

# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

## Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

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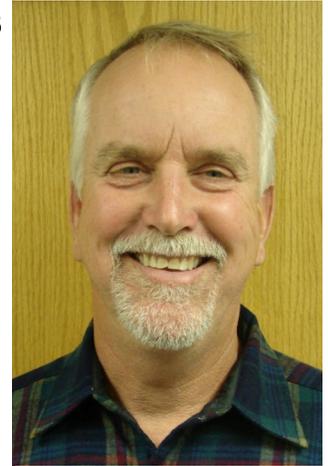
John Redick of Wooster and Matt Peart of Burbank were sworn into office at the January 12th board meeting by Supervisor Fred Myers. Redick was re-elected and Peart was elected to the board at the district's annual meeting in November. They will serve a three year term. They join incumbent board members David Maurer, Fred Myers, and David Rohrer in administering the Wayne SWCD's natural resource conservation programs.

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation



John Redick

Districts was organized in 1943 to further the natural resource conservation mission of the state's 88 county-based SWCD's. As subdivisions of state government, soil and water conservation districts have legal authority to assist landowners with a wide range of soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation objectives. Another important goal is to provide information and education programs on natural resource conservation and management topics for county residents.



Matt Peart

### Soil & Water Stewardship Week April 25 - May 2

In 1955, the National Association of Conservation Districts began a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship. Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. It is one of the world's largest conservation-related observances.



The program relies on locally-led conservation districts sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation. The Stewardship concept involves personal and social respon-

sibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely, leaving a rich legacy for future generations. One definition of Stewardship is "the individual's responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others." E. William Anderson suggests stewardship "is essentially a synonym for conservation."

Stewardship Week helps remind all citizens of the power of each person to conserve natural resources and improve the world. When people work together with their local conservation district, that power grows and grows. As these good deeds multiply across the nation's network

of conservation districts, the results are spectacular!

*When the land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land—when both end up better by reason of their partnership—then we have conservation. - Aldo Leopold*

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Wayne SWCD is trying to save money during these tough economic times. So if you would like to help us out and help reduce that pile of Newsletters at your home, please email us your name and email address to [swcd@bright.net](mailto:swcd@bright.net). We will email the next Newsletter to you. Thanks for helping us conserve!

# K-12 Conservation Poster Contest

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring our annual poster contest for grades K-12. The 2010 stewardship theme is "**Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats**". Cash awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the following categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

All winners will be sent on to the District contest and also featured in the Wayne SWCD Fair Building September 11-16.

## Contest rules:

Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category)

- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an



individual student rather than a team of students.

- The 2010 Stewardship title "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats" must be on your poster. (Don't use any other title)
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

On the back of each poster, please print:

- Student's name
- Student's age
- School grade
- Student's home address
- Student's phone number with area code

- School's address and phone number with area code
- Teacher's name
- Conservation District (county in which school is located - **Wayne SWCD**).

Only one entry per student may be submitted.

## Evaluation criteria:

- 50% Conservation message
- 30% Visual effectiveness
- 10% Originality
- 10% Universal Appeal

Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria:

1. Has the theme been clearly addressed?
2. Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter?
3. Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be turned in to the Wayne SWCD office, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster by **4:00 p.m. on Friday April 30th**. Contact the Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 with questions concerning the contest.

## No-Till Drills and Planter For Rent

The Wayne SWCD has three no-till drills and a planter for rent. The no-till drills can also be used for late summer cover crops, or for double cropping soybeans after a small grain.

A 7' no-till drill can be rented and pulled with a tractor or accompanied with a ground driven hydraulic forecart for horse drawn compatibility. It has separate boxes for small grains and legumes or grasses. It rents for \$10.00 an acre with a minimum of 6 acres.

Also available are two larger no-till drills, 10' (8 acre min.) and 15' (15 acre min.), which rent for \$10 per acre and a three row horse drawn no-till corn planter (5 acre min.) for \$7.50 per acre. The equipment is for rent to the public in an effort to promote no-till planting in Wayne County.

Please call the Wayne SWCD office at 330-262-2836 to be scheduled for this spring.

## Ohio Forestry Association Memorial Scholarship

The Ohio Forestry Association is offering a scholarship grant. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen and high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college with a two-year minimum program. Current college students must provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic advancement.

Applications are available in the SWCD office or online at <http://www.ohioforest.org/pdf/2010scholarshipapp.pdf>

Applications must be returned to the Ohio Forestry Association by **April 15th**.

## Cover Crop Fly On

The Wayne SWCD is still working to determine if enough interest exists to offer an aerial cover crop program in

conjunction with Holmes SWCD. Please contact us and let us know if you think you might have an interest or if you have questions. 330-262-2836

## Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award

Nomination forms are available in our office for the Ohio Farm Family Award or at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/12/swcds/admin/forms/farmfamilyform.pdf>

The forms need to be sent to **Ohio Farmer** magazine by May 1, 2010

### Reminder:

**Tree pick-up - Wednesday,**

**April 14th, 1:30 - 6:00pm**  
Wayne County Fairgrounds  
- Sheep Bldg.

**Fish Sale Deadline - April 16th**

**Fish Sale Pickup - Tuesday, April 20th, 9:00 - 10:00 AM** Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Vanover St. Entrance

# Sediment and Erosion Control Basics – Silt Fence

By Robert Kastner

Continuing our theme of Sediment and Erosion Control Basics from the previous newsletter, we will discuss silt fence installation and maintenance. Silt fence is a barrier installed downslope of disturbed ground to collect sediment on its upslope side as it allows sheet flow, storm water runoff to pass through it. Silt fence is installed on a level contour (same ground elevation) for its entire length, with its ends oriented upslope slightly to inhibit flow around the silt fence. Typically silt fence is a black, geotextile fabric that is 24” high, with the bottom buried and backfilled 6” into the ground. The fabric is attached to 2” x 2” wooden stakes, installed along the fence at a spacing of no more than 10 feet. During construction, silt fence should be checked periodically and damage to the silt fence, due to construction equipment or weather, repaired. Silt fence is to remain in place until 70% vegetative cover is established across the disturbed ground. Fabric silt fence is available locally.

One of the downsides of fabric silt fence is that it cannot be reused – it must be removed and disposed of after use. An alternative to the fabric silt fence is the filter sock. The filter sock is a flexible, permeable tube or sock filled with compost that is weed, insect and pathogen free. The filter sock is staked into the ground at 10 foot intervals and installed on a level contour, as required for installation of the fabric silt fence. For best results, the fabric silt fence and filter sock should be installed with a five to ten foot length of undisturbed, vegetated ground on its upslope side. The filter sock may be seeded if planned to be used as a part of

the permanent landscaping or the filter sock may be cut and the compost dispersed after 70% vegetative cover is established. Filter socks are typically designed to biodegrade in 2 to 5 years if left in place. Filter socks are installed by trained, local installers.

Linear silt barriers are the sediment control barrier most often used in Wayne County and across Ohio. Proper installation and maintenance will insure the silt barrier is performing to its capabilities, limiting sediment from running off construction sites and into our local waterways.

Note:

I would like to thank all of those who attended the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Informational Meeting regarding the Wayne County Storm Water Regulations. I would also like to thank Kelvin Rogers from the Ohio EPA for sharing information on the recently passed federal storm water regulations, most importantly how and when they will impact state and local regulations. If you have any questions regarding the Wayne County Storm Water Regulations or the federal storm water regulations please feel free to contact Rob Kastner at (330) 262 – 2836.



## Wetlands Reserve Program

By John Knapp

If you own land that might be suitable for creating a wetland, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) may be for you. The WRP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring the land from agricultural production. The program began nationwide in 1992 and in Ohio in 1995. To date, Ohio has 326 WRP easements covering 20,143 acres.

Eligible lands include wetlands that were cleared and/or drained for agricultural production prior to 1985 (prior converted cropland), farmed wetlands, farmed wetland pasture, farmland that floods, farmland with poorly drained soils, and abandoned cropland with tile, drainage ditches, or similar alterations. Previously restored wetlands that need long-term protection are also eligible.

WRP offers several enrollment options:

Permanent Easement is a conservation easement in

perpetuity. USDA pays 100 percent of the easement value and up to 100 percent of the restoration costs.

30-Year Easement is an easement that expires after 30 years. USDA pays up to 75 percent of the easement value and up to 75 percent of the restoration costs.

Restoration Cost-Share Agreement is an agreement to restore or enhance the wetland functions and values without placing an easement on the enrolled acres. USDA pays up to 75 percent of the restoration costs.

For both permanent and 30-year easements, USDA pays all costs associated with recording the easement including recording fees, abstracts, survey, appraisal fees, and title insurance. With any of the above options the landowner retains ownership of the property and controls access to the land. To learn more about WRP or other conservation programs, contact John Knapp at 330-262-2836.

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## Equine Program

March 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-9:00pm



There will be an Educational Horse Program at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, Armstrong Building. The program will feature information on “Equine Liability and Legal Issues”, with Larry Habrun, Habrun Insurance Service, and Sam Steimel, Esq., Steimel Law Office. Subjects covered will be liability insurance, waivers, release forms, contracts & policies, and pollution. RSVP to the Wayne SWCD if you plan on attending. For more information, contact Kelly at 330-262-2836 or check the website:

[www.bright.net/~swcd](http://www.bright.net/~swcd)

## Pond Clinic

There will be an educational pond clinic on pond management, pond design, fish stocking, water quality issues, and vegetation growth among other topics. The clinic will be held Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm, so plan to attend! Steve Fender will be the speaker. There will also be experienced pond construction contractors attending. Free educational information will be available! If you don't own a pond, but love to fish, or you don't own a pond, but are thinking of building one, this program is for you also! The program will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Armstrong Building, 199 Vanover St. Wooster, Ohio. Please RSVP to Wayne SWCD at 330-262-

2836 before March 29th - however, last minute attendees are welcome! Bring your questions and a friend!

### Calendar

- March 9 - Equine Program, Fairgrounds
- March 31 - Pond Clinic, Fairgrounds
- April 13 - Wayne SWCD Board Meeting
- April 14- **Tree Pickup/Fairgrounds/ Sheep Bldg 1:30 - 6:00 pm**
- April 16 - Deadline for Fish Orders
- April 20 - **Fish Pickup/Fairgrounds 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 30 - Arbor Day
- April 25- May 2 - Soil & Water Stewardship Week

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