

Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

Reflecting on 2008

"Providing Leadership to Educate and Assist in the Wise Management of our Natural Resources"



2008 Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors (L-R) David Lapp, Adrian Garber, Greg Waters, Knox Porteus, Garry Derr

Thank You 2008 Cosh. Co. Commissioners for your continued funding and support of our district program and to your staff for their assistance to our program (L-R) 2008 Commissioners Larry Stahl, Dane Shryock, Gary Fischer / Office Staff Jennifer LaVigne, Pat Harsh, Mary Beck, Robin Schonauer



2008 Coshocton SWCD / NRCS Staff (L-R) Front Row: Tim Halt, Cole Tharp, Ryan Medley Back Row: Teresa Bradford, Barbara Mainwaring, Deb Bigelow, Mary Thomas



Coshocton Co. hosted the FFA District 8 Soils Judging Contest at the Agricultural Research Service Station on SR 621



County Official Tour attendees view a newly constructed Agricultural Chemical Containment Facility at the Curtis Garber Farm in Chili



State Representative Jim Aslanides and State Senator Joy Padgett are presented with an Appreciation Award from Supervisor Knox Porteus for all the work they have done over the years to ensure state funding of local SWCDs

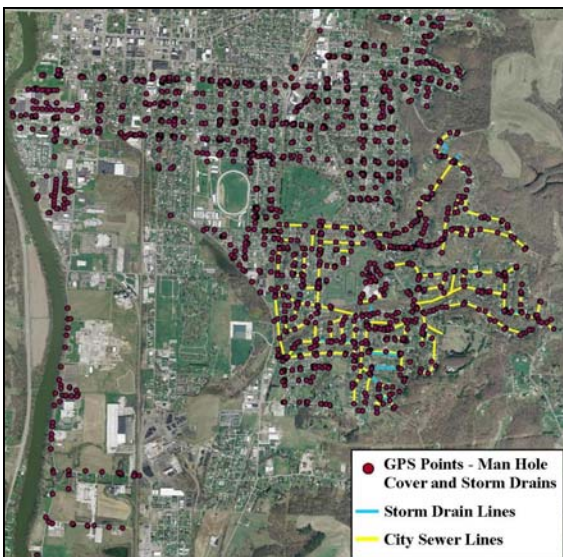


A newly constructed Livestock Composting Facility was made possible through the NRCS EQIP cost share program on the Brian Powell Farm



2007 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award—Darr Farms George and Bev Darr Supervisor David Lapp (L) presents Bev and George with their award

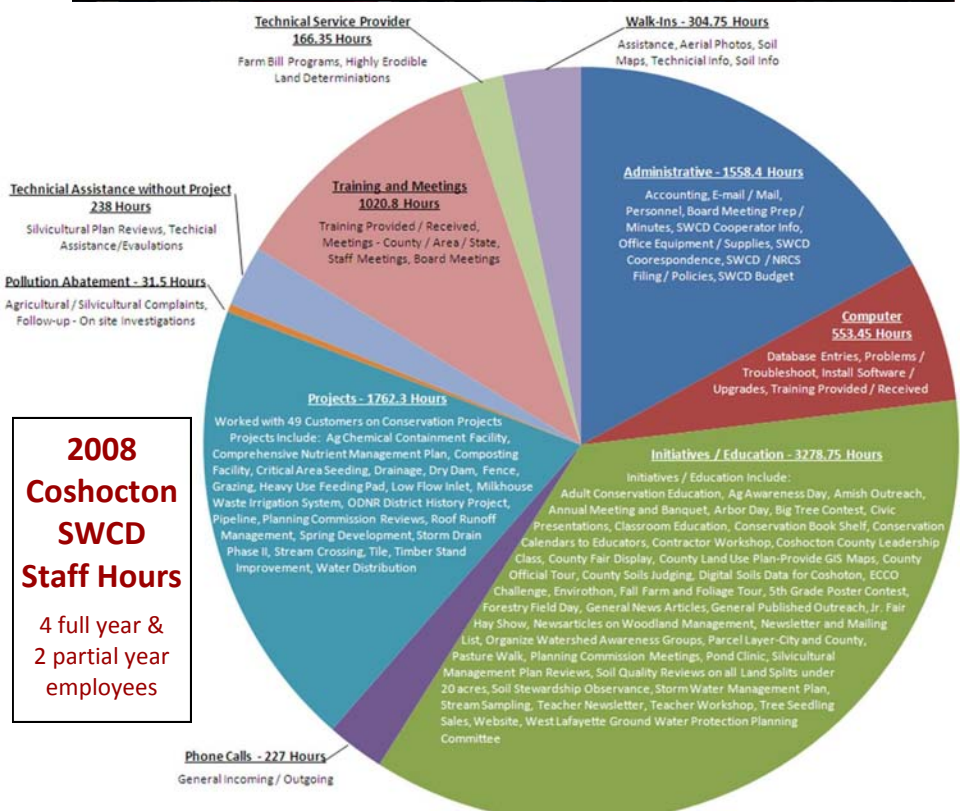
County Official Tour participants listen to District Conservationist Tim Halt speak about conservation practices installed on the Thomas Dairy Farm in Fresno



Coshocton SWCD is working with the City of Coshocton to complete its Storm Water Management Plan. Part of this work involves GPSing all storm drain inlets and lines, man hole covers and sewer lines to increase awareness of storm water drainage. Coshocton County parcel maps with 2006 aerials available at <http://gis.coshoctoncounty.net> Online Soils Maps and Topographic Maps available at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>

2008 Coshocton SWCD Staff Hours

4 full year & 2 partial year employees



2008 CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Presentations

- District Program Display 4
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- Enviroscope 18
- Erosion Trays 7
- GIS 2
- Groundwater Flow Model 7
- Links In The Chain 2
- Soil Profile 4
- Stream Monitoring 11
 - Presentations were given to Conesville Elementary, Coshocton City Employees and Officials, Coshocton County Career Center Natural Resources Class, Coshocton County Leadership Class, Coshocton Schools Teacher In-Service, Farm Bureau Amish Safety Day, Fall Foliage Tour attendees, Girl Scouts, Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure participants, Green Valley Garden Club, Keene 5th grade, Lincoln 5th and 6th grades, Ridgewood 3rd and 5th grades, Ridgewood Ag Ed, Ridgewood Jr. High School, River View FFA, River View Jr. High School, Tiverton Institute, Teacher Workshop sponsored by AEP with 11 states represented, YWCA Science Camp

Education

- Bi-monthly newsletter to district cooperators 2,250 Average
- "Conservation In Education" teacher newsletter 3/year 194 Ave.
- Published 2007 Progress Report
- Celebrated National Soil Stewardship Week
- AEP Ecco Challenge – Stream Monitoring with 300 students
- Area 3 Envirothon - Shadow Lake, Monroe Co. with 50 teams competing in outdoor environmental competition / Ridgewood FFA-2 teams, River View FFA-2 teams, Career Center Natural Resources-1 team / Partnership with AEP allowed for \$900 donated towards event / Smurfit Stone provided winning teams State Envirothon t-shirts
- Big Tree Contest 14 entries / winner Steve and Sally Foster
- Co-sponsored 3 delegates to Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp
- Supervisor David Lapp gave presentation on agriculture production costs and technology to teacher group from Knox Co.
- Supervisor Greg Waters gave presentation on technological advancements in agriculture to community leaders from Logan Co.
- Teacher Desk Calendars to area teachers 500
- 5th Grade Poster Contest – theme changed to "Down the Storm Drain" to focus on SWMP and storm drainage education
 - Presentations given on new theme 14
Conesville, Lincoln, Ridgewood, Keene, South Lawn, Union
 - Entries received on display at fair 18
- 4th Grade Ag Awareness Day 350 students
 - GPS/GIS, "Soil – It All Starts Here" "Watershed Golf"
- Fair Display – "How Does Your Drainage Affect Water Quality?"
 - Mystery Photo Contest 41 entries
- Jr. Fair Hay Show 50+ entries
- Fall Foliage Tour (co-sponsored) 1700 attendees
- County Soils Judging Contest 30 students
from Ridgewood and River View FFAs
- Hosted FFA District 8 Soils Judging Contest 125 students competing
- Helped judge Lincoln 6th grade Science Fair projects

Soils

- Soil Survey Information Provided 11 Landowners / 10 Logger's Chapter Meeting / 20 Realtors
- Digital Soils available via the web or CD

Information

- Began developing Homebuyer's Informational Packet
- Continue updates on SWCD and GIS websites / January through November combined home page hits totaled 7600+

Workshops / Tours

- Contractor Workshop (3-county) 25 attendees
- Forestry Field Days at Research Station 9 sessions
 - Including Intro to Forestry Management, Timber Marketing and Timber Stand Improvement
- Pond Clinic (co-sponsored) 27 attendees
- Pasture Field Days 4 / Average 31 Attendees per workshop
- County Officials Tour held providing awareness on district accomplishments and program to local community leaders 41 attendees

Projects

- Access Road 960 Feet
- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans 4 No.
- Fencing Installed 46,955 Feet
- Filter Strips Installed 64 Acres
- Pipeline 6,693 Feet
- Rotational / Prescribed Grazing Plans 433 Acres
- Soil Suitability Reports on Land Splits 187 Splits / 6,227 Acres
- Spring Developments Installed 6 No.
- Timber Harvest Plans Reviewed 25 No.
- Timber Stand Improvement 744 Acres
- Tree Planting 7 Acres
- Watering Facility 16 No.

SWCD Tree Sales Program

- 94 Customers / 7,436 Trees Sold
- 500 Ground Cover Plants Sold
- 6 Wildflower Seed Packets Sold

Training Received

- Federal Civil Rights
- Pasture Management
- Administrative Assistant Development Program Level 2
- Technician Development Program Level 1
- Education Workshop

Partnerships

- SWCD and City of Coshocton formed agreement for SWCD to assist in development and implementation of City's Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP)
- Partnered w/Co Commissioners and IT Dept to switch to County Server

Personnel

- Continued offering an internship for an OSU college student and a work study opportunity for a River View FFA student
- Hired Dana Markley as summer office assistant
- Hired Deb Bigelow as Education Specialist bringing 20 years experience in the soil and water conservation field

Meetings

- 5 SWCD Supervisors and Staff attended OFSWCD Annual Meeting in Columbus / Knox Porteus sworn into office for 3 year term as board supervisor / Supervisors and staff met with Senator Padgett and Representative Aslanides for updates on district program / Garry Derr shared with others at meeting his experience with new innovative practice installed on his farm: Milkhouse Waste Irrigation System
- ODNR All Employee Meeting Worthington—2 employees attended
- West Lafayette Ground Water Protection Planning Mtg 5 No.
- Ohio EPA covering updates on SWMP 3 No.
- 66th Annual Meeting and Banquet 150 attendees
 - David Lapp and Adrian Garber-re-elected for 3 year terms
 - George and Bev Darr awarded the 2007 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award
 - Appreciation Awards to Senator Padgett, Representative Aslanides and Co. Commissioners for dedicated support to SWCD program
 - Administrator recognized for reaching 30 years of service
- 9 supervisors and staff attended OFSWCD Area 3 Winter Meeting / Knox Porteus continues to serve as Area Director

2008 USDA FSA / NRCS & ODNR Funding to Promote Conservation in Coshocton County

- 2008 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) Cost Share 11 Contracts / 2,518 Acres **\$ 114,179**
- 2008 USDA-NRCS EQIP Forestry Cost Share 13 Contracts / 372 Acres **\$ 67,792**
- 2008 US Fish & Wildlife – Killbuck Creek Endangered Species Grant **\$ 22,124**
- 2008 USDA-FSA 10-Year Conservation Reserve Program 193 Producers / 4,446 Acres Annual Contract Payments **\$ 266,539**
- 2008 USDA-FSA CRP Filter Strips 11 Contracts / 36.2 Acres Annual Payments **\$ 2,445**
- 2008 USDA – Technical Service Provider Funding to Coshocton SWCD **\$ 18,759**