awards Presented at 62nd Annual Meeting

The 2009 Conservation Farm Award went to the Parry & Susie Cochran Family in Plain Township. Parry and Susie operate a heifer and grain farm. They have 300 dairy replacement heifers on their 100 acres and they also



Parry & Susie Cochran Family - 2009 Conservation Farm Award

rent an additional 635 acres. They no-till corn, soybeans, wheat and mixed alfalfa and grass hay. They are using several conservation practices - agrichemical storage facility, no-till slug scouting program, forestry stewardship plan, timber stand improvement, earthen storage facility, roof runoff structures and heavy use areas. The Cochran's were awarded a plaque and a cooperater sign.

Tony Stoller, Smithville High School Vocational Agriculture Instructor, received the Outstanding



Tony Stoller

Conservation Teacher Award. He has been an educator since 2001. He has hosted the land judging contest, been awarded the National 3 Star Gold Medal Chapter Award for FFA for five years, had seven American FFA Degrees and twelve State FFA Degrees. His program is also involved with the OARDC-Ohio State and National Science foundation Sugarcreek Watershed

Education Grant program for the past three years. He was awarded a pen and plaque set.

Tim Moomaw and John Redick were recognized for fifteen years of service and Dave Maurer was recognized for five years of service to Wayne SWCD.

Tim Moomaw was also recognized for distinguished service for his years of service as an outstanding supervisor. He will be retiring in December.



Tim Moomaw

Rudy Christian was the speaker for the evening. He spoke on the construction of our historical barns and the heritage of the barns. Wayne County has had several barns removed from their original locations and have been reconstructed in new locations. Two examples are the barn at Quailcrest Farm north of Wooster and the red barn at the Barn Restaurant in Smithville. Rudy also informed the guests of the current inventory of barns taking place in each of the Townships in Wayne County.

Matt Peart was elected and John Redick was re-elected as supervisors for a three year term beginning January 2010.

The meeting concluded with door prizes.



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Rain Barrels Offered for Sale!

By Kelly Riley

During our annual tree seedling sale, we will be offering Rain Barrels to purchase.

So, what is a rain barrel? A rain barrel is an above ground container that is used to collect and store rainwater from your roof, which can be used when needed. The rain barrel attaches to a gutter downspout allowing it to harvest the natural rain water. With a spigot at the bottom of the barrel, you can use the rain water to water flowers, landscape plants, trees and your garden!

The rain barrel offers many advantages. First, you have a supply of natural rain water to use on your plants. Second, collecting the roof water reduces water run-off. When it rains, roof water travels down gutter and often runs off lawns faster than it can infiltrate the soil. The rushing water often travels over surfaces such as lawns, roads and driveways, picking up pollutants as it enters storm water drains, which enhances flooding and eroding in nearby streams. Third, you are saving money! By collecting rain water from a roof during spring and summer months and storing it in a rain barrel, homeowners can create an alternative supply that won't tax the groundwater supply or



increase the water bill. Fourth, you could save your newly planted tree or plants in times of drought. During below normal rainfall periods, a rain barrel can provide a homeowner with a non-potable water source during dry spells.

Finally, you can feel good about doing something "green" for the environment. Saving water, preventing excess run-off, conserving energy and keeping green plants thriving is always a rewarding feeling! Whether you make your own rain barrel or go out and buy one, the end result is the same, you're doing conservation and being environmentally friendly! Remember, one is better than none.

Wayne SWCD is now taking orders for rain barrels. These terra cotta colored, 50 gallon barrels are made from recycled polypropylene food grade barrels and have a spigot for easy watering. They have a lid that screws on and off and come with a screen to deter mosquitoes.

Each barrel weighs approximately 18 lbs. They are 34.5 inches high and 23 inches in diameter. Barrels cost \$80 and can be ordered until March 12th. Payment should accompany the order. Contact Wayne SWCD for more information.

Always Wanted To Try Aerial Seeding Of Cover Crops?

Last year the Holmes Soil and Water Conservation District contracted with an aerial applicator and coordinated fly-on oats, rye or ryegrass for cover crops in standing silage corn and soybeans. The program was a success with 16 farmers seeding 2,066 acres. Holmes SWCD will again offer this service to Holmes County farmers and has asked the Wayne SWCD if they would be interested in coordinating a program in Wayne County. The advantage to working with Holmes SWCD would be to negotiate and coordinate application times and prices as well as reduce seed costs by purchasing in larger quantities. Holmes County anticipates fly-on costs to be between \$7-9 per acre with an additional \$.07 per pound. Seed costs last year in Holmes County were \$.103 per pound for oats and \$.196 per pound for rye. Application rates for oats were 64-96 pounds per acre and for rye 120 pounds per acre. This year EQIP incentive payments were available for aerial seeded cover crops and we anticipate EQIP incentive payments will be available in 2010.

Why use cover crops? Cover crops "reduce soil erosion, reduce nutrient leaching, store carbon, improve soil structure, increase water infiltration, reduce compaction, suppress weeds, enhance wildlife, fix nitrogen and serve as a

forage product." (Rafiq Islam, Ohio State University Extension soil scientist). Many farmers recognize the advantage of cover crops but do not have the time to make it happen. The aerial application program makes cover crops management much easier. It's simply a matter of signing up and letting the SWCD and the pilot do the rest. Holmes County SWCD estimates that 3,873 tons of soil was saved through their program in 2009.

Please give us a call at 330-262-2836 or send an e-mail to dwood@wayneoh.org and let us know if you're interested. We will use your input to determine if enough interest exists to justify the project. Contacting us to express interest will not obligate you to participate.

Calendar

- Jan. 12 **Board Meeting** 7:00 pm
- Feb. 10/Mar. 18/Apr. 15 - **Pesticide Exam**, Fisher Auditorium, OARDC 1 pm - Must pre-register with ODA
- Feb. 9 **Board Meeting** 7:00 pm
- Feb. 23 **Pesticide recertification School**, Kidron Auction 12:30 - 3:30pm - \$20 fee No pre-registration
- Feb. 24 **Deadline for Tree Sales**
- Mar. 23 **Pesticide recertification School**, Fisher Auditorium, OARDC 12:30 - 3:30pm - \$20 fee No pre-registration

Sediment & Erosion Control Basics - Construction Entrance

by Rob Kastner

Most of us feel we are well versed in erosion control; however, it can never hurt to review some of the basics such as the installation of construction entrances and how they relate to the new Storm Water Management Regulations. An owner or contractor building on a new lot is required to install a construction entrance from the existing road onto the lot for use during construction. The construction entrance, like the silt fence, is to be installed as a first step in the construction process, before any ground is disturbed. Any entrance off of a state route or county road must obtain approval from the state or a drive pipe permit from the Wayne County Engineer's office, respectively. The Construction Application for Permit (CAP) must be signed by the County Engineer's office when a new drive is installed off of a state route. As a side note, enclosing a ditch along a county road also requires a yard pipe installation permit from the County Engineer and their office's signature on the CAP. The township road department should be contacted in order to determine if there are any drive pipe requirements when a construction entrance is installed off of a township road.

Construction entrances observed during recent site visits have been constructed using stone ranging from material that has been removed during excavation of the basement to any number of different shapes and sizes of stone that happened to be available at the job site. The guideline in the

Wayne County Storm Water Management Regulations, which references the Rainwater and Land Development Manual, is very specific on what stone is to be used for a construction entrance. The stone must be ODOT # 2 aggregate (ranging in size from 1.5" to 2.5" in diameter). The required dimensions of the construction entrance must be a minimum of 14 feet wide by 70 feet long by 6" deep.



The entrance may have a minimum length of 30 feet if it is being used for an individual house lot. The required entrance shall also be underlaid by geotextile in order to reduce the incidence of rutting. A properly installed construction entrance will reduce the amount of dirt being tracked out on the road, as well as provide a stable entrance to the site and solid base for the future driveway.

Conservation Activities for 2009

by John Knapp

The year is quickly drawing to a close which is a good time to look back at the years accomplishments. We saw new opportunities with the Farm Bill conservation programs, some new and some revised from previous years, but they all have the same common goal, assisting agricultural producers and getting conservation on the land.



these, twelve contracts were funded for a total of \$316,496. Practices include fence, waterlines, access roads, stream crossing, waste storage facility, cover crops, tree planting, forest stand improvement, pest management, waste utilization, and prescribed grazing practices. The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) provides financial assistance to create, restore, or enhance wetland areas. Four applications for 439 acres were received with three of those being ap-

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) signup went well for 2009 with twenty seven applications received. Of

proved which will provide \$585,000 to the landowners to improve their wetlands. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been a popular program for many years to install conservation buffers throughout the county. This year we had 7 contracts approved to install 37 acres of grassed waterways, filter strips, and riparian forest buffers. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) was new to Wayne County this year. This program promotes the improvement of resources and conservation activities at a higher level than most other programs. Six applications were approved for a total of 1,067 acres.

If you're interested in applying for any of these programs next year, plan ahead by contacting the Wayne SWCD/NRCS office.

C.R. Meyers Memorial Scholarship

The Ohio Association of Litter Prevention & Recycling Professionals are sponsoring a \$1,000.00 annual scholarship to a student. Applications are available at www.oalprp.org. Deadline is April 15th 2010. The scholarship is awarded in June. Contact Ms. Rocco at 216-443-3731 or krocco@cuyahogacounty.us for further information.

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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 16th**. **Pickup** date will be **Tuesday, April 20th 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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