



# Conservation In Action

**Summer  
2025**

Your  
Soil & Water  
Conservation  
Specialists!

## Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

### SWCD Supervisors

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

## Join us on Main Street in Coshocton for First FARM Friday!



Get ready for some good old-fashioned farm fun! We invite you to join us on Main Street & 4th in Coshocton for First FARM Friday on August 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It's an evening packed with big tractors, friendly farm animals, and plenty of reasons to celebrate the farmers who help keep our community growing.

Ever wondered how big a tractor tire really is? Want to pet a cow or see a spray drone? At First FARM Friday, you'll get up close with the people, animals, and equipment that make agriculture Coshocton County's number one

industry. From fields to forks, you'll discover just how much local agriculture impacts your life.

And yes—there's ice cream. Bring the kids to complete a fun farm-themed stamp card and they'll earn a free cup of custard from Whit's Frozen Custard. Learning about agriculture has never tasted so good!

While you're exploring the displays, visiting with the animals, and talking with local farmers, don't forget to check out the delicious food available for purchase from Future Leaders 4-H Club, The Real McCoy BBQ trailer, Williamson's Kettle Korn, the Sno Shack trailer, and River View FFA.



But it's not just about the food and fun—First FARM Friday is your chance to meet the local farmers who work hard every day to grow the food we all enjoy. Got a question about crops, cows, or combines? Ask away! These folks are volunteering their time because they love what they do and want to share it with you.

So grab your friends, bring the family, and head downtown for an evening of hands-on learning, fun, and maybe even a little mooing. First FARM Friday is all about connecting our community to its agricultural roots—and we can't wait to see you there!



## SWCD Seeking Candidates for the Board of Supervisors

Coshocton SWCD is seeking candidates for its Board of Supervisors. **Two** supervisors will be elected to a three-year term beginning in January 2026.

Board Supervisors guide the district, its staff, and cooperating agencies in efforts to implement conservation programs in the county that address management and conservation of soil, water, and related resources. Board members should have a

sincere interest in conservation and must have the enthusiasm, dedication, and time to serve as an elected official. This is a volunteer position, but supervisors can be reimbursed for mileage & expenses related to events involving soil and water professionals.

- Candidates must be over 18 years old and a resident of Coshocton County.
- This is a volunteer position with a 3-year term.
- Regular Board Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. April through November and 12:00 p.m. December through March; meetings normally run about 2 hours.
- Attendance at occasional outside meetings, events, or trainings is required.

If you are interested in running to become a Supervisor or would like more information, please contact Ryan Medley at [ryanmedley@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:ryanmedley@coshoctoncounty.net) or 740-622-8087 x 4 by **Monday, August 4.**

## Do You Know Where Coshocton County's Biggest Tree Lives?



The search is on for the biggest trees in Coshocton County! The Coshocton SWCD Big Tree Contest is now accepting entries for 2025. This annual event celebrates the beautiful, towering trees that add character and history to our community.

All species of trees growing on private property in Coshocton County are eligible. Property line trees and trees growing on government-owned land are not eligible. Anyone can enter a tree, even if they don't own the property where it's growing, as long as the tree is located in Coshocton County. Two winning trees will be chosen this year; one tree will be chosen in the county and the Coshocton Is Blooming tree will be from inside the Coshocton City limits. There is no limit for number of entries.

Entries will be measured by Coshocton SWCD staff using national standardized measurement criteria. The owners of the two winning Big Trees will each receive a plaque and 2 tickets to Coshocton SWCD's Annual Meeting & Banquet on October 16 at the Lake Park Pavilion. Think you know a winner? Entry forms and contest details are available at our office or on our website. Deadline to enter is **Friday, August 29**. Let's see how big Coshocton County has grown!

## Cost Share for Cover Crops

The Coshocton SWCD in partnership with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will once again offer a cover crop cost share program in 2025. The cost share rate is \$12 per acre with a cap of 175 acres per applicant. USDA-NRCS standards must be followed for seeding dates and planting rates. Aerial, broadcast, or drilling methods can be used to plant the cover crop.

Deadline for program applications is **Thursday, July 10**. SWCD staff can assist you with the application process. Call the office at 740-622-8087 x 4 or email [zachwallace@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:zachwallace@coshoctoncounty.net) for assistance or further details.



# Conservation Progress Report: The Work Behind the Scenes



Before

Completed Waste Storage Facility to better manage manure collection



After



Arbor Day, 330 Tree Seedlings Went to Students at Local Schools



Stream Crossing Planned, Designed and Installed



Earth Day at Wills Creek Dam



Completed Spring Development Watering Facility



Newly Installed Livestock Fencing

## Practices Currently Installed

- Access Road 175ft Installed
- Brush Management 342ac
- Fencing 41,990ft Installed
- Forest Stand Improvement 31.7ac
- Heavy Use Area Protection 8,768sqft
- Livestock Pipeline 3,200ft
- Nutrient Management 1,567.5ac
- Pasture and Hay Planting 105.8ac
- Two Spring Developments
- Two Waste Storage Facilities
- Seven Watering Facilities



Before



During

Roofed Heavy Use Pad to assist winter feeding of cattle.



After

## 2025 Affiliate Members

### Diamond

Coshocton County Beacon  
Eastern Ohio Ag  
Judge Tim & Daphne France

### Platinum

Coshocton Grain Company  
Gerber & Sons, Inc.  
Heritage Cooperative  
Hidden Spring Farms, Tim Rogers  
Home Loan Savings Bank  
McWane Ductile - Ohio  
Pony Field Farm LLC

### Gold

Charlie & Ruby Helmick  
Cosh. Co. Chamber of Commerce  
Coshocton County Farm Bureau

Coshocton Foundation  
Dr. Rob & Sheri Stout and Family  
Endsley Insurance Agency  
Frontier Power Company  
Gottlieb, Johnston, Beam & Dal Ponte  
Harold's Equipment, Inc.  
Hupp-Stiverson Company  
Gail Piper, In Memory of Jim Piper  
Larry A. Frye Farms  
Lynn Wells - In Memory of Ray Griffith  
McCoy Homestead, Keith & Denise McCoy  
Owens & Manning, Attorneys  
Peoples Bank  
Rock Hill Farms, Stevens Family  
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

### Silver

Baird Concrete  
Cosh. Co. Engineer Fred Wachtel  
Cosh Clerk of Courts Camila Graham  
Dane & Amy Shryock  
Daugherty Farms  
Deb Bigelow  
Garber Brothers Farms LLC  
Gary & Michelle Fischer  
Jacobs Vanaman Agency, Inc.  
Knotty Nuff Acres  
Lity Scrap Yard  
Scheetz Marketing  
Steven Oster

### Bronze

Alan Donaker Surveying  
Bob & Kathy Bigrigg  
Cosh. Co. Treasurer Janette Donaker  
Saylor Wealth Strategies

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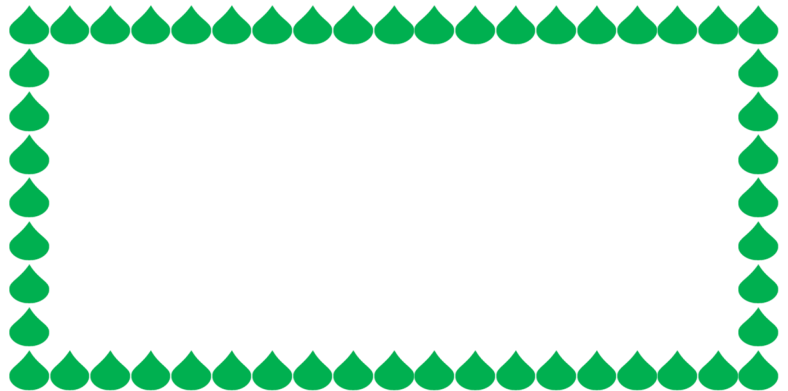
**The Coshocton County  
Big Tree Contest**  
*Entries are due by August 29*



## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Coshocton SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on our SWCD program. Please phone the office at (740)622-8087, ext. 4 if your address needs corrected or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

**Did you know?? You can received your newsletter via e-mail. Contact [kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net)**



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## August Pasture Walk

A Pasture Walk will be held on **Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Floyd Yoder Farm (53320 TR 170 Fresno, OH 43824). The Pasture Walk will highlight forage production and rotational grazing for beef cattle. There will be signs posted to help you find the farm. We hope you will join us to hear directly from the landowner about his operation and get ideas to

use on your farm. Reservations are not required. If you would like more information or to receive a postcard for pasture walks please call us at (740)622-8087 x 4 or email [kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net).

## Still Taking Applications for Soil Testing Program

It's not too late to sign-up for the new Soil Testing Program to reimburse qualified applicants for pulling new soil tests in 2025. If you would like more information, please come visit us at the office or call us at (740)622-8087 x 4.

## 2025 Save the Dates:

First Farm Friday  
August 1

Pasture Walk  
August 26

83rd Annual Meeting  
October 16

Fall Foliage Tour  
October 18-19

More information on these events will be in later newsletters.

## Calendar of Events

**July 9**  
SWCD Board Meeting,  
8:00 p.m.

**August 1**  
First Farm Friday,  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**August 13**  
SWCD Board Meeting,  
8:00 p.m.

**August 26**  
Pasture Walk,  
6:30 p.m.

**August 29**  
Big Tree Contest Deadline

**September 1**  
Labor Day,  
Office Closed

**September 10**  
SWCD Board Meeting,  
8:00 p.m.