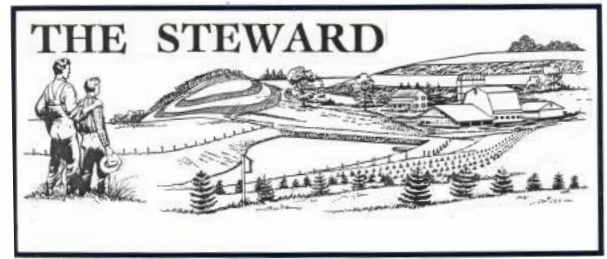


Spring 2022

Ashland



Soil & Water Conservation District

Conservation Stewardship Certification Available

Labels matter, whether you're looking for food that's organic or locally grown or products that are manufactured in the USA. That's why we're offering a new conservation stewardship program so local farmers can be recognized for their conservation efforts.

"For years we have recognized our outstanding soil and water cooperator of the year at our soil and water banquet, but there are always so many other farmers who are deserving of recognition, too," said Jane Houin, program director. "Our board has worked hard to put in place an objective tool to measure conservation stewardship and to reward our farmers for their efforts to protect the soil and water resources of Ashland County."

The program has three levels of certification. Silver level certification is available for farmers who actively participate in at least one of the district's conservation programs, whether that be by seeding cover crops, using no-till management in their farm fields, installing livestock stream exclusion fencing or any number of conservation programs.

To move up to a gold level certification, farmers need to enroll their field in the district's free Fieldprint calculator for a conservation assessment. Developed by Field to Market, the Fieldprint calculator objectively measures and provides feedback on individual farms' sustainability performance. Data can be inputted directly into the calculator, or the calculator also integrates with several farm-management software platforms to use data farmers are already collecting.

The highest stewardship certification level available through the program is platinum; that level is reserved for farmers who show a year-over-year improvement on their sustainability metrics in the Fieldprint calculator's assessment.

The certification program is designed to recognize farmer's efforts first and foremost, but is also provides new opportunities for farmers. By participating in the Fieldprint platform, farmers can

connect with incentive opportunities with retailers and food processors interested in partnering with farmers to meet their corporate sustainability goals. And, farmers who sell direct to consumer can use their certification as a marketing tool in their operation. For more information on the certification process, contact Katie Eikleberry at 419-281-7645.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

May 30: Memorial Day

June 20: Juneteenth

July 4: Independence Day

Board Meetings (SWCD office at 9 a.m.)

April 13, May 11, and June 8

Conservation Chats:

April 1, 1 pm: Water You Gonna Do?

May 26: Wetland Wonders

June 4: Rain, Rain Come Our Way

July 8: Rain Barrels & Beyond

Spring Fish Stocking Sale:

Order deadline: April 4; Pickup April 12

Tree Seedling Sale Pick Up: April 15-16

Nature Journaling Conducted by The Wilderness Center

April 16, June 11, September 10, November 12 & December 10

Farmer's Basket Markets Loudonville Central Park

May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19

Rain Beat on Main Street:

June 17-22 - Loudonville Central Park, June 23-25 -

Ashland Balloonfest, June 27-July 3- Corner Park, Ashland

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist

Classes: July 16-17, 23-24, 30

Join us for Rain Beat on Main Street 2022!

June 17-22: Central Park, Loudonville

June 23-25: Ashland Balloonfest

June 27-July 3: Corner Park, Ashland



Meet the Staff:

Jessica Vaughn

Staff Member Since: January 2022

Jessica is our outreach & education assistant and has been hard at work preparing for Arbor Day activities this month. She will also be coordinating our 2022 Rain Beat on Main Street event and is updating our educational outreach programs.

A 1995 graduate of West Holmes High School, Jessica attended the University of Tennessee at Martin & holds an associate's degree in early childhood education from North Central State College.

Jessica and her husband Kyle live in Millersburg with their four children: Delani, Derek and twins Meredith & Maranda. Jessica also is a co-owner of the 1871 Trading Post in Big Prairie.

JOIN ASHLAND SWCD & THE WILDERNESS CENTER AT THE HAZEL WILLIS WOODS FOR OCVN TRAINING!

The OCVN program provides a balanced, practical, & hands-on course in natural history. Topics include ecological concepts, nature interpretation, stewardship, and the fundamental identification skills and natural history of Ohio's flora and fauna.

COST: \$195

DATES:

JULY 9, 16-17, 23-24, 30

ohio certified volunteer naturalist

Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler: Chair
Roger Amos: Vice Chair
Valerie Hall: Secretary
Karen Welch: Fiscal Officer
Steve Hughes: Equipment Mgr.

Soil Testing Services

Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District



SOIL SAMPLE
COLLECTION
POWER KIT



For more information, contact

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Conservation Specialist

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Ashland SWCD

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Ashland SWCD is excited to offer analysis of do-it-yourself soil samples as well as custom soil sampling:

Custom Soil Testing

- \$22/sample with a minimum of 5 samples for Ashland SWCD staff to come to your farm to pull soil samples; samples will be pulled as staff time allows, either during the spring or fall
- Fields over 20 acres require multiple samples.
- Must come in to the Ashland SWCD office to talk with Conservation Specialist Katie Eikleberry about where and how many samples will be pulled.

Do-It-Yourself Soil Sampling

- Sample bags are available at the SWCD office, along with a soil probe or a Collect-N-Go soil sample collection kit.
- You collect samples, bring to the SWCD office and fill out the required forms.
- Ashland SWCD will send in your samples for analysis and return your results.
- Ag field samples range from \$10-16/sample; turf samples range from \$12-40 plus shipping. Shipping is \$2.50/sample or \$1.50/sample for over 10 samples.
- See reverse side of form for specific packages and pricing

Free voluntary nutrient management plans are available with each test.

Ashland SWCD Soil & Manure Testing Services

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Soil Test Type	Price	Quantity	Total
AG S1: Basic Soil Test Package Soil pH, buffer pH, organic matter, available phosphorus, exchangeable potassium, calcium, magnesium, cation exchange capacity, % base saturation of cation elements with recommendations & Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP)	\$10		
AG S2: Basic Plus Soil Test Package S1 test + choice of any 3 of the following micronutrients: boron, copper, iron, manganese, sulfur and zinc	\$13		
AG S3: Complete Soil Test S1 test + boron, copper, iron, manganese, sulfur & zinc	\$16		
TURF T1: Basic Turf & Ornamental Soil Test Package Soil pH, buffer pH (when needed), organic matter, available phosphorus, exchangeable potassium, calcium, magnesium, cation exchange capacity, % base saturation of cation elements. Includes recommendations for nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium & lime by plant species on a special turf & ornamental soil analysis report with graphic display of results.	\$12		
TURF T2: Basic Turf & Ornamental Soil Test w/ T1 test + iron, manganese, zinc & copper ; also includes recommendations for manganese, zinc & copper by plant species	\$20		
TURF T3: Complete Turf & Ornamental Soil Test Package T2 test + nitrogen, sodium, sulfur, boron & soluble salts. Also includes recommendations for sulfur & boron.	\$40		
MANURE M1: Basic Manure Test Package Moisture, solids, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, phosphorus & potassium	\$30		
MANURE M2: Basic Manure Test Package w/Micros M1 test + aluminum, boron, calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, sodium, sulfur & zinc	\$35		
MANURE M3: Basic Manure Test + Ammonium & Organic N M1 test + ammonia & organic nitrogen	\$42		
Shipping/sample (less than 10 samples)	\$2.50		
Shipping/sample (more than 10 samples)	\$1.50		
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Don't miss our upcoming 2022 Conservation Chats!



Jason Mauck of Constant Canopy was our featured speaker at our It Together Conservation Chat & also spoke to local FFA members at our Future of Agriculture Conservation Chat earlier that afternoon.

conservation chats

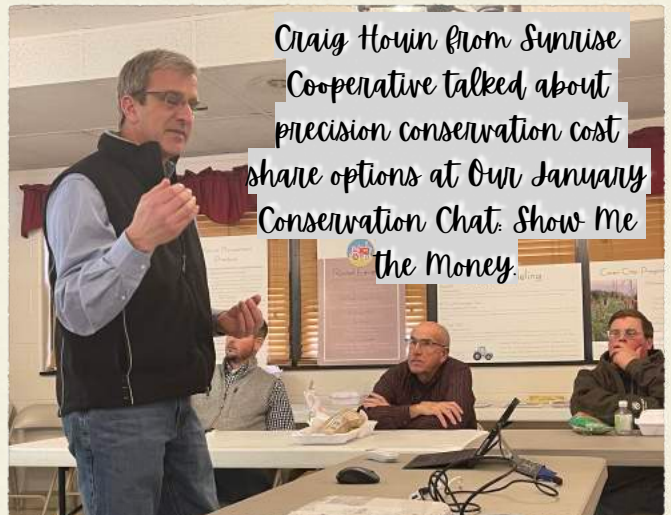
MOHICAN MARKET, LOUDONVILLE 1 PM
april 1: water you gonna do?

- EVER WONDER WHERE PRECIPITATION DATA COMES FROM THAT YOU SEE ON THE NEWS? SOME OF IT COMES FROM THE COCORAHS PRECIPITATION NETWORK. LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP!
- LEARN THE BASICS OF PRECIPITATION MONITORING FROM THERESA SUTTER OF RICHLAND SWCD.
- LEARN ABOUT HOW ICE RIVER SPOTTERS HELP PREDICT SPRING FLOOD RISKS NEAR RIVERS.
- ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION & PLANNING ABOUT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES
- FREE RAIN GAUGES & COOKIES !

conservation chats

HLAVATY WETLAND, 10 A.M.
may 26: wetland wonders

- LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERS OF WETLANDS AND THE BENEFITS THESE NATURAL FEATURES PROVIDE OUR ENVIRONMENT.
- TOUR A RESTORED WETLAND ENVIRONMENT
- LEARN ABOUT THE DETAILS OF H2OHIO WETLAND COST SHARE OPTIONS
- FIND OUT THE DETAILS OF THE MUSKINGUM WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM AND VISIT A COMPLETED LOGJAM REMOVAL PROJECT.



Craig Houin from Sunrise Cooperative talked about precision conservation cost share options at Our January Conservation Chat. Show Me the Money.



Program Director Jane Houin provided an overview of the district's conservation programs during the February Swipe Right for Conservation Chat as part of Ashland Farm Bureau's pancake breakfast.

conservation chats

ASHLAND CO FAIRGROUNDS, 9 AM
june 4: rain, rain, come our way

- RAIN GARDENS ARE A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO MANAGE STORMWATER ON YOUR PROPERTY.
- CERTIFIED MASTER RAIN GARDENER PROFESSIONALS WILL PROVIDE HANDS-ON INSTRUCTION TO INSTALL YOUR OWN GARDEN
- LEARN ABOUT PROPER SITE SELECTION AND THE BEST PLANTS FOR RAIN GARDENS
- BRING YOUR GLOVES AND TOOLS TO SPEND A MORNING WORKING IN THE DIRT WITH US!

See you at our Farmer's Basket Markets in Loudonville


ASHLAND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2022 farmer's basket market

MAY 6, 20
JUNE 3, 17
JULY 8, 22
AUGUST 5, 19
SEPTEMBER 9, 23

LOUDONVILLE'S CENTRAL PARK



Thanks to the support of the **Mohican Area Community Fund, Ashland County Community Fund and Ohio Farm Bureau**, Ashland SWCD will be hosting Farmer's Basket Markets in Loudonville's Central Park this summer. Markets will feature local market vendors and will be based on the University of Minnesota's Power of Produce market model, where kids who participate in educational activities at the market will receive free Power of Produce market cash to spend at the market each week. Plus, outreach & education assistant **Jessica Vaughn** will have kid-friendly recipes to share featuring market goodies. The markets will be held in conjunction with the Loudonville Library's free summer lunch program, so kids can enjoy a free lunch from the library and visit the market at the same time. To volunteer at the market or to learn more about being a vendor, contact **Katie Eikleberry** at 419-281-7645. 

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