



Conservation In Action

**Winter
2024**

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Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

SWCD Supervisors

Beth Mullen - Chairperson
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Kristy Leindecker - Fiscal Agent
Jordan Olinger - Treasurer

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Josh Britton - District Conservationist
Mathew Hursey - Resource Conservationist
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SWCD Staff

Ryan Medley - District Administrator
Kelsey Saylor - Admin. Assistant
Samantha Daugherty - Program Assist.
Zach Wallace - District Technician
Michaela Savage - District Technician

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

Lapp and Olinger Take Oath of Office



L to R: Commissioner Fischer, Commissioner Conkle, Supervisor Lapp, and Commissioner Shryock.

goals for the SWCD. Their dedication to the conservation of our soil and water resources makes our community a better place to live.

Officers for the SWCD Board of Supervisors for 2024 are: Chair - Beth Mullen, Vice Chair - Greg Waters, Secretary - David Lapp, Fiscal Agent - Kristy Leindecker, and Treasurer - Jordan Olinger.

Thank you to the Coshocton County Commissioners for your continued support of the SWCD program. The board members are honored to have the Commissioners administer the oath of office for their new terms.

David Lapp and Jordan Olinger were sworn into office as SWCD board members on January 10 by Coshocton County Commissioners Dane Shryock, Gary Fischer, and Rick Conkle. Mr. Lapp and Mr. Olinger join Beth Mullen, Greg Waters, and Kristy Leindecker as board members. This is Mr. Olinger's first term on the board and Mr. Lapp's tenth.

SWCD Supervisors are elected by county residents and serve 3 year terms to direct the district program. Board members develop policies and set program



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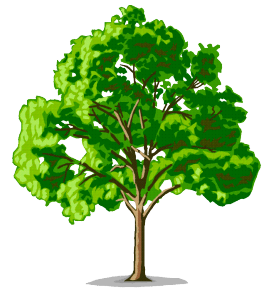
Bigelow Receives Commendation

At her retirement party in December, then District Administrator Deb Bigelow received a commendation from the County Commissioners for her service to Coshocton County and the Soil & Water Office. Her knowledge and experience was appreciated by everyone that worked with her. The staff and supervisors wish Deb the best in her well deserved retirement, and she is greatly missed.



2024 Tree Seedling Sale

It's time for our Annual Tree Seedling Sale! As in past sales, seedlings can be ordered with the form included in this newsletter. We also partner with Licking SWCD to provide an online ordering option for the sale. A link is available on the tree sale page of our website, www.coshoctonswcd.org. It will take you to Licking SWCD's website where you will be able to order seedlings from the sale, and during checkout you can choose "Coshocton" as your pick up location. You can also go to Licking SWCD's website directly to order.



We encourage you to order early because there are a set number of seedlings available for the sale. Toward the end of the sale, popular varieties tend to sell out. All orders are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for turning in paper order forms is **Friday, March 8**. Online orders can be submitted through **Friday, March 22**, but the available varieties will be quite limited by then. The pick-up day for all orders will be **Friday, April 19** at the Coshocton SWCD Office. More information about the sale is available on our website. Contact us at (740)622-8087 x 4 or samanthadaugherty@coshoctoncounty.net with any questions.



Thank You Adrian Garber

Adrian Garber retired from the Board of Supervisors at the end of 2023. Adrian began his first term in 2003 and served 7 consecutive terms alongside 8 other supervisors. He was honored at the SWCD Annual Meeting by several elected officials. Adrian farms with his brother Art in the hills outside of Chili. They continue to implement conservation practices on their farm and he has been an avid supporter of the cover crop program from the beginning. His commitment to over 200 board meetings, many local tours and state meetings, and promotion of conservation to other farmers is greatly appreciated. Thank you Adrian for your dedicated service to the Coshocton SWCD.

Coshocton Receives District of the Year Award

At the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Partnership Meeting in Columbus, the Coshocton SWCD was recognized as the 2024 District of the Year. The District's education projects were highlighted, and it was noted that Coshocton does not have an educator on staff but the whole staff works together on District's educational programs. The District was honored to receive the award and looks forward to the education program events coming up this year.



Inflation Reduction Act Provides Opportunities for Coshocton Producers



The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed in 2022 has injected a large amount of funds into existing NRCS cost share programs like EQIP and CSP. Ohio NRCS has been granted 30 million dollars statewide for 2024. IRA funds can help you accomplish your conservation goals, and can be spent on cropland, pasture, and forestry practices.

Practices such as cover crops (\$60.64/ac.), grass waterways (\$4330.92/ac.), pasture and hay planting (\$284.87/ac.), prescribed grazing (\$36.47/ac.), tree and shrub

establishment (\$7.54/ac.), forest stand improvement (\$126.72/ac.), and others are core practices that can be funded (these rates are based on typical Coshocton County scenarios). Along with core practices many other supporting practices can also be eligible depending on the conservation plan. Conservation is not a one size fits all process so the best way you can learn if there are IRA opportunities available to accomplish your conservation goals is to contact Mathew Hursey or Josh Britton at the USDA Service Center in Coshocton and schedule a site visit to discuss your goals for your property.

Coshocton SWCD Board Meetings

The Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors meets once a month. SWCD board meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of each month, December to March at 12:00 p.m. and April through November at 8:00 p.m. Unless otherwise posted, meetings are held at the SWCD office at 724 S. Seventh Street in Coshocton.



The remaining Board Meetings for 2024 are scheduled for February 14 at 12:00 p.m., March 13 at 12:00 p.m., April 10 at 8:00 p.m., May 8 at 8:00 p.m.; June 12 at 8:00 p.m., July 10 at 8:00 p.m., August 14 at 8:00 p.m., September 11 at 8:00 p.m., October 9 at 8:00 p.m., November 13 at 8:00 p.m., and December 11 at 12:00 p.m. Any meeting changes or special meetings will be posted on our website's Events page. These meetings are open to the public.

Coshocton SWCD Affiliate Members

Coshocton SWCD is seeking Affiliate Members for 2024. These voluntary, tax deductible contributions by individuals, businesses, and farms help the Board of Supervisors continue their efforts to educate the people of Coshocton County about protecting our natural resources. All Affiliate Members are listed in our quarterly newsletters, the special Banquet Edition newsletter, Annual Report, Annual Meeting & Banquet Program, and the District's website.

The following memberships are available: \$500 or more - DIAMOND Affiliate; \$250 to \$499 - PLATINUM Affiliate; \$100 to \$249 - GOLD Affiliate; \$50 to \$99 - SILVER Affiliate; \$25 to \$49 - BRONZE Affiliate.

Coshocton SWCD uses these funds for our education program that includes Earth Day for area 4th-6th graders, Ag Awareness Day for area 4th graders, Area 3 Envirothon for high school students, classroom presentations, teacher's conservation education desk calendars, Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour, Coshocton County Leadership Class presentation, 5th grade poster contest, Officials Tour, First Farm Friday, and the Jr. Fair Hay Show.

Our Supervisors and Staff appreciate the generous support of the many Affiliates that have contributed to our program over the years, and we look forward to continuing our education efforts in the coming year.

2024 Affiliate Members

Diamond

Coshocton County Beacon
Coshocton Grain Company
Eastern Ohio Ag
Judge Tim & Daphne France

Platinum

Gerber & Sons, Inc.
Heritage Cooperative
Home Loan Savings Bank
McWane Ductile - Ohio
Millwood Lumber
Pony Field Farm LLC

Gold

Cosh. Co. Chamber of Commerce

Coshocton County Farm Bureau
Coshocton Foundation
Dr. Rob & Sheri Stout and Family
Endsley Insurance Agency
Gottlieb, Johnston, Beam & Dal Ponte
Harold's Equipment, Inc.
Hidden Spring Farm - Tim Rogers
Jim & Gail Piper
Larry A. Frye Farms

Lynn Wells - In Memory of Ray Griffith
Owens & Manning, Attorneys
Seed Consultants - Lance Weaver
Sheriff James A. & Lisa Crawford
Sturtz Farm - Larry & Maureen Sturtz
The Garden Patch Greenhouse
Thousand Oaks Farms
TMK Bakersville
Tumblin Farms - David Tumblin Family
WenMar Farms, Inc.

William Albert, Inc.
Wills Transport & Excavating

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Charlie & Ruby Helmick
Cosh. Clerk of Courts Camila Graham
Cosh. Co. Engineer Fred Wachtel
Coshocton Co. Sportsmen Association
Dane & Amy Shryock
Garber Brothers Farms LLC
Jacobs Vanaman Agency, Inc.
Knotty Nuff Acres
Scheetz Marketing
Steven Oster

Bronze

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Cosh. Co. Treasurer Janette Donaker
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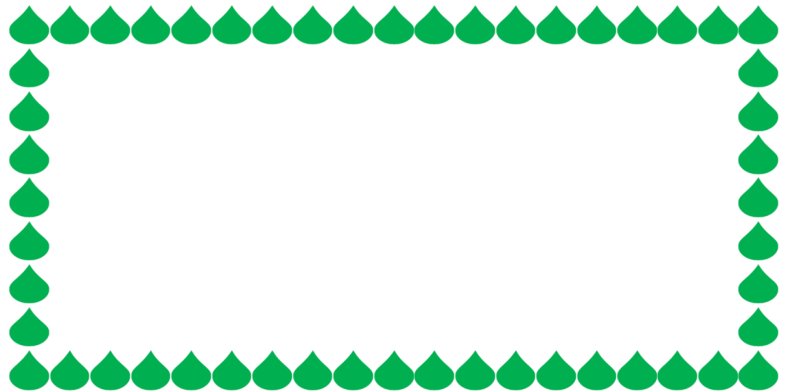
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Coshocton SWCD and USDA-NRCS are equal opportunity employers and providers.

Ag Day Celebration Luncheon

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Lake Park Pavilion, 23253 State Route 83, Coshocton 43812



**Doors open at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at 11:45 a.m.
Adjourn at 1:00 p.m.**

**Meal by
Schumaker Farms**

Cost: \$10.00

RSVP by March 12

After a great turnout last year we are pleased to hold the event at the Lake Park Pavilion again in 2024. Join us as we recognize the contributions of today's farmers and show our appreciation for the men and women of agriculture. This event is sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District, and OSU Extension.

RSVP to 740-622-8087, ext. 4 or kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net.

We respond to all email RSVPs, so if you do not hear back please reach out to us again.

Calendar of Events

February 14
SWCD Board Mtg,
1:30 p.m.

February 19
Presidents' Day,
Office Closed

March 8
Tree Sale Paper Order
Form Deadline

March 13
SWCD Board Mtg,
12:00 p.m.

March 22
Tree Sale Online
Order Deadline

April 10
SWCD Board Mtg,
8:00 p.m.

April 19
Tree Sale Order
Pick Up