

The Warren Report



Warren County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE Warren County SWCD Turns 75!

Ohio has 88 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) that strive to provide locally-driven solutions to natural resource concerns at both the rural and urban settings. Each county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is governed by a board of five locally elected officials, who are familiar with the county's resource needs and can deliver tailor-made conservation programs.

The Warren County Soil Conservation District first officially formed on May 26, 1944, following a referendum in February of 1944, when 97.9% of the Ohio Soil Conservation Committee voted in favor of the proposed soil conservation district in Warren County.

The first board of supervisors were Howard Graham (1944-1950), George Carnahan (1944-1951), Davis Furnas (1944-1952), A.T. Easton (1944-1956), and Henry Harris (1944-1957).

After two decades of operation, Secretary of State Ted W. Brown confirmed the addition of the term "water" to the district's name, officially titling the district the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District on March 23, 1964.

Stay tuned as we will be celebrating 75 years of accomplishments in conservation throughout the year, and plan on joining our 75th celebration at our annual meeting in August!

Happy
75th!

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Tree Sale Dates

March 13 - Order Deadline

April 4 and 5- Tree Pickup

Rain Barrel Art Auction

April 1 to 25 - Rain barrels displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo

April 15 to 25 - Rain Barrel Auction online

April 25 - 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

WELCOME DYLAN New District Technician



Hello Everyone!

My name is Dylan Schurr and I am from Blanchester, Ohio in Clinton County. Currently I live in Wilmington, Ohio. I was an FFA Member and Treasurer in high school; I was also part of the National Honor Society. I helped put on events, lead meetings, and helped other members within my chapters, in both groups. After I graduated from Blanchester High School, I attended Wilmington College for 3.5 years and obtained my Bachelors degree in Agronomy. During college I got to intern for Sunrise Cooperative where I learned how to soil sample large fields, how to haul and handle wet and dry fertilizer, and I learned how to drive a semi. After my internship I decided I wanted to do something to help the environment and to help people and animals the best way that I could, and since I have received my position at the SWCD I plan to do just that!

To reach me about your natural resource management needs, call the Warren County SWCD office at 513.695.1337

TREE SEEDLING SALE

Don't miss out on our tree seedling sale this year! Orders must be placed online by **Wednesday, March 13** and will be ready for pickup in April.

Tree Sale Order Pickup is:

Thursday, April 4, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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. 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!



First Lego League *Mindstorm Madness*, 2018



RAIN BARREL ART AUCTION

Artful Education for Environmental Issues and Water Conservation



This year the 7th Annual Rain Barrel Art Auction will be held on Thursday, April 25 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 25. Barrels will be available for auction online between April 15 and April 25. 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 information.

DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

College and Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due April 5

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 9-14, 2019 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 scholarship application and turn it in to Warren County SWCD. We will award \$375 towards the cost of camp.

ENVIROTHON

An Outdoor, Academic, Environmental Competition for High School Students

The Ohio Area IV Envirothon is a competitive, academic, outdoor team event for high school students which tests their knowledge in five areas: Aquatic Ecology, Current Environmental Issues (CEI), Forestry, Soils and Wildlife. The event is designed to stimulate and reinforce the students interest in our environment and our natural resources while encouraging cooperative decision making, team building and problem solving.

Students who participate gain a greater awareness of natural resources and environmental issues, a better understanding of interrelationships between living and non-living components of the environment and an increased interest in further science study.

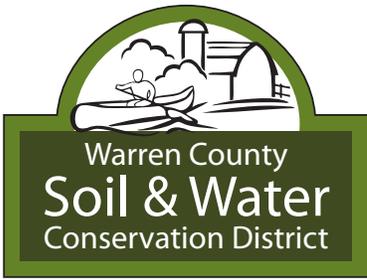
Teams consist of five members from the same school and though each student contributes his or her personal best, the score that counts at the end of the day is the TEAM score. The four top scoring teams then progress on to the State Envirothon Competition where the winning team then goes on to compete in the North American Envirothon Competition.

The Area IV Envirothon encourages young people to become action-oriented members of society and promotes the spirit of inquiry, competition and excellence.

For more information, visit <https://www.areaivenvirothon.org/>

Area IV Envirothon Soil Pit, 2018





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TEA TIME & TREES

Join WCSWCD for tea (and coffee) as we explore the best care practices for planting and raising tree seedlings, learn about the benefits of native trees to our landscape, and learn special care techniques for native fruit trees like persimmon and pawpaw.

When:

Saturday, February 16
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Where:

WCSWCD
320 E. Silver St.
Room 20
Lebanon Ohio 45036

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.

Pre-registration is required
Register at www.warrenswcd.com**