

The Warren Report



Warren County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

ANNUAL TREE SALE

Conservation and beautification in Warren County

Time to start thinking about what trees you would like to purchase through our Annual Tree Sale! The annual tree seedling program is an effort between Warren and Butler County SWCDs to increase soil conservation and reforestation in our region. With over 30 different trees and shrubs to pick from there is a variety of options for multiple landscapes. Orders will be placed online again this year, beginning in mid-December and continuing through **March 13, 2019**. Tree pickup in Warren County will be **April 4 and 5**. Please call us with any questions or if you need help with the online process.

With assistance from personnel from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, the selection of trees we offer are locally beneficial choices. Knowing this, homeowners are encouraged to further research tree descriptions to determine best suitability for your individual property. We also want to remind you that we sell very young tree **seedlings**. These seedlings have an average height of approximately 18" at time of purchase, depending on species. Due to age/size of trees, we include high counts of seedlings in each pack to increase survival rates on plantings.

Thank you for joining us in our conservation efforts; it is a joy to work with you!

*See page 3 for complete list of tree/shrub species being offered in the 2019 tree seedling sale!

Order your trees online today!

<https://www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html>

Annual Meeting, August 2018



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Tree Sale Dates

March 13 - Order Deadline

April 4 and 5 - Tree Pickup

Rain Barrel Art Project

November 19 - Artwork Entry Submissions
Open for 2019

**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



Incorporating small changes into our everyday lives can make large impacts on the environment. With the approach of cold winter weather, some of these changes can also make a big impact on your economic savings! Here are a few conservation and energy saving tips for this winter:

Properly plug drafty leaks

Conserve energy and money by weather-stripping and caulking air leaks in windows and around doors. Reducing drafts in a home greatly reduces energy use and cost which is good for your wallet and the environment!

Choose a safe De-Icer

Shoveling your snow into areas that are level and able to absorb the water once the snow has melted decreases ice build up, and allows potential pollutants from roadways and driveways to be filtered out by plants before reaching our streams.

If salting is necessary for safety, remember that chemical de-icing salts that wash off of impermeable surfaces run into our local streams where it is harmful to the fish and other aquatic life. Sweep up excess salt and dispose of properly. An alternative to conventional de-icing salt is to purchase de-icer made from calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), potassium chloride (KCl), or calcium chloride (CaCl₂). These are non-toxic de-icing products that do not have the same negative impact on the environment.

Buy Local, Seasonal Produce

Season-appropriate produce requires less energy for transport, is less expensive and often tastes better than out of season produce which must be shipped long distances.

According to the Ohio Farm Bureau, late autumn produce includes apples, beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, corn, grapes (table), kale, onions, parsnips, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, radishes, spinach, squash, tomatoes, turnips, and watermelons. There is a little something for everyone!

WELCOME CINDY

We are grateful to have you joining the District!



Cindy Meyer is joining the district as a Conservation Program Specialist, working with the storm water and farmland conservation programs. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University and West Virginia University where she received degrees in agriculture communications and education. She is excited to be able to work in Warren County and give back to her community by helping to preserve what she grew up loving, our natural resources! Cindy previously worked for Ohio State University Extension as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator for Butler County. Cindy and her husband live with their two boys in Turtle Creek Township.

WCSWCD is excited to have Cindy join our team and look forward to furthering local conservation efforts and programs!

LAND PRESERVATION

The Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) provides funding to assist landowners in preserving Ohio's farmland in our county. The program purchases agricultural easements from landowners who volunteer to keep their land in agricultural production in perpetuity.

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District serves as a local sponsor for Ohio Department of Agriculture's, Farmland Preservation program. Agriculture is a land-based industry, and farmland preservation is a key component of the Ohio Department of Agriculture's work to maintain the state's farming heritage while positioning Ohio for agricultural growth. Food and agriculture together constitute the state's largest industry, contributing more than \$105 billion annually to the state's economy and providing jobs to one in seven Ohioans. The 2019 application round will open soon. If you are interested in the program, please give Cindy Meyer, Conservation Program Specialist, a call at 513-695-1337.

Cover Crop Flyover, September 2018



Live freshwater sturgeon encounters from WAVE Foundation



The 74th Annual Meeting of the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Valley Vineyards in Morrow, Ohio. The nominees for the two available supervisor positions were David Brausch, Bruce Goodwin, and Samantha Steiner. Voting was held from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Our Chairman, Roy Miller, welcomed members to the 74th Annual Meeting, calling the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roy Miller introduced guests: Former State Representative Ron Maag, Liz Cline Area IV Program Specialist with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, District staff and supervisors. During the program, the Board Supervisors and staff recognized the individuals that made outstanding contributions to District conservation activities this year.

- Conservation Educator:** Elizabeth Wilkerson, Little Miami Schools
- Hottest Day:** Rachel Trammel: winning guess August 6, 2018, 91 degrees
- Biggest Tree 2018 - Eastern Redcedar:** Bob Hackman's tree located at Union Church Yard measured 81' tall and 105" circumference.
- Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp Award:** Mitchell Stacey, Little Miami HS
- Thomas C Spellmire Conservation Leader Scholarships:** Noah Brausch (Clinton-Massie HS), Tommy Brennan (Lebanon HS), Lydia Dunaway (Home instruction), Tanner Shinkle (Waynesville HS), Morgan Tegtmeier (Little Miami HS), and Trey Uetrecht (Clinton-Massie HS)
- Cooperator of the Year:** White Oak Farm: Dr. Richard and Darlene Welling, Steve Edwards, and Matt Tomaszewski

Liz Cline announced the results of the election with Bruce Goodwin and Samantha Steiner being elected to serve three year terms to commence January 1, 2019. The educational entertainment for the evening was provided by The WAVE Foundation with a Freshwater Sturgeon Touch Tank. The evening concluded with door prize drawings.

Thank you again to our Annual Meeting Donors!

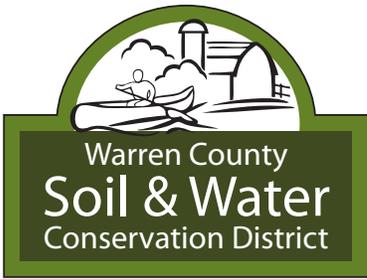
Golden Turtle Chocolate Factory, Morgan's Canoe, Ohio Renaissance Festival, Brimstone Haunted Hayride, Berns Garden Center, Warren County Historical Society, River's Edge Canoe Livery and Outfitters, The Secret Garden, Grandma's Gardens, The Countryside YMCA, Mike's Carwash, Kroger, McHenry Equipment Co, Lebanon Feed Store, Adrenaline Entertainment Centers, and Clarksville Ag Service

TREE/SHRUB SPECIES AVAILABLE 2019 ANNUAL TREE SALE

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| American Beech | Hazelnut |
| Blue Spruce | Northern Red Oak |
| Nannyberry | PawPaw |
| Ninebark | PeeGee Hydrangea |
| Norway Spruce | Persimmon |
| Ohio Buckeye | Sassafras |
| White Pine | Shadblow Serviceberry |
| Winterberry | Shagbark Hickory |
| Arrowwood Viburnum | Silky Dogwood |
| Bald Cypress | Spice Bush |
| Blackwillow | Swamp White Oak |
| Bur Oak | Sycamore American Planetree |
| Butternut White Walnut | Tulip Poplar |
| Buttonbush | White Dogwood |
| Common Lilac | Willow Oak |
| Eastern Redbud | Witchhazel |
| Elderberry | |

SQM with Kings High School students, Little Miami River, October 2018





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We have lots of fun pictures, news and events to share!!!

