



Conservation In Action

**Banquet
2026**

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Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Celebrating Conservation: Join Us for Our 84th Annual Meeting & Banquet

The Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District invites you to join us for our **84th Annual Meeting & Banquet** on **Thursday, October 15, at the Lake Park Pavilion in Coshocton, Ohio**. Doors will open at **6:00 p.m.** for supervisor election voting, with dinner beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious buffet catered by **Theo's Restaurant of Cambridge**, followed by a tempting selection of homemade pies! **Tickets are \$15 per person, with children 10 and under just \$6.** Reservations must be made by **October 1.**

We are excited to welcome **Jeremy Scherf from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)** as this year's guest speaker! Jeremy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in Ohio's natural resources, and we are looking forward to hearing his perspective and insights. **You won't want to miss this presentation!**



The evening will also include recognition of local accomplishments in conservation and agriculture. The Coshocton SWCD will present awards for the **Outstanding Conservation Farmer, Big Tree Contest Winner, and Jr. Fair Hay Show Winners.**

Tickets may be purchased by mailing in the form below or by stopping by the Coshocton SWCD office, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of great food, good company, local recognition, and an exciting program as we celebrate another year of conservation and agriculture in Coshocton County!

84th Annual Meeting & Banquet Ticket Order Form

To have your tickets mailed, please remove this portion and send with payment to the Coshocton SWCD Office.

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Number of Adult Tickets at \$15 each _____

Number of Children's Tickets (age 10 & under) at \$6 each _____ **Total Cost of Tickets: \$** _____

*Return to **Coshocton SWCD, 724 S. 7th Street Room 120, Coshocton, OH 43812** by **October 1, 2026***

Thank You to the Endsley Agency and Home Loan Savings Bank for helping sponsor this year's Annual Meeting and Banquet!

Meet the Supervisor Candidates



DAVID LAPP and his wife, Alana live on the family farm in Bethlehem Township. They have 3 adult children and 7 grandchildren. Their operation consists of corn and soybeans. The Lapps have been cooperators with the Coshocton SWCD since 1958 and conservation practices on their farms include tile drainage, waterways, minimum and no-till, irrigation water management, filter strips, and cover crops.

David is a member of the River View School Board, Farm Bureau Association, and Keene United Methodist Church. He has served as a Coshocton SWCD Supervisor since 1994.



JORDAN OLINGER is a 4th generation farmer who raises corn, soybeans, pumpkins, hay, and cattle with his parents, Tim and Kay Olinger, and wife, Lily Olinger. Jordan has a master's degree in Plant Health Management from OSU and is also a Certified Crop Advisor. Jordan has worked at Relentless AG for five years as their Agronomist. Relentless AG specializes in seed, crop protection, soil sampling and drone spraying.

The Olinger farm plants no-till on all soybeans and some corn ground. They use cover crops to manage erosion and as feed for livestock. Jordan has served as a Coshocton SWCD Supervisor since 2024

Election of Supervisor

The Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of the Coshocton SWCD to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Anyone that owns land or lives in the City of Coshocton or Coshocton County and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor. Two candidates will be elected to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2030.

There are 3 ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the SWCD office (724 S. Seventh Street Room 120, Coshocton, OH 43812) during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) starting September 16 and ending at noon on October 15.
2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Lake Park Pavilion on October 15, with voting from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. You do not have to purchase an Annual Meeting ticket to come and vote for Supervisor.
3. Voting absentee from September 16 until October 15 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office by calling 740-622-8087 ext. 4 or email ryanmedley@coshoctoncounty.net.
Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by noon on October 15, 2026.

Cover Crop Taking Root Across Coshocton County

The 2026 enrollment period for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Cover Crop Cost Share Program has officially closed. This year, 4,200 acres of row crops were enrolled to receive cover crops aimed at reducing erosion, protecting valuable topsoil, and improving overall soil health.

The first round of seeding is set to begin the week of September 8, when Fisher's Crop Care by Air will apply cover crop seed by airplane to standing corn and soybean fields. The remaining enrolled fields will be seeded by producers after harvest using a variety of methods, including drones, drills, and broadcast applications.

The competitive program provides \$12 per approved acre and follows NRCS standards and specifications. Enrollment typically takes place in May and June, and participating fields must have a soil test no more than four years old.

For more information about the cover crop program or upcoming enrollment opportunities, contact the Coshocton SWCD office or email Zach Wallace at zachwallace@coshoctoncounty.net

Coshocton County Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Coshocton County is updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the agricultural communities input will play a critical role in shaping the county’s future.

What is a Land Use Plan?

A land use plan is a long-term guide that helps a community make decisions about how land should be used and developed in the future. It reflects the community's vision and priorities for growth, preservation, economic development, housing, transportation, agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. Rather than creating laws or regulations, a land use plan provides a framework that local leaders, residents, businesses, and organizations can use when making decisions about future development and investments.

Community Input

In Coshocton County, the land use planning process is designed to be community-driven. Residents help identify what they value most about the county and what they want it to look like for future generations. Their input is used to develop goals, strategies, and recommendations that guide future decision-making. Simply put: A land use plan is a community roadmap for the future, helping ensure that growth, development, and conservation efforts reflect the values and priorities of the people who live there.



Help the CSWCD with your input to the following questions.

What do you value most about the Coshocton County community? _____

What do you hope the Coshocton County community will become in the future, for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren? _____

Please return your thoughts and comments on the lower half of this page and mail back the CSWCD office by October 5th. 724 S. 7th St., Coshocton, OH, 43812. Or you can email ryanmedley@coshoctoncounty.net.

First Farm Friday Draws a Crowd & Dodges the Storm

First FARM Friday was a huge success, with **roughly 500 people** coming out to celebrate agriculture and learn more about the people, animals, and businesses that make our community special!

With severe thunderstorms threatening the area, we know many people had to make the choice to take a chance on the weather and still attend. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who showed up, supported the event, and helped make the evening so much fun. Thankfully, the storms held off, allowing families to enjoy the activities, farm animals, equipment, educational stations, and more.

A special thank-you goes to all of our exhibitors, volunteers, food trucks, FFA and 4-H groups, and community partners who helped make First FARM Friday possible. Your time and enthusiasm helped bring agriculture right into the heart of our community.

We are already looking forward to next year! **Thank you for making our first FARM Friday one to remember, and we hope to see everyone next year!**



June Pasture Walk with the Steven's Family at Rock Hill Farms



Coshocton SWCD kicked off its summer pasture walk series with a visit to **Bruce Stevens' Rock Hill Farms** on June 23rd. Attendees had the opportunity to see firsthand how the Stevens family manages water resources and grazing on their farm.

The evening focused on livestock watering systems, including spring developments with gravity-fed delivery and a pressure system supplied by a well. Jason Tyrell and Jarrod Hittle discussed the challenges of managing pastures during drought conditions and the unique considerations of managing two separate herds.

Endsley's Host August Pasture Walk at the Martin Farm



Wrapped up the summer pasture walk series on August 25 with a visit to the **Martin Farm with Todd and Larry Endsley and family**. Attendees heard from the **Endsley's** as they walked through their seven-paddock rotational grazing system and shared their experiences with pasture management.

Zach Wallace of Coshocton SWCD and **Jordan Penrose of OSU Extension** shared their knowledge and expertise on pasture management, discussing grazing practices, pasture utilization, and ways producers can improve the health and productivity of

A special thank-you goes out to the hosting families and sharing their firsthand experiences! **Thank you** for your interest and support of our programs and ask that you continue to work with us to wisely use Coshocton County's natural resources!

Technology for Tomorrow's Land: Summer Supervisor School Tour

The Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) welcomed **20 participants from across Ohio** for this year's Summer Supervisor School Tour, "Technology for Tomorrow's Land." The group included SWCD employees, SWCD Board Supervisors, NRCS and even staff from the ODA, creating a great opportunity to share ideas and learn from one another.

Held on July 27, the tour highlighted how local farmers are using **modern technology, innovative equipment, data-driven management, and conservation practices** to improve efficiency, protect natural resources, and increase productivity.

Participants visited the **Travis Gregorich Farm, Schumaker Farms, WenMar Farms, and LB Porteus Farms**, where they had the opportunity to see innovative agricultural practices in action and learn more about how technology is helping producers meet the challenges of today while preparing for tomorrow.

The tour also included lunch at **Schumaker Farms**, providing time for participants to connect, share experiences, and continue conversations about agriculture and conservation.

The Summer Supervisor Tour was a great reminder that innovation in agriculture is happening every day—and that there is tremendous value in bringing conservation professionals and agricultural leaders from across Ohio together to learn from the farmers who are putting these ideas to work.

From the first stop to the final stop, the tour provided a valuable opportunity to connect with local producers and see how innovation is being put to work in the field. More than just a farm tour, the day demonstrated that **the future of agriculture is being built right here in Coshocton County**—one field, one farm, and one innovative idea at a time.

The Coshocton SWCD would like to thank the participating farms and everyone who traveled to Coshocton County to make this year's tour a success!



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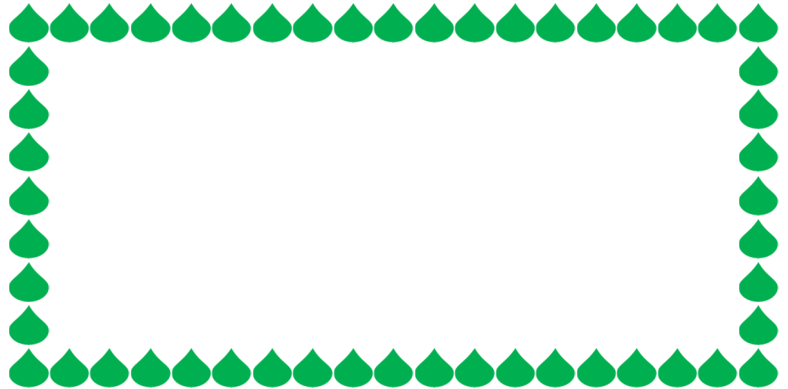
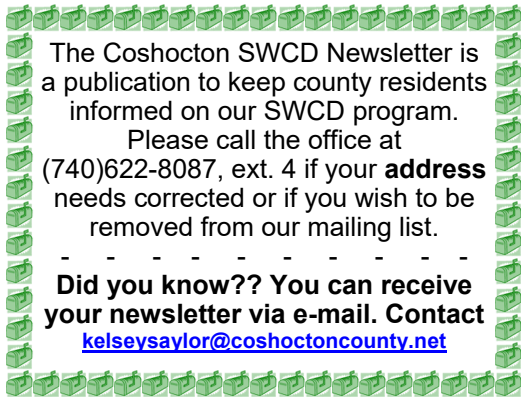
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55 Years of Fall, Farms & Family Tradition



Coshocton County will be celebrating 55 years of the Fall Foliage & Farm Tour on the weekend of **October 17 and 18, 2026**. This year's tour will focus on the southeast area of Coshocton County. This drive-it-yourself tour is a great way to enjoy Coshocton's scenery and fall colors; the tour also showcases Coshocton's agricultural industry and local attractions.

Last year's tour had over 1,500 attendees that represented 30 counties in Ohio, 6 states, and 1 Country. It was held in the northeast part of the county, featuring Adams, White Eyes, Keene, Lafayette, and Tuscarawas Townships.

Stops will be open **10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 12:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday**. To pick up a tour map, stop at the Coshocton County Fairgrounds on Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. We ask all participants to stop there first so we can track the number of tour participants. The tour is free but donations are appreciated.

The Fall Foliage and Farm Tour is sponsored by OSU Extension, Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District, and USDA Farm Service Agency. These agencies would like to thank all the tour hosts and volunteers who make the tour possible!

We look forward to sharing another unforgettable autumn with you!

Calendar of Events

September 9
SWCD Board Mtg, 8:00 p.m.

September 22-24
Farm Science Review

October 2-8
Coshocton County Fair

October 1
Annual Meeting
Reservation Deadline

October 21
SWCD Board Mtg, 8:00 p.m.

October 15
Coshocton SWCD's 84th
Annual Meeting & Banquet,
7:00 p.m.

October 17-18
Coshocton County
Fall Foliage Tour

November 18
SWCD Board Mtg, 8:00 p.m.