

CONSERVATION NOTES

Mission: To promote conservation of natural resources through local leadership, education and technical assistance.

Meet Our Board Candidates

Mamie Hollenback is a self-employed chicken farmer from Washington Township. Mamie sees opportunities to increase education to the agricultural community about manure management and securing funding for USDA programs, like CRP. As 2010 Cooperator of the Year, the Hollenback's conservation projects on the farm include grass waterways, cover crops, drainage projects, as well as being enrolled in USDA conservation programs, CRP and CSP.



David Lipstreu is a certified professional planner with over 30 years of experience. He has worked to promote conservation and protection of natural resources through the use of sustainable, low impact development practices. Currently living in Newark, David is the former director of the South Licking Watershed Conservancy District, is a Certified Master Gardener and volunteers with the Sierra Club and Buckeye Forest Council.



Dannette McInturff has been in the excavation industry since 1979, assisting with construction of the Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area, wetlands at Dawes and several projects with Licking Soil & Water. She serves McKean Township as a Trustee. In addition to increasing funding opportunities for Licking Soil & Water, Dannette would like to expand storm water and sediment erosion control education for agricultural land management and commercial development.



Educator

Workshops

Project WILD and Project Aquatic WILD teach youth how to think about wildlife, not what to think. The hands-on, diverse activities help develop problem-solving and decision making skills in determining responsible human actions. Monday, October 10; cost is \$5.

Growing Up WILD builds and Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood focus on the learning styles and interests of young children to foster positive impressions of nature while aiding children's cognitive growth and development. Friday, October 21; cost is \$15 and educators from select school districts qualify for a discounted rate of \$5 through a stormwater grant.

Both workshops are at Infirmiry Mound Park south of Granville. Pre-registration is required at www.lickingswcd.com/calendar. Continuing Education Credit and Graduate Credit is available.

For additional information, contact Denise Natoli Brooks at denisebrooks@lickingSWCD.com or 740 670-5330.

**Board of Supervisors
Election -Details on pages 2-3.**

Annual Banquet - Details on page 8.
Purchase tickets at lickingSWCD.com or mail form on page 7.

Urban Best Management Practices

Have you ever seen a short, black, fabric fence staked around a construction site? Or noticed a device made from PVC floating in a retention pond? Or wondered why there was an orange mesh bag covering a storm drain? These are best management practices for sediment control at construction sites.

Sediment control is a best management practice for reducing stormwater pollution. Required by Ohio EPA's General Construction Permit for Stormwater, sediment control helps improve water quality. The primary function of sediment control is to filter out soil and debris as water passes through. This action is important because sediment is the number one water pollutant in Ohio.

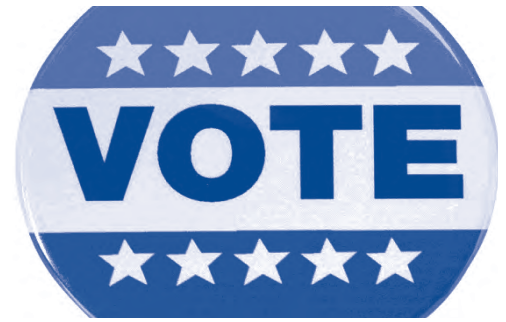
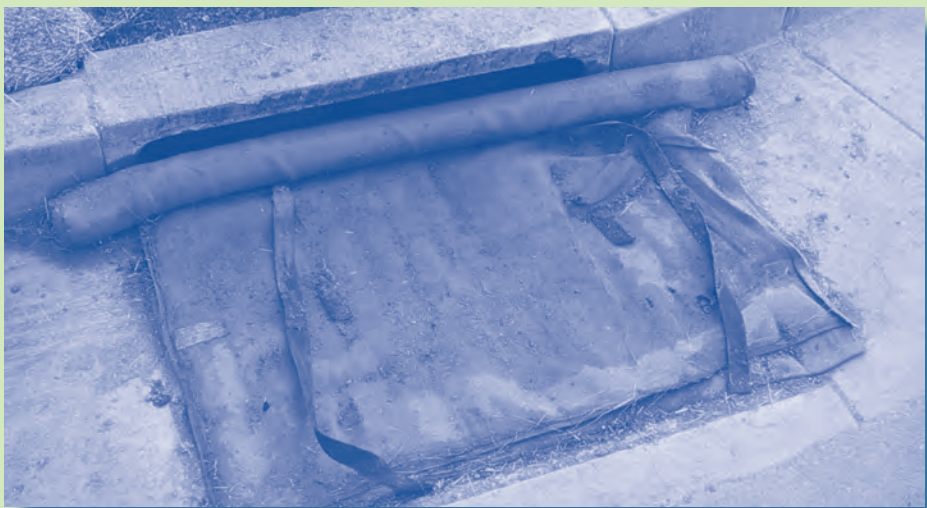
A common sediment control is silt fencing. Utilizing a geotextile fabric and wooden stakes, silt fencing removes sediment from stormwater by slowing the water down and spreading it out. This sediment barrier allows only water to flow through the silt fence. To function properly, silt fencing must be installed along a level contour of the land, following the topography, rather than running up and down slopes.

Inlet protections are another commonly-used sediment control. These are typically constructed in the form of a plastic mesh sack that slides over a storm drain grate. The sack allows water to flow through the mesh, but prevents larger sediment particles from traveling through.

A third sediment control best management practice is the use of a skimmer or dewatering device. These devices come in the form of a long PVC pipe with a float on one end. The other end of the pipe drains into the outlet structure of a retention or detention basin. As sediment-laden water enters the basin, the float keeps the end of the pipe at the water's surface, draining only the cleanest water from the basin. This device is removed once construction ends and soil is stable.

For any sediment controls to function properly, they must be maintained regularly. For example, a silt fence or curb inlet protection that is clogged with sediment will not work as designed.

For more information on urban best management practices, contact Zach Bollheimer at zachbollheimer@lickingSWCD.com or call 740 670-5330.



Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District (Licking Soil & Water) has a five member Board of Supervisors elected by landowners and residents of Licking County to help guide Licking Soil & Water's mission. The elected members are responsible for conducting business, within the scope of the laws and rules that govern Licking Soil & Water, with professionalism, efficiency and effectiveness. The Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of one (1) Supervisor of Licking Soil & Water to be held on November 9, 2016. The three year term will begin January 1, 2017.

The candidate with the most votes will be announced at the end of Licking Soil & Water's Annual Banquet on November 9, 2016.

Voters may cast their ballot one of the following three ways:

1. Vote on Wednesday, November 9th from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., during the annual banquet at The Grove by the River, 840 Hollander St., Newark, OH 43055.

2. Walk in to cast an absentee ballot at Licking Soil & Water on or before 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9th.

3. Mail request for an absentee ballot by completing Licking County Resident Request for Absentee Ballot form (on opposite page); mail to Licking Soil & Water by November 3rd.

*If you do not reside in Licking County, call 740 670-5330 for the proper absentee ballot form. *

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OHIO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESIDENT REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

Licking County

Residents wishing to vote absentee by mail must request this absentee ballot application no earlier than 21 days prior to the election and the District office must receive the request no later than 5 days prior to the election. The election for Licking County will be held on Nov. 9, 2016

Residents wishing to vote absentee at the office must complete the resident request for absentee ballot form no earlier than 21 days prior to the election and no later than 03:00 p.m. on 11/9/2016

I, _____, hereby apply for absentee voter ballot and registration envelope from the <u>Licking County</u> Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). I am an eligible voter of the <u>Licking County</u> SWCD because I am 18 years old and reside within the District.	
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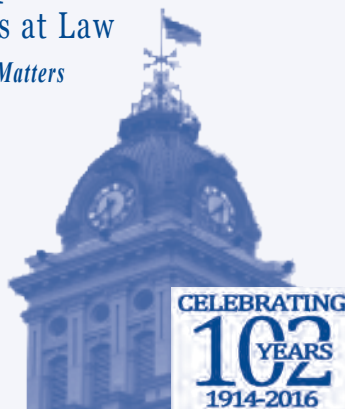
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4R Soil Testing

Good nutrient management takes planning, but the first and most basic step is taking a good soil sample. Remember the following when soil testing:

- Sample fields the same time each year to achieve more accurate trends in soil fertility. For cropland and vegetable production, it is best to sample in the fall. For pastures and perennial crops, it is best to sample in late summer.
- Take one sample in every field; for larger fields take a sample for every 20 acres. Each sample should consist of 15-20 cores collected through a random zigzag pattern throughout the area.
- Cores taken in crop fields should be 8 inches deep. Pasture fields are generally sampled to a depth of 4 inches.
- Avoid taking cores in areas very different from the rest of the field such as a low wet spot, sandy spot, or a farm lane.
- Test soil every 2-4 years. Test more often if applying manure or when trying to make large nutrient or pH changes in the soil.

Testing soil regularly, makes it easier to incorporate the 4R Principles of Nutrient Stewardship: Right Source of nutrients, at the Right Rate, at the Right Time, and in the Right Place. Following the 4R Principles maximizes fertilizer efficiency and increases potential for higher quality and higher yielding crops.

For more information on soil testing, 4R Principles, or to rent a soil probe, contact Chodd Armfelt at choddarmfelt@lickingSWCD.com or 740 670-5330.

Thanks for another Great Year at the Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area



2016 Soil & Water Annual Banquet Registration

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Names of Additional Attendee(s) for Name Tags: _____

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Board of Supervisor Elections and Annual Banquet Wednesday, November 9, 2016

The Grove by the River
840 Hollander St., Newark, OH 43055

Volunteer Recognition Reception 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Election 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

\$25/person

Purchase tickets online at lickingSWCD.com or mail form on Page 7 with check or money order to:
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Reservation deadline: Friday, November 4, 2016

Important Dates

NOW: Milkweed Pod Collection until Oct 31
Oct 10: Project WILD Educator Workshop
Oct 10: Columbus Day - LCSWCD Office Closed
Oct 12: LCSWCD Board Meeting
Oct 15: LCSWCD @ Granville Farmers Market
Oct 21: Early Childhood Educator Workshop
Oct 19: Absentee Voting Begins
Nov 2: Storm Water Consortium Meeting
Nov 9: Volunteer Reception
Nov 9: Annual Banquet
Nov 9: Supervisor Election
Nov 11: Veterans' Day - Closed
Nov 16: LCSWCD Board Meeting
Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day - Closed
Dec 14: LCSWCD Board Meeting
Dec 26: Christmas Day observed - Closed
More events at lickingSWCD.com/calendar.