

Conservation News

Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District | Spring 2022

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Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30 am- 4:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

March 15

Board Meeting

7:30am

March 20

First Day of Spring



March 22

Ag Appreciation & Hall of Fame Breakfast

March 31

Clete Vetter Scholarship Deadline

April 1

NACD Poster Contest

Posters Due

First Week of April

Tentative Tree Sale Pickup

April 15

Office Closed at Noon

Easter

April 19

Fish Sale

Order Forms Due

April 26

Fish Sale Pickup

April 27

Area 1 Envirothon

May 14

Pond Clinic

May 30

Office Closed

Memorial Day

June 7-9

Penney Nature Center Summer Camp

K-2nd Grade

June 14-16

Penney Nature Center Summer Camp

3rd-5th Grade

Agriculture Appreciation and Hall of Fame Breakfast

Defiance Knights of Columbus Hall, 111 Elliott Rd., Defiance, OH

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 8:00 am-10:00am

In Celebration of National Ag Week - March 20-26, 2022, the Ohio State University Extension, the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the **Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast on Tuesday, March 22, 2022** at the Defiance Knights of Columbus Hall. The public is welcome! The program begins with an Agriculture Appreciation Breakfast at 8:00 am, followed by inductions into the Defiance County **Agriculture Hall of Fame** and keynote speaker, concluding by 10:00 am.

Agriculture is the dominate land use and a leading industry for Defiance County. Defiance County's crop enterprises contribute an annual value of over \$127 Million and the livestock enterprises and dairy contribute an annual value of over \$30 Million. The Defiance County agriculture industry has high impact value and equally high impact people. These individuals serve as leaders, role models, innovators, entrepreneurs, and conservationists.

We will formally recognize their efforts with an **Agriculture Hall of Fame for Defiance County for the following:**

2020	2022
Tom L. Flory	Virgil H. Hoene
Gary L. Mavis	John P. & Patsy M. Koerner (posthumously)
Joe R. Nester	Roger J. & Lois S. Zeedyk

The Keynote speaker will be Ty Higgins, Ohio Farm Bureau, Sr. Director, Communications and Media Relations. We will be having a catered breakfast buffet and we will be charging \$4.00 per person for this Farmer's Share Breakfast and program. RSVP is required for our planning. Please pay at the door.

RSVP with number of persons attending. Required by March 15th.

Call 419-782-4771, email clevenger.10@osu.edu

or stop by: OSU Extension Defiance County,

06879 Evansport Road, Suite B, Defiance, OH43512

PUBLIC IS WELCOME!

Thank you to our generous Sponsors:

Arps Dairy, Inc	Batt & Stevens Body Shop	Beck's Hybrids
Cooper Farms	Defiance County Farm Bureau	Farmers Elevator Grain & Supply
Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Jim Schmidt Family of Dealerships	Jewell Grain Company
Peter & Maureen Kennerk	Paul Martin & Sons	Ney Oil Company
Redline Equipment	Roehrs-McMillen Insurance	Chuck Spallinger, Ag Consultant
Spatial Ag Systems	Spartan Insurance Agency	State Bank
Williamson Insurance Agency	Midwest Community Federal Credit Union	

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Keep America Beautiful™ has proven that volunteers make a huge impact on litter on roadsides and waterways. Continue to be a part of the solution by participating!! Keeping Defiance County Beautiful is asking all contracted Adopt-A-Highway groups to pick up litter on your road, at least one time during the Defiance County Community Great American Cleanup™, which will be held March 14th thru May 14th.

Organizations, clubs, schools, families that want to clean up a road, or a campus, or a community, or a neighborhood, or a village, or a park, or a creek, or a river, or a ditch, or a fairground, big or small, can be a part of our annual Keep Defiance County Beautiful Great American Cleanup.

Keep Defiance County Beautiful can provide litter grabbers, garbage bags and gloves and will collect the gathered waste and dispose of it at no charge between March 14th to May 14th. To acknowledge any clean up event, to obtain litter supplies and to be recognized as a Great American Cleanup volunteer, please contact June Crosser at (419) 782-5442, or email jcrosser@defiancecounty.oh.gov.

2022 NACD Poster Contest

Contest Rules and Guidelines:

The Poster Contest is open to ALL DEFIANCE COUNTY public, parochial and homeschooled students in grades K-12

Contest Categories

K-1st Grade 2nd-3rd Grade 4th-6th Grade 7th-9th Grade 10th-12th Grade

- Posters can be dropped off at the Defiance SWCD or contact our office to pick them up from the front office of your school
- Poster must be turned in on time for judging- Posters due Friday, April 1st
- Attach the poster entry form, available at SWCD office, to the back of the poster
- Any media may be used to create a flat poster (paint, crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.)
- Do not put your name on the front side of the poster
- Must be drawn on provided 11"x17" paper available at SWCD office
- The 2022 Stewardship theme "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life" must be included on the front side of each poster

County Level Winners - Defiance SWCD will select a 1st and 2nd place poster from each category. Copies of these will be displayed throughout the year as part of our display. One overall poster will be selected as the GRAND PRIZE for the county and will be displayed on a billboard close to the student's school for a one-month period.

State & National Level Winners - The 1st place county level winners from each category will be sent on to the state level for judging. State Winners will then be sent to the national level, where one overall winner will be selected and announced at the 2022 NACD Annual Meeting. Winners will be posted to the NACD website and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive a monetary prize.



*In order to be displayed on the billboard, the poster must be drawn in landscape position.

News Report Released

Defiance SWCD and Defiance County producers helped participate in the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative 2021 Assessment Survey Report in 2021. The Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI) randomly computer-generated survey points on 450 crop production fields within the Hydrologic Unit Code 8 (HUC8) Lower Maumee watershed. All the information in this article comes from this survey report which can be found in its entirety at:

https://ohioaci.org/site/assets/files/1310/oaci_2021_assessment_survey_report.pdf

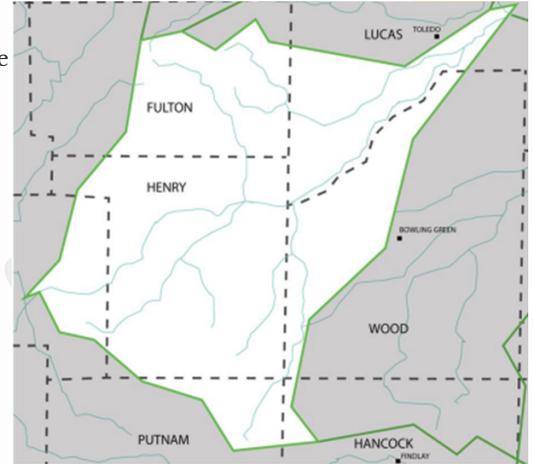
Groups from both The Ohio State University and Iowa State University assisted in developing the sampling strategy and data analysis in a statistical approach to find what practices are being used by farmers within the HUC8 Lower Maumee watershed (shown on the map). All randomly chosen fields were 20 acres or larger parcels, so the average surveyed field size was 48.4 acres.

Soil and Water Conservation District employees were given the surveys to interview the landowner or farm manager for each field selected, these surveys were mostly done over the phone. A baseline of current implementation of agricultural best management practices (BMPs) is the result of the surveys completed. The bullet points below are a shortened summary of the survey findings taken exactly from the report.

- The assessment found that most farmers were testing their soil, with 83% of the surveyed fields being sampled at least once every 3 years. The vast majority of soil samples (87%) were being done using precision agriculture, via grid or zone methods.
- 40% of fields surveyed had phosphorus applied using variable-rate technology (VRT); 13% of fields had nitrogen applied using VRT.
- Nearly 50% of the fields were either no tilled or minimally tilled.
- The assessment found that 48% of the farmland assessed was owned by the farmer and 52% was in a lease.
- Farm familiarity is very high as 95% of the fields had been managed by the farmer for 3 years or longer with only 5% being farmed less than 3 years.
- 42% of fields surveyed had water management practices installed and 9% used multiple water management practices.

County Completed Fields:

Defiance 34
Fulton 51
Hancock 3
Henry 272
Lucas 13
Putnam 28
Wood 39
Total 440



Lower Maumee watershed map

Defiance H2Ohio Reminders

Even though the weather is finally starting to get nicer, don't get too antsy on starting field work until after March 15th! To qualify for payment, cover crops must be left in the field undisturbed until March 15th, per program guidelines. Our office will be out in March doing field checks for the different practices for H2Ohio, give us a wave if you see us around. We are hoping then to be sending out payments in April for the 2021 crop year practices: small grains, manure incorporation, overwintering cover crops, and forages.

Last fall was not an enjoyable time to be a farmer for many people and we realize that many acres of small grains were not able to be planted. If you are a producer in H2Ohio that did get wheat planted but decide to destroy the crop, after March 15th, be sure to contact our office. We hopefully will be able to change the small grains payment for '22 into an overwintering cover crop payment instead for crop year '21.

Gearing up for the '22 planting season is already in motion. H2Ohio producers be sure to have your Farm Summary sheets filled out or an updated voluntary nutrient management plan into our office. We do have some ag retailers that have completed these sheets for the producers they work with, so you could additionally check in with them. Make sure after planting you update your crop rotation for each field with us and turn in any invoices for fertilizer for VRT or placement for the 2022 crop. Our office will make 2022 implementation, VRT, and subsurface placement practice payments this summer. Please try to be timely after planting on getting records turned in.

Briefly touching on another unfortunate topic, our office realizes that fertilizer prices are outrageous and difficult to obtain at the current time. Producers have to do what works best for their operation, but program guidelines will need to be followed as written to qualify for a H2Ohio payment. If you do not VRT or place at least 20lbs of P2O5, the SWCD will be unable to make those payments. If you do not or are unable to apply enough phosphorus and you are signed up for the VRT and/or placement practices, please still contact our office to let us know you will not be turning in invoices for those '22 practices.

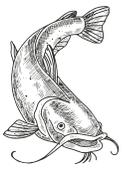
Thank-you for embracing the H2Ohio program and we wish you all a safe and successful planting season.

Scholarship Opportunity

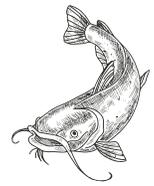
The \$1,000 Cletus Vetter Scholarship is eligible to residents/students of Defiance County seeking a focus or career in conservation, natural resources, agriculture or a related field. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at a two-year or four-year accredited college, university or technical school beginning in the fall of 2022. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022. For more information, please contact the SWCD office.

Board Meetings

The Defiance Soil & Water Conservation (SWCD) Board has set its regular monthly meetings for 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Changes to the meeting times will be posted in the Crescent-News. Meetings will be held at the Evergreen Lane office complex, 06879 Evansport Road, Defiance, OH. Contact the SWCD office at 419-782-1794 for meeting information.



2022 Fish Sale



RECOMMENDED STOCKING RATES PER 1- ACRE POND

*Unfortunately Perch are NOT available this year for sale, so note that these recommended rates for # of fish to stock per one-acre pond all include incorporating Perch.

BASS	BLUEGILL	REDEAR SUNFISH	CATFISH	PERCH
100	500	250	0	0
100	250	0	0	0
100	500	0	100	0
100	0	0	0	100
100	500	0	0	100
100	500	0	100	100

Fish Sale preordered fingerlings pick-up on:

Tuesday, April 26th from 3:30pm to 4:00pm at Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District

Bring own containers filled with pond water close to time of pick-up. Line container with unscented plastic bag. 5-10 gallon container is adequate for 100 fish except for White Amur & Koi which need 5-10 gallon container per 2-3 fish. Fish are guaranteed to be in good condition at the time of delivery, but we cannot guarantee survival after stock is in your pond. Order deadline is Tuesday, April 19th. Mail order & payment to: Defiance SWCD, 06879 Evansport Road, Suite C, Defiance, OH 43512

Detach bottom half and drop off or mail order form.

Species	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Price
Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	\$0.08		
Channel Catfish	4" - 5"	\$0.90		
Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$0.95		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	\$0.95		
Redear Sunfish	2" - 4"	\$0.95		
Largemouth Bass	2" - 3"	\$1.05		
Black Crappies	2" - 4"	\$1.05		
Japanese Koi	6" - 8"	\$13.00		
Triploid White Amur	8" - 10"	\$15.00		

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Mailing Address: _____	Subtotal	\$
	Tax (6.75%)	\$
	Total	\$

Equipment Rental

BRILLION GRASS SEEDER

- 10-FOOT SEEDING WIDTH WITH 2 SEPARATE SEED BOXES
- MUST HAVE GROUND TILLED, LEVEL & LOOSE
- SEED IS DROPPED BETWEEN 2 SETS OF ROLLERS & COVERED WITH LOOSE SOIL
- \$75 MINIMUM OR \$10 PER ACRE



HAYBUSTER ALL-PURPOSE DRILL

- 10-FOOT SEEDING WIDTH WITH A BROAD RANGE OF SEEDING OPTIONS
- DESIGNED TO EFFICIENTLY SEED NO-TILL, MINIMUM TILL OR CONVENTIONALLY TILLED FIELDS
- OFFERS THE FLEXIBILITY OF SEEDING ALONE OR PLANTING Multiple DIFFERENT SEEDS
- \$75 MINIMUM OR \$15 PER ACRE

STRAW MULCHER (BLOWER)

- PULL BEHIND A PICK-UP TRUCK WITH A 2-INCH BALL
- STRAW MULCHER FUEL TANK MUST BE REFILLED
- \$75 MINIMUM OR \$12 PER HOUR IF RUN OVER 6 HOURS



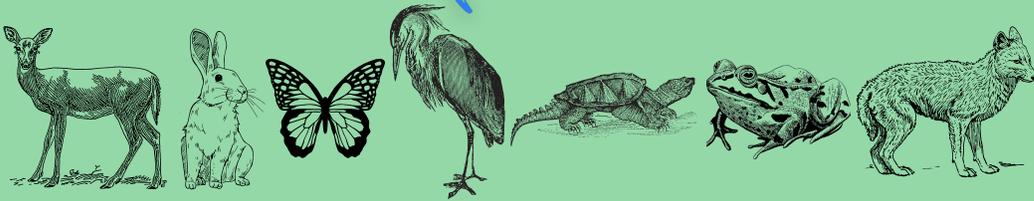
TREE PLANTER PULL-TYPE

- ROAD TRANSPORT BEHIND PICK-UP TRUCK WITH A 2-INCH BALL
 - \$30 MINIMUM OR \$30 PER 1,000 TREES PLANTED

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2022 Penney Nature Center Kids Camp



**CAMP IS LIMITED TO
DEFIANCE COUNTY
STUDENTS FINISHING:**

**KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE
JUNE 7TH-9TH, 8:30AM TO 12PM
3RD - 5TH GRADE
JUNE 14TH-16TH, 8:30AM TO 12PM**



Kids will participate in fun activities to explore the woods, creek, meadows, and wetlands at Penney Nature Center. Focus will be on the animals that live in each ecosystem. The camp is taught by Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District staff and other natural resource educators.

Questions?

Please call or email Kevin Hancock:
419-782-1794,
khancock@defiancecounty.oh.gov



Cost for the camp is \$20, which covers snacks and a T-shirt.

Registration and all required forms can be found on our website, <https://www.defianceswcd.org/> starting April 1st. Registration and payments are to be mailed or dropped off at our office by May 20.

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Thank you Defiance County Commissioners!

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Take just a few minutes to find the names of past and present county commissioners with last names from K-Z below and return it to our office by Friday, May 6. The randomly drawn winner will receive a flag.

Good Luck!

- KARST (Jacob)
- KELLERMYER (Charles F. & Lake C.)
- KELLS (Robert M.)
- KERN (David S.)
- KIME (Thomas L.)
- KLEIN (Ludwig)
- KNIGHT (Airs)
- KUHN (Leonard R.)
- LAAD (Ira W.)
- LENHART (Sylvester J.)
- LONGSWORTH (Robert S.)
- LOUGDON (Lyman)
- MACK (Ryan)
- MAXWELL (William R.)
- McGOVNEY (J.W.)
- MILLER (Darrell & David & J.W.)
- MIX (Charles W.)
- NEWTON (Charles H. & Townsend)
- NICELY (Otto L.)
- ORT (Henry)
- OTIS (Merrill)
- PECK (Lavon)
- PICKERING (Robert S.)

- PLOTTS (Gary)
- POCRATSKY (Michael "Mick")
- RYAN (Daniel F.)
- SANFORD (Andrew J. & John M.)
- SCHUMACHER (Henry)
- SEWELL (Joseph)
- SHOLL (George W.)
- SINGER (Jacob)
- SMITH (Ray M.)
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- SPEKER (Charles)
- STEVER (Edward F.)
- STRUBLE (Martin)
- SWITZER (Robert E.)
- THIEL (Anthony J.)
- TRAVIS (David)
- WAGNER (James F.)
- WEBER (Albert A.)
- WELKER (Orley)
- WILHELM (Adam)
- WISEMAN (W. Tom)
- ZACHRICH (William)
- ZIMMERMAN (Andrew J. & Robert E.)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

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