

The Warren Report



Warren County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

TREE SALE ORDER DEADLINE Get Your Orders in by March 14

Don't miss out on our tree seedling sale this year! Orders must be placed online by Wednesday, March 14 and will be ready for pickup in April.

Tree Sale Order Pickup is:

Thursday, April 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, April 6, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pickup Location: Warren County Fairgrounds, Building A
665 N Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036

**FINAL
Tree Sale
Reminder!**

In order to get the best survival rate, we include high counts in each pack. We have 30 different tree and shrub types in packs of 5 and a stream stabilization pack that includes 8 live stakes. It is important to us to leverage our cost saving ability as a government agency and pass it along to homeowners in our area, but please remember that we are not a nursery. We provide catalog information on our website for each of the tree species to help you determine which seedlings would be best for your location. This may include information on foliage color, best uses, growth rate, best soil conditions and other additional notes. You may want to consider conducting a soil test in the areas you wish to plant the seedlings to get an even better chance of survival. We sell soil tests here in our office during regular business hours. Homeowners are also encouraged to research tree descriptions on their own. Thank you for joining us in this conservation effort!

Order your trees online today!
warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html

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Tree Sale Dates

March 14 - Order Deadline

April 5 and 6 - Tree Pickup

Rain Barrel Art Auction

April 1 to 19 - Rain barrels displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo

April 9 to 19 - Rain Barrel Auction online

April 19 - Party for the Planet, auction finale, and artist reception

Visit SaveLocalWaters.org for more information

For more information about upcoming events or important dates, please visit our website or sign up for our email newsletter on the homepage.

For more information and helpful tips on what you can do to protect our local water and soil resources, please visit our website and conservation blog at:

WarrenSWCD.com



HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 50 Years of Ohio's Scenic Rivers



Where can you find clean, high quality waters bordered by rich forested corridors that are inhabited by rare aquatic species and numerous game fish? Look no further than Ohio's state wild, scenic and recreational rivers.

Ohio pioneered the river conservation movement when it passed the nation's first Scenic River Act in February 1968. The National Scenic River Act followed in October of the same year. Fifty years later, 14 rivers have been officially designated as Ohio state wild, scenic and recreational rivers. Three of these rivers have also been named national scenic and recreational rivers.

With more than 60,000 miles of rivers and streams in Ohio, this select group represents some of the state's highest quality streams. Most are home to rare or endangered species and an exceptional diversity of fish and other animals. With outstanding water quality, an abundance of aquatic life and naturally wooded corridors, it's no coincidence they are also recreational gems.

Hope Taft, former Ohio First Lady, is a long-time advocate of scenic rivers. "The Little Miami River has gotten a lot cleaner in the last 50 years, but we can't forget about it," said Taft. "The river plays a big part in our health, safety, recreational enjoyment and our quality of life."

Paddle one of Ohio's wild, scenic or recreational rivers and you'll quickly notice the abundance of trees. Wooded stream banks are critical to protecting the river's water quality and natural character as well as providing habitat for fish and other wildlife. Conserving these areas, known as riparian forests, is a focal point of the Ohio Scenic

Rivers Program, which currently protects more than 6,000 acres of riparian corridor across the state.

Healthy forested river banks, outstanding water quality and diverse aquatic life are all criteria for wild, scenic and recreational river designation. Equally important is local community support for the protection of a river system since only local interest can initiate the designation process.

On April 23, 1969, the Little Miami River earned the distinction of becoming Ohio's first designated state scenic river. From its headwaters in Clark County, the Little Miami flows southwesterly for 105 miles, traversing five counties before arriving at its confluence with the Ohio River. The Little Miami River was also the first Ohio stream to be designated as a national scenic and recreational river.

Noted for breathtaking vistas and scenery, the Little Miami River supports rich and abundant aquatic life. More than 87 species of fish have been recorded from the system. Thirty-six species of mussels, including one federally endangered, one federally threatened, and five state endangered species also have been found in the system. In addition to this rich aquatic life, numerous species of breeding birds reside within the river valley.

Scenic Rivers staff joins local communities in conservation initiatives and on-the-water public programming. More than 30,000 people participate in Ohio Scenic Rivers programming annually, including hundreds of volunteers who assist with stream quality monitoring. A growing number of public access sites are making it easier for citizens to enjoy fishing, paddling and hunting on riparian lands protected through the Ohio Scenic Rivers Program.

Join the Ohio Department of Natural Resources this year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ohio's State Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program and 50 years of river conservation success stories.



To learn more about 50th anniversary programming in your area and across the state of Ohio visit: watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/scenicrivers

Article contributed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Great Miami River Cleanup, October 2017



RAIN BARREL ART AUCTION

Artful Education for Environmental Issues and Water Conservation



This year the 6th Annual Rain Barrel Art Auction will be held on Thursday, April 19 at the Cincinnati Zoo. The event promotes the use of rain barrels in residential and commercial landscaping in order to reduce storm water runoff and conserve water. Rain barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use on lawns, gardens, cars or indoor plants.

The painted rain barrels will be on display at the Zoo between April 1 and April 19. Barrels will be available for auction online between April 9 and April 19. The money raised from the auction will be used for environmental education through SaveLocalWaters.org and at the Zoo. Visit the Save Local Waters website for more details. Warren County SWCD also sells non-painted rain barrels through our annual tree sale. Visit the online catalog for pricing and order info.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

College and Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due April 6

Thomas C. Spellmire Future Conservation Leader Scholarship:

We are thrilled to support the conservation stewards and leaders of the future! Our passion to see more students interested in the field of conservation fuels the decision of our Board of Supervisors to offer scholarships to qualifying Warren County students. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school applicant who plans to enroll in a two or four-year undergraduate program in one of the following courses of study: natural resource management, agriculture, forestry, equine science, wildlife, geography, ecology, environmental science or other related fields of study.

Visit our website at warrenswcd.com/scholarship-opportunities.html to apply for these awesome opportunities!

Camp Canopy Scholarship:

Camp Canopy (formerly Ohio Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp) is open to high school students who are passionate about forestry and wildlife. The week-long camp will occur June 10-15, 2018 and is held at FFA Camp Muskingum on Leesville Lake in Carroll County, Ohio. Any interested Warren County high school student who has completed the 8th grade through seniors graduating the year of camp are welcome to fill out a camp application, found on the Ohio Forestry Association website, and turn it in to Warren SWCD. We will award \$375 towards the cost of camp.

FSA ELECTION RESULTS

Warren County Farm Service Agency Announces County Committee Election Results

Warren County U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director John Warrick announced that County Committee elections are over and the ballots have been counted. Fred Vonderhaar, of Lebanon, was elected to represent local administrative area (LAA) #2. John Benthien, of Pleasant Plain, will serve as the first alternate.

“County Committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA,” said CED Warrick. “They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected County Committee members will take office in

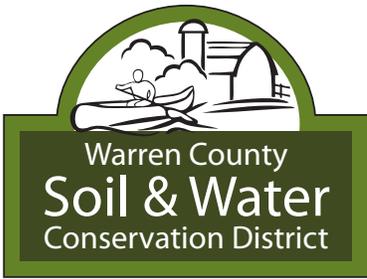
January 2018, and will be joining the existing committee.” Every FSA office is required to have a County Committee, and they are made up of local farmers who are elected by local farmers.

County Committee members impact producers through their decision making and help shape the culture of a local FSA office. They also ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties and are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture.

For more information, visit the FSA website at fsa.usda.gov/elections or contact the Warren County FSA office at 513-282-2957.

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TEST YOUR WATER EVENT

Would you like to know what is in your drinking water? Each year we partner with the Miami Conservancy District, Montgomery County, and Carlisle Local Schools to provide free drinking water testing services to our residents.

When:

Tuesday, May 1
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Where:

Carlisle High School
250 Jamaica Road
Carlisle, Ohio 45005

RSVP at: warrenswcd.com/test-your-water-event.html

The first 40 RSVP's are guaranteed a FREE lead, copper, and arsenic test from an Ohio EPA Certified laboratory! All will receive a free confidential nitrate, nitrite and iron screening.

Our mission is to promote the wise stewardship of our natural resources through cooperative partnerships, educational programs and technical assistance in land and water management.