



# Conservation In Action

**Winter  
2026**  
Your  
Soil & Water  
Conservation  
Specialists!

## Coshcocton Soil and Water Conservation District

### SWCD Supervisors

Beth Mullen - Chair  
Kristy Leindecker - Vice Chair  
David Lapp - Secretary  
Jordan Thompson - Fiscal Agent  
Jordan Olinger - Treasurer

### NRCS Staff

Josh Britton - District Conservationist  
Mathew Hursey - Resource Conservationist  
Derrick Hill - Natural Resources Specialist

### SWCD Staff

Ryan Medley - District Administrator  
Kelsey Saylor - Admin. Assistant  
Zach Wallace - District Technician  
Michaela Savage - District Technician

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

### **The End of an Era and the Beginning of a New**



*Commissioner Bigrigg  
administered the Oath of  
Office to elected Supervisors*

As 2025 came to an end, so did the tenure of retiring Supervisor Greg Waters. His dedication to conservation and community education has left a lasting impact on the District's programs and the people of Coshcocton County. The Board and staff thank Greg for his 21 years of service and leadership.

Kristy Leindecker was re-elected to her fifth term of office, and alongside her is newly elected Supervisor Jordan Thompson. Both were elected by vote at the SWCD 83rd Annual Meeting and Banquet in October. Kristy and Jordan were sworn into office by the Coshcocton County Commissioners prior to the January SWCD Board meeting.

SWCD Supervisors are elected by county residents and serve three-year terms directing District programs. Board members develop policies and set program goals for SWCD.

2026 Officers for the SWCD Board of Supervisors: Chair - Beth Mullen, Vice Chair - Kristy Leindecker, Secretary - David Lapp, Fiscal Agent - Jordan Thompson, and Treasurer - Jordan Olinger.



*Retiring Supervisor  
Greg Waters  
recognized for 21  
years of service*

### **2026 Tree Seedling Sale - ORDER NOW!**

**Ordering Deadline: Friday, March 6th      Pick-up Day: Thursday, April 2nd**

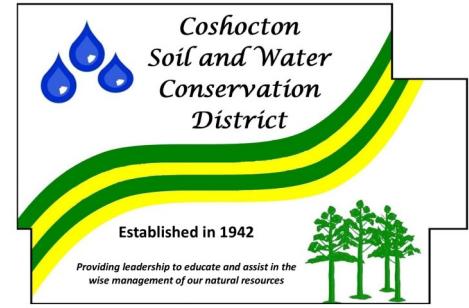
It's time for our Annual Tree Seedling Sale! As in past sales, seedlings can be ordered with the form included in this newsletter. We have also partnered with Holmes County SWCD to provide new varieties of trees, and we are excited to announce that we have a total of 24 different options to order. We also have our normal accessories such as two different types of tree tubes, flags and Plantskydd Repellent for purchase to make the job easier and keep your trees happy!

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 often sell out; trees sold out will be updated on our website. The deadline for turning in paper order forms is **Friday, March 6**. The pick-up day for all orders will be **Thursday, April 2** at the Coshcocton SWCD Office. More information about the sale is available on our website. Contact us at (740)622-8087 x 4 or [kelseysaylor@coshcoctoncounty.net](mailto:kelseysaylor@coshcoctoncounty.net) with any questions.



# Coshcocton SWCD Board Meetings

The Coshcocton Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meet 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 Coshcocton.



The remaining Board Meetings for 2026 are scheduled for February 11 at 12:00 p.m., March 11 at 12:00 p.m., April 8 at 8:00 p.m., May 13 at 8:00 p.m.; June 10 at 8:00 p.m., July 8 at 8:00 p.m., August 12 at 8:00 p.m., September 9 at 8:00 p.m., October 21 at 8:00 p.m., November 18 at 8:00 p.m., and December 9 at 12:00 p.m. Any meeting changes or special meetings will be posted on our website's Events page. The public is welcome at all meetings.

## Coshcocton SWCD Affiliate Members

Coshcocton SWCD is ACTIVELY seeking Affiliate Members for 2026. These voluntary, tax deductible contributions by individuals, businesses, and farms help the Board of Supervisors continue their efforts to educate the people of Coshcocton 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.**

Affiliate contributions directly support the District's education programs, including Earth Day for area 4th–6th graders, Ag Awareness Day for 4th graders, Area 3 Envirothon for high school students, classroom presentations, teacher conservation desk calendars, the Coshcocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour, Coshcocton County Leadership Class presentations, the 5th Grade Poster Contest, Officials Tour, First Farm Friday, and the Junior Fair Hay Show. These valuable programs are made possible through the support of our Affiliates.

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.

## 2026 Affiliate Members

### Diamond

Buckeye Brine LLC

Coshcocton Grain Company

Judge Tim & Daphne France

McWane Ductile - Ohio

### Platinum

Buckeye Forestry Services LLC

Home Loan Savings Bank

Pony Field Farm LLC

### Gold

Bakersville Garage, INC

Baltic Bank

C & R Helmick Farms

Cosh. Co. Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Rob & Cheryl Stout & Family

Endsley Insurance Agency

Frontier Power Company

Gottlieb, Johnston, Beam & Dal Ponte

Harold's Equipment, Inc.

Gail Piper, In Memory of Jim Piper

Jacobs Vanaman Agency, Inc

Larry A. Frye Farms

Lynn Wells, In Memory of Ray Griffith

McCoy Homestead, Keith & Denise

McCoy

Steven Oster

Owens & Manning, Attorneys

Rock Hill Farms, Stevens Family

Scheetz Marketing

Sturtz Farm - Larry & Maureen Sturtz

The Garden Patch Greenhouse

TMK Bakersville

Tumblin Farms - David Tumblin Family

WenMar Farms, Inc.

William Albert, Inc.

Wills Transport & Excavating

### Silver

Baird Concrete Products

Cosh. Co. Sportsmen Association

Dane & Amy Shryock

Daugherty Farms

Dave & Darla Markley

Deb Bigelow

Garber Brothers Farms LLC

Gary & Michelle Fischer

Knotty Nuff Acres

### Bronze

Alan Donaker Surveying

Bob & Kathy Bigrigg

Cosh. Co. Treasurer Janette Donaker

Gerber & Sons, Inc

Saylor Wealth Strategies

Vic Allen Construction & Excavating

## Keeping Conservation Local: 2025 Dollars at Work

Our funding starts at the local level and is matched by the State of Ohio. We also collaborate with federal and state partners to tackle local conservation challenges. In 2025, the conservation accomplishments below have resulted in \$1,305,755.77 in cost share payments to local landowners. For every dollar invested locally, \$6.95 has been returned through cost share and state funding.

Adult Education.....	27 programs / 2,744 attendees
Access Roads.....	576 ft.
Brush Management.....	1,139.50 acres
Classroom Presentations.....	65 programs / 1,930 students
Conservation Plans.....	3,209.10 acres
Conservation Calendars for Teachers.....	550 calendars
Cover Crops Applied.....	32 landowners / 2,966.62 acres
Fall Foliage & Farm Tour.....	1,570 attendees
Fencing.....	59,904 ft.
First Farm Friday.....	850 attendees
Heavy Use Pads.....	16 Pads / 39,074 sq. ft.
Inventory and Evaluation (Technical Assistance).....	33 visits
Woodland Management Plan.....	774.58 acres
Livestock Pipeline.....	12,460 ft.
Nutrient Management.....	1,326.33 acres
Pasture Walk/Workshop.....	2 total / 40 attendees
Plat Books.....	99 sold
Pasture and Hayland Planting.....	155.60 acres
Quarterly newsletter to district cooperators.....	5 issues / 10,161 copies
Review lot splits for Regional Planning.....	139 reviews
Roofed Waste Storage Facilities.....	4
Roofs and Covers.....	3
Spring Development.....	6
Tree Sale Program.....	47 Customers/ 2,669 Seedlings sold
Underground Outlet.....	598 ft.
Watering Facilities.....	28

### NRCS Partnership Continues to Bring Funding to Coshocton County

Over the past year our agency has continued to provide financial and technical assistance to Coshocton County farmers and forest landowners through several programs. One part of our responsibility is to provide this assistance along with local partnership. The Coshocton SWCD continues to be an instrumental partner in implementing all our conservation programs, by providing support during planning, design, and installation for many of these projects.

During 2025 the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provide financial assistance of over \$1,290,000 to Coshocton County producers through our Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). These payments included 270 individual conservation practices spread across 88 different contracts with local landowners. Funds through these programs help pay for things such as manure storage, invasive species control, grazing systems, and more.

Additionally, these funds typically go directly back into our local community as many producers hire local contractors or purchase materials locally, keeping a large percentage of these funds right here in Coshocton County.

As 2026 gets underway, the application signup period for EQIP and CSP closed on January 15<sup>th</sup> and NRCS will be considering these applications in the coming months. If you are interested potential funding opportunities for conservation projects on your own property, you can contact Josh Britton, District Conservation at [joshua.britton@usda.gov](mailto:joshua.britton@usda.gov) or by calling 740-622-8087 ext. 3.



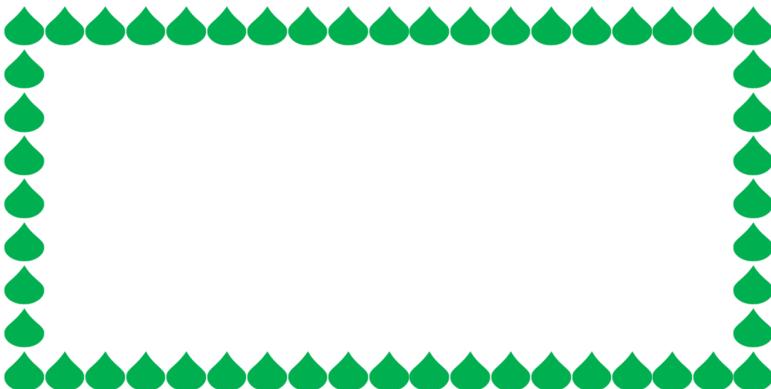
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The Coshcocton SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on our SWCD program. Please phone the office at (740)622-8087, ext. 4 if your address needs corrected or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

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

**Tree sale order form inside,  
order before March 6th!**



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

**Guest Speakers Aaron Wilson, State Climatologist of Ohio, OSU-E**

**Meal by Schumaker Farms   Cost: \$10.00   RSVP by March 10**

With over 100 local farmers and supporters in attendance last year, we are excited to hold the event at the Coshcocton County Commissioner's Community Room with a delicious meal prepared by Schumaker Farms, celebrating our theme, Together We Grow, 250 years of Ag Progress!

Please join us as we recognize the contributions of today's farmers and show our appreciation for the men and women of agriculture with guest speaker, Aaron Wilson, talking about Ohio's weather and climate across diverse environments.

This event is sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America, Coshcocton Soil & Water Conservation District, and OSU Extension.

RSVP to 740-622-8087, ext. 4 or [kelseysaylor@coshcoctoncounty.net](mailto:kelseysaylor@coshcoctoncounty.net).

## **Ag Day Celebration Luncheon**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Coshcocton Community Room,  
637 Chestnut Street,  
Coshcocton, OH 43812

## **Calendar of Events**

**February 11**  
SWCD Board Mtg,  
12:00 p.m.

**February 16**  
Presidents' Day,  
Office Closed

**March 6**  
Tree Sale Order  
Form Deadline

**March 11**  
SWCD Board Mtg,  
12:00 p.m.

**March 17**  
Ag Day Luncheon,  
11:30 a.m.

**April 2**  
Tree Sale Order  
Pick Up

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