



Conservation In Action

**Winter
2026**

Your
Soil & Water
Conservation
Specialists!

Coshocton 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 Coshocton 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 Coshocton County Commissioners prior to the January SWCD Board meeting.



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

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.

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 Coshocton SWCD Office. More information about the sale is available on our website. Contact us at (740)622-8087 x 4 or kelseysaylor@coshoctoncounty.net with any questions.



Coshocton SWCD Board Meetings

The Coshocton 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 Coshocton.



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.

Coshocton SWCD Affiliate Members

Coshocton 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 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.**

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 Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour, Coshocton 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
Coshocton 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 15th 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 or by calling 740-622-8087 ext. 3.

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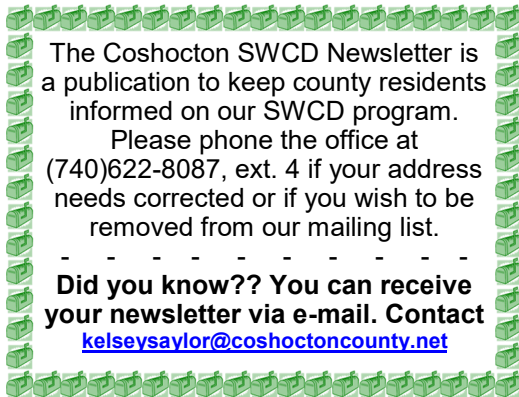
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**Tree sale order form inside,
order before March 6th!**

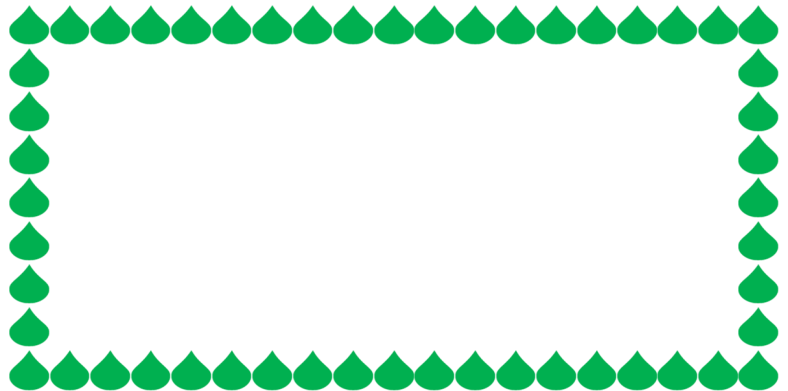
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The Coshocton SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on our SWCD program.

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.

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Ag Day Celebration Luncheon

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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

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 Coshocton 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, Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District, and OSU Extension.

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

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.