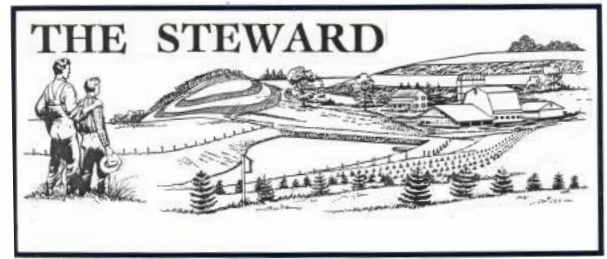


Fall 2022

Ashland



Soil & Water Conservation District

NACD Urban Grant Focuses on Farmer Connections

You may have noticed some new programming at Ashland SWCD this summer, from Farmer's Basket Markets throughout the summer in Loudonville's Central Park to our new Conservation Stewardship certification program. These are just two of the ways Ashland SWCD is working to develop stronger connections and relationships between our local farmers and consumers through a new Urban Agriculture grant from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

Ashland was one of just 31 conservation districts from across the country that was selected to receive an NACD Urban Agriculture grant with a focus on increasing the district's capacity to deliver technical assistance related to urban, community, and small-scale agriculture. The Ashland grant will focus on three areas: increasing



Sweet treats from Fitch's Pharm Farm were a huge hit with both young & old at the Farmer's Basket Markets this summer.

farm-to-fork consumer access by hosting Farmer's Basket Markets in Loudonville, raising awareness of on-farm conservation stewardship with community members through Conservation Stewardship certification, and research and planning to implement new beginning farmer programs and opportunities in Ashland County.

"We built a lot of great relationships at the Farmer's Basket Markets this summer, and we're going to continue to build and grow those relationships as we start using the Fieldprint calculator this fall to help producers identify potential areas for conservation improvement," said Jane Houin, Ashland SWCD director. "Coming out of the pandemic, we have a lot of increased interest in local food, and we're excited to help build those connections, provide assurance that our producers are in fact being good stewards of the land, and help build opportunities for new farmers.

For more information on these FREE programs, contact the Ashland SWCD office at 419-281-7645. 

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

November 11: Veteran's Day

November 24-25: Thanksgiving,

December 26: Christmas, January 2: New Year's

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

November 9, December 14

Conservation Chats: 6 p.m.t

November 3: Prep Your Pond, Wildlife Conservation League

December 1: Wet Weather Woes, Loudonville Ohio Theater

Fall Fish Stocking Sale (Ashland Fairgrounds)

Order deadline: October 11; Pickup October 18

Nature Journaling at Hazel Willis Woods

November 12 & December 10 at 9 a.m.



Meet the Staff:



Cora Crilow

On staff since Summer 2022

Cora interned in our offices this summer, working with our Farmer's Basket Markets. But this fall, she is joining our team as an AmeriCorps service member through the Northern Ohio Watershed Corps (NOWCorps) program for the 2022-23 service year.

Education:

Cora graduated this spring from West Holmes High School where she served as their FFA president and is currently pursuing a degree in agriscience education at Ohio State ATI.

Favorite quote:

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." –Churchill

Hobbies:

Cora enjoys showing livestock, being outside, and hanging out with family & friends.

Ashland SWCD election

Congratulations to our newly reelected Ashland SWCD board members, **Valerie Hall** and **Justin Ringler**.

Fall Fish Sale Pick Up

New location!

ORDER DEADLINE: OCTOBER 11

PICK UP AT NEW LOCATION!!
ASHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
OCTOBER 18, 11 AM - NOON

Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler, Chair
Roger Amos, Vice Chair
Valerie Hall, Secretary
Karen Welch, Fiscal Officer
Steve Hughes, Equipment Manager

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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Email: keikleberry@ashlandcounty.org

Ashland SWCD

1763 SR 60, Ashland OH 44805

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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Come check out the fun at our Conservation Chats!

conservation chats

MOHICAN MEMORIAL SHRINE, PERRYSVILLE

october 13: forestry faqs

- LEARN THE NEXT STEPS TO HELP YOUR WOODLAND RECOVER FROM SUMMER STORM DAMAGE.
- GET AN UP CLOSE & PERSONAL LOOK AT THE STORM DAMAGE IN THE MOHICAN STATE FOREST AND HEAR FROM STAFF ON HOW THEY ARE MANAGING THAT DAMAGE.
- HEAR FROM A CERTIFIED FORESTER ABOUT OPTIONS TO MODIFY YOUR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE.



Our Rain Barrel Basics & Beyond Chat participants made their own rain barrels in Loudonville's Central Park!



A wet & wild time was had at our Crawdad Derby at Mohican State Park!

conservation chats

ASHLAND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEAGUE

nov. 3: prep your pond

- YOU'VE STOCKED YOUR POND FOR THE FALL, BUT NOW WHAT?
- LEARN THE BEST MANAGEMENT TIPS FROM STEVE FENDER OF FENDER'S FISH HATCHERY TO PREP YOUR POND FOR FALL
- HEAR TIPS TO IMPROVE FISH HEALTH & MINIMIZE THE RISK OF SPRING FISH KILLS IN YOUR POND
- ASHLAND S'WCD FISH SALE ORDERS DUE 10/11.

conservation chats

OHIO THEATER, 6 P.M.
LOUDONVILLE, OHIO

dec. 1: wet weather woes

- TIRED OF BATTLING MUD IN THE SPRING ?
- HEAR FROM AARON WILSON, OSU AG'S WEATHER GURU ON OHIO'S CHANGING WEATHER PATTERNS & TRENDS
- DAVE BRANDT WILL SHARE HOW HE USES COVER CROPS IN CHALLENGING WEATHER
- LEARN THE BEST PASTURE MANAGEMENT TIPS TO MANAGE (& PREVENT!) SPRING MUD



FFA members got the dirt on soils at our county soils learning contest!

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2022 SWCD Award Winners!



*Cooperator of the Year:
Honey Haven Farm*



*Horizon Award: Wendell
Swartzentruber*



*Volunteer of the Year:
Gigi Obringer*