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# Conservation In Action

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2009



## Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

### SWCD Supervisors

Knox Porteus—Chairman  
Greg Waters—Vice Chairman  
Adrian Garber—Secretary  
Garry Derr—Fiscal Agent  
David Lapp—Treasurer

### NRCS Staff

Tim Halt—District Conservationist

### SWCD Staff

Teresa Bradford—District Administrator  
Deb Bigelow—Education Specialist  
Mary Thomas—Administrative Assistant  
Barbara Mainwaring—GIS Specialist  
Ryan Medley—District Technician

*Mission: Providing leadership to educate and assist landowners in the wise management of our natural resources.*

### 2009 Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors



Pictured left to right are David Lapp, Adrian Garber, Greg Waters, Knox Porteus and Garry Derr.

**Thank You for your Dedication to Our SWCD Program!**

The Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors reorganized at their December meeting. Positions for 2009 are as follows: Knox Porteus of 2430 Otsego Avenue, Coshocton is Chairman serving his eighth term; Greg Waters of 53750 TR 1214, West Lafayette is Vice-Chairman serving his second term; Adrian Garber of 34595 TR 89, Fresno is Secretary serving his third term; Garry Derr of 18494 CR 106, Coshocton is Fiscal Agent serving his third term; and David Lapp of 44772 US 36, Coshocton is Treasurer serving his sixth term.

Supervisors are elected to the board by county residents and serve a three-year term without pay.

### Holmes County Auditor's Office to Discuss Woodland Property Tax Rates at Killbuck Valley Woodland Interest Group's January Meeting

The Killbuck Valley Woodland Interest Group (KVVWIG) will hold its January meeting on Tuesday evening, January 20, 2009 at Yoder Lumber Company's Buckhorn facility at 7100 CR 407 two miles south of Millersburg from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Holmes County Auditor Jackie McKee and CAUV Administrator Pam Tish will discuss the process of qualifying wooded property for the property tax rate offered by the CAUV Program. ODNR Service Forester, John Kehn will be on hand to discuss the process of qualifying wooded acreage for the Ohio Forest Tax Law Program.

KVVWIG meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month.



## Stormwater Isn't Just Storm Water

By Deb Bigelow, Education Specialist

Rainfall and snow melt that enters our storm drains in the City of Coshocton can pollute the rivers in our community. The Three Rivers Bridge (beside McDonald's) crosses the Muskingum River that is formed by the joining of the Walhonding River from the West and the Tuscarawas River from the East. The soil that erodes from construction sites, the fertilizer used on lawns or farm fields, the trash that is left on the ground, or oil and salt washing off city streets all goes into the storm drains and causes non-point source pollution. Many people think the water that enters the storm drain goes to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This is NOT true in Coshocton. Water that enters the storm drain flows directly into the river. Simple Best Management Practices (BMPs) followed by all of us can make a difference. Some examples include:

- **Never dump oil or antifreeze down the storm drain which flows into creeks and rivers.** Recycle your used motor oil. AutoZone, Advanced Auto and the Coshocton County Engineer's Office on CR 621 accept used oil. Contact Coshocton County Litter and Recycling for more information.
- **Don't let your car leave ugly oil slicks behind.** Reduce auto emissions through regular auto maintenance, ride sharing and use of public transportation where available. Fix oil, radiator and transmission leaks in your car.
- **Don't put trash and litter in the street; it will be washed to the river.** Use a garbage can for your trash. Recycle reusable materials.
- **Hosing dirt and pet waste away sends it into the drainage system and directly to the creeks and riv-**

**ers.** Sweep the dirt from your walk or driveway back into the yard with your broom. Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the toilet or trash.

- **Use the least toxic products available in your home or garden.** Dispose of any hazardous home chemicals at approved household hazardous waste collection sites. A listing of sites and assistance is available through Coshocton County Recycling. Visit their website at [www.coshoctonrecycling.com](http://www.coshoctonrecycling.com).
- **Don't pour any paint or toxic material down the storm drain.** Choose water-based paints such as latex. Wash brushes in your sink with water. If using paint thinner, reuse and recycle it. Solidified paint can be disposed of in regular household waste.
- **Follow the directions and do not apply fertilizer and pesticides if rain is forecasted.** Use pesticides and other lawn chemicals sparingly. Never double the dose.
- **Don't wash grimy road dirt and chemicals down the drive and into the storm drain when you wash your car.** Go to a car wash or wash your car in the grass.
- **Never use streams or gutters to dispose of yard waste.** Pick up and properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile with yard waste.
- **Repair or replace malfunctioning septic systems.** Maintain your septic system. Have it pumped out every 3 years to remove sludge and scum. Do not use tank additives, and practice water conservation to prevent overworking your system.

## Erosion Control for Homebuilders

By Deb Bigelow, Education Specialist

Eroding construction sites are a leading cause of water quality problems in Ohio. For every acre under construction, about a dump truck and a half of soil washes into nearby drainage systems unless the builder uses erosion controls. Problems caused by this sediment include:

- Clean up of sediment in streets, sewers and ditches adds extra costs to local government budgets.
- Property values are altered when lakes or streams fill with sediment.
- Nutrient rich sediment encourages weed growth, and sediment laden water reduces water quality and also damages or destroys habitat of aquatic organisms.

The burden of dredging sediment from lakes and drainage channels is carried by the taxpayer.

### Controlling Erosion is Easy

Erosion control is important even for home sites of an acre or less. The materials needed are easy to find and relatively inexpensive; straw bales or silt fence, stakes, gravel, plastic tubes and grass seed. Putting these materials to use is a straightforward process. Only a few basic controls are needed on most sites:

1. Preserve existing trees and grass where possible to prevent erosion.

2. Place silt fence or straw bales on the down-slope sides of the lot to trap sediment.
3. Place soil piles away from any roads or waterways.
4. Construct diversions on up-slope side of land disturbance and around stockpiles.
5. Install stone/rock access drive used by all vehicles to limit tracking of mud onto streets/roads.
6. Clean up sediment carried off-site by vehicles or storms.
7. Use downspout extenders or splash blocks to prevent erosion from roof runoff.
8. Seed and mulch exposed areas within 7 days after final grading.



Silt Fence being used to trap sediment on the construction site of the Three Rivers Fire District Firehouse





# 2009 Affiliate Members

## Diamond

Farm Credit Services

## Platinum

Chase Bank

Coshocton Foundation

Coshocton Grain Company

Gerber & Sons, Inc.

National City Bank

Smurfit Stone Container Corporation

## Gold

Jim Aslanides

Baird Concrete

Century National Bank

Low Water Systems Company

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Ohio Heritage Bank

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Coshocton Co. Clerk of Courts, Janet Mosier

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Fender's Fish Hatchery

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Frontier Power Company

Green Valley Garden Club

Landschulz Farms, Paul Landschulz

Ohio Power—AEP

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## Farm Bill Update

By Tim Halt, District Conservationist

The new Farm Bill passed in late May 2008 and emphasizes conservation on working land by increasing funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), successor to the Conservation Security Program.

The new **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** provides technical assistance and incentive payments to assist crop and livestock producers with environmental and conservation improvements on land used for agricultural production. Previous legislation funded EQIP at \$4.92 billion for Fiscal Year 2002 thru 2007. The new 2008 Farm Bill funds EQIP at \$7.325 billion for Fiscal Year 2008 thru 2012. The Conservation Access provision requires 5% of EQIP funding be made available for beginning farmers and another 5% for socially disadvantaged producers.

The **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** provides payments to producers for adopting or maintaining a wide range of conservation management and land-based structural practices that address one or more resources of concern, such as soil, water or wildlife habitat. Previous legislation funded CSP at \$794 million for Fiscal Year 2002 thru 2007. The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes new Conservation Stewardship Program for Fiscal year 2009 thru 2012, and directs the Secretary to enroll 12.77 million acres per year at an average cost of \$18.00 per acre per year, including financial assistance, technical assistance and other expenses. As with EQIP, the Conservation Stewardship Program contains the Conservation Access provision requiring 5% of acres be made available for beginning farmers and another 5% of acres for socially disadvantaged producers.

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) requires producer contract offers to include all eligible land within a farm. At a minimum, contract offers must demonstrate that stewardship threshold is met for one priority resource concern, and at least one additional priority resource concern will be adequately addressed by the end of the stewardship contract.

All Conservation Stewardship Program contracts will be 5 years in length and can be renewed for one additional 5 year period if the producer demonstrates compliance with contract terms and agrees to adopt new conservation activities, as determined by the Secretary.

The Conservation Stewardship Program provides payments to compensate producers for: installing and adopting additional conservation activities; improving, maintaining and managing conservation activities already in place; and adopting resource-conserving crop rotations. Payment amounts are to be based on the cost of installing, adopting or maintaining conservation activities, income forgone by producer, and expected environmental benefits as determined by conservation measurement tools. Total CSP payments to any one person or legal entity cannot exceed \$200,000 during any 5-year period.

The **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)** provides technical assistance and cost sharing for the development and improvement of wildlife habitat. Previous legislation authorized expenditures totaling \$213 million for Fiscal Year 2002 thru 2007. The new WHIP is reauthorized thru Fiscal year 2012 with funding totaling \$85 million per year. Individual annual payments are limited under the program to \$50,000. Participation is restricted to private agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land and tribal land.

The rules for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) will be published in the Federal Register soon. After the rules are published, the funding and ranking period for applications for these programs in 2009 will be accepted. For more information visit <http://www.ers.usda.gov/FarmBill/2008/Titles/TitleIIConservation.htm> or contact the Coshocton SWCD/NRCS at 740-622-8087.

## Calendar of Events

### January 15th

SWCD Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

### January 19th

ML King, Jr. Day—Office Closed

### February 12th

SWCD Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

### February 16th

President's Day—Office Closed

### March 12th

SWCD Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

### March 20th

Deadline for Deciduous Tree Orders

### April 3rd

Tree Order Deadline 4:00 p.m.

## Items Available at the SWCD Office

**Items for Sale:**

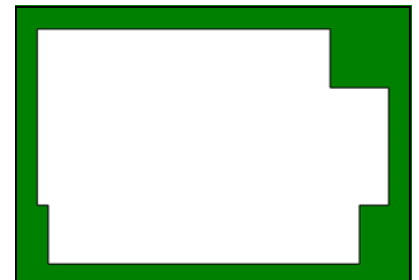
- Aerial Photos - Copies \$2.00 color, \$ 1.00 black and white
- Aerial Photos are also available online at <http://gis.coshocconcounty.net> - 2006 color / 1996 black and white
- Aerial Photos - CD \$ 2.50 per CD - All aerials fit on 2 CDs - 1940, 1950, 1958, 1965, 1971
- Animal Guards for Outlet Pipe
  - 4 inch—\$ 5.00
  - 6 inch—\$ 6.00
  - 8 inch—\$ 7.00
- Groundwater Resource Maps - Coshoccon County \$ 10.00
- Mulchnetting - 7 feet wide \$ .10 / foot
- Staples \$ .04 each
- Pasture Measuring Stick \$ 5.00 - Measures standing forage quality and quantity
- Survey Flags - White or Pink \$ 6.00 / 100; \$ 3.00 / 50
- Topographic Maps
  - \$ 7.50 - Coshoccon County Quad Sheets
  - \$ 2.00 - color 8 1/2" x 11" printout
  - \$ 1.00 - black and white 8 1/2" x 11" printout
- Woodland Measuring Sticks - Doyle Rule \$ 5.00

**Also Available at No Charge:**

Coshoccon County Soil Survey Book / Maps / Soil Descriptions  
 Also available online at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm>

**Items for Loan:**

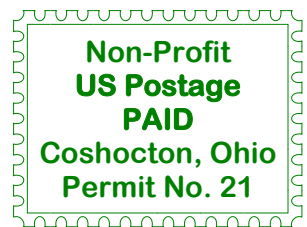
Tree Planting Bars - \$ 40 Deposit - Refunded Upon Return  
 Soil Probes - \$ 30 Deposit - Refunded Upon Return




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