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RIPARIAN TREE PLANTING

For any landowner with a stream running across their property, riparian buffers are highly recommended. Riparian buffers are wooded or grassed areas adjacent to streambanks, and there are numerous benefits - both environmental and economical - to planting them. Tree cover provides shade to lower water temperature which improves habitat for aquatic life, autumn leaf litter feeds aquatic bugs which increases the presence of fish, and roots absorb excess runoff. Trees also stabilize streambanks, so if you have problems with erosion, planting trees will help prevent the further loss of land and soil (and it is cheaper than putting in a stabilizing structure in the future). The buffer works both ways too – if you have problems with flooding from your stream, trees will act as a barrier to protect your fields. To see these benefits, riparian buffers should be at least 25 feet in width – more if a lot of water runs off from the field – but even having a single line of trees on the streambank is better than nothing. Pesticides, fertilizers and sediment have a much easier time entering our waterways if bare ground runs all the way up to the streambank.

With the upcoming tree sale, now is the perfect time to be thinking about a riparian forest buffer. The Soil and Water Conservation District offers many species of trees suitable for a riparian environment. When planting these buffers, it is important to remember how damp a tree likes its soil – some can tolerate the wet soils right up to the stream while others prefer the well-drained soils further back from the water. A few species to consider: Red Maple, River Birch and Swamp White Oak (all like wet soil); Ohio Buckeye, White Flowering Dogwood, Red Oak, Hackberry and Redbud (all like well-drained soil). Other trees to consider, not included in our sale, are Sweet Gum, Box Elder, Sycamore, Pin Oak, Northern Catalpa and Black Walnut. If you already have trees planted in your riparian zones, even better. These areas work best when trees are diverse in size and species. Smaller trees act as windbreaks, some may provide fruit for wildlife and grow quickly, while larger trees provide better canopy cover and take up more runoff. Having a variety of species can also mitigate the spread of disease or pests. Even scattering shrubs and tall grasses can be effective since they fill out open spaces and thicken the buffer (lawn grass being an exception since it does little to filter runoff). Not only do riparian zones offer conservation benefits, they enhance the visual appeal of your land too.

If you'd like to give your stream some tree cover, this newsletter contains a full list of species available for purchase. You can also call the SWCD for more information on which species are best for your stream and how and when to plant them.



Spring is almost here! It's time again for the Tree Seedling Sale. See inside for descriptions and order form.

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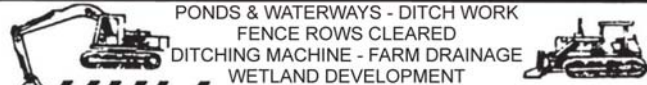
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Native Conifers	Qty.	Sapling 2.5'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-9"	Pack of 100 6"-9"	Total
Bald Cypress		n/a	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	
White Pine		\$5.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	
PLEASE INDICATE QUANTITY NEXT TO ITEM & CIRCLE PACK OF 5, 25 or 100						
Native Broadleaf Small Trees & Shrubs (<20')	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
American Plum		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Chokecherry		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Pawpaw		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Redbud		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Washington Hawthorn		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
White Flowering Dogwood		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Winterberry		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Witch Hazel		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Native Broadleaf Large Trees	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
Chestnut Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Hackberry		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Ohio Buckeye		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Red Maple		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Red Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
River Birch		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Sassafras		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Swamp White Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Thornless Honey Locust		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Tuliptree		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
White Oak		n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00	
Additional Items	Qty.	Cost				Total
Wildflower Seeds		\$5.00				
Tree Tube and Wood Stake		\$5.00				
Dibble Bar		\$55.00				
Marking flags will be available for purchase on the day of pick up at a cost of \$10 for a bundle of 100						Grand Total
Order Deadline: March 17th ~ Pick Up: Friday, April 17th						

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2020 Tree Seedling Sale

PLEASE ORDER EARLY as orders are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. All orders are subject to availability. There is no limit to the number of packets you may order; however, payment must be included with your order. Please visit www.lickingswcd.com to place your order online (select Fairfield as your pickup location). **Pick-up date is Friday, April 17, 2020.** The Fairfield SWCD will not be liable for any seedlings not picked up on the original pick-up date.

All trees and shrubs are state and federally inspected. We may need to make reasonable substitutions based on availability of certain species. **Orders must be received by Tuesday, March 17, 2020.**

Tree Descriptions

Tree Name	Mature Height	Mature Width	Growth Rate	Light Required	Soil Moisture	Soil pH	Comments/Uses
Bald Cypress	50' - 70'	20' - 45'	M	S, P	M, W	A	long living, loses needles in the winter
White Pine	60' - 80'	20' - 40'	F	S	M	A,N	windbreak, timber, wildlife
American Plum	15' - 25'	15' - 25'	F	S	D, M	N	edible fruit, fragrant flowers, attracts birds
Chestnut Oak	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	S-M	S	D, M	N	wildlife, timber
Chokecherry	20' - 30'	15' - 20'	M	S, P,SH	M	N	edible fruit, showy white flowers
Hackberry	40' - 60'	40' - 60'	M-F	S, P	M	N	edible fruit, attracts wildlife, unique bark
Ohio Buckeye	20' - 40'	20' - 40'	M	S,P,SH	M, W	A	attracts wildlife, Ohio's state tree
Pawpaw	15' - 30'	15' - 30'	M-F	S, P	M, W	A,N	edible fruit, wildlife
Red Maple	40' - 70'	30' - 50'	M	S, P	W	A	lovely fall foliage, wildlife
Red Oak	50' - 60'	50' - 60'	F	S	D, M	N	tolerates dry conditions, landscaping, timber
Redbud	25' - 30'	26' - 33'	M	S, P	M, W	B	adaptable, edible pink-magenta flowers
River Birch	40' - 70'	40' - 60'	F	S, P	M, W	N	unique flaky bark, wildlife
Sassafras	30' - 60'	25' - 40'	F	S, P	M	A	aromatic, wildlife, roots can be used for teas
Swamp White Oak	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	S-M	S, P	M	A	adaptable, bottomlands, timber, wildlife
Thornless Honey Locust	60' - 80'	60' - 80'	F	S	M	N	attractive, wildlife
Tuliptree	60' - 90'	30' - 50'	F	S	M	A	showy flowers, attracts wildlife, medicinal
Washington Hawthorn	25' - 30'	25' - 30'	M	S	M	N	shrubby tree, showy flowers, attracts wildlife
White Flowering Dogwood	20' - 30'	20' - 25'	S-M	S, P	M	A	spring flowers, red/burgundy autumn color
White Oak	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	S-M	S, P	D,M,W	N	timber, wildlife, long-lived, ornamental
Winterberry	3' - 12'	3' - 12'	S-M	S,P,SH	M, W	A	red fruits, attracts birds and butterflies
Witch Hazel	15' - 20'	15' - 20'	M	P, SH	M	A	attractive fall color, wildlife, medicinal

Soil Moisture (W = wet, M = medium, D = dry)

Light (S = sun, P = part sun/shade, SH = shade)

Soil pH (N = normal pH range 6.5 - 7.5, A - acidic 6.5 or less, B = basic/alkaline 7.5 or higher)

Growth Rate (F = fast 12+ inches/year, M = medium 6"-12"/year, S = slow 2"-6"/year)

Additional Items

Wildflower Seeds plant up to 200' sq. with perennials, grasses and showy annuals

Tree Tube w/ Wood Stake 4' height, improves seedling survival and reduces wildlife damage

Dibble Bar tapered thin wedge cast blade to quickly plant seedling trees

FAIRFIELD SWCD OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fairfield SWCD will offer two college scholarships of \$500 for any graduating high school seniors that plan to study Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Education, Geology, Biology, and the like. The scholarship can be used for the pursuit of two-year or four-year degree programs as well as certification at a technical college. Applicants must be residents of Fairfield County and can be home-schooled. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Applications for this scholarship can be acquired from high school guidance counselors, the SWCD office or through the Fairfield SWCD website at www.fairfieldswcd.org under Educational Resources.

NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

Join us in April to celebrate Ohio Native Plant Month! The Native Plant Workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the Fairfield Co. Ag Center from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Topics will include: why incorporate native plants into your landscape, benefits to our native wildlife, and non-native invasive plant management and native alternatives. Free native tree giveaway to the first 15 registrants! This event is being held free of charge. Please call the Fairfield SWCD at 740-653-8154 to reserve your spot.



FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 9, 2020, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2020:

Mark Boving - *Chair*
Matt Reese - *Vice-Chair*
Wendy LaRue - *Secretary*
Linda Claypool- *Treasurer/Fiscal Agent*
Tim White - *Member*

The regular monthly Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Please contact our office for information on any changes to the schedule.

SOUTH LICKING WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Kevin Elder of Perry County was sworn in as a Director of the South Licking Conservancy District before the Conservancy Court in Licking County in December. Judge Marcelain of Licking, Judge Berens of Fairfield and Judge Boyer of Perry oversee the Conservancy who is focused on flooding and water concerns of the South Fork Licking River. Thanks to Dan Blatter, Linda Nicodemous and Kevin Elder for serving our community in this manner.

FAIRFIELD & PICKAWAY CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP

The Fairfield & Pickaway SWCDs are holding a Contractor Workshop on Friday, February 21, 2020, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center. This workshop is free of charge, and the agenda includes GPS Network & Stations, CRP & EQIP Updates, Tile Finder Information, Google Earth & OUPS Demonstrations and Engineering Database. Please call the Fairfield SWCD at 740-653-8154 to RSVP.

HUNTER'S RUN CONSERVANCY DISTRICT'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The regular monthly board meetings of the Hunter's Run Conservancy District are held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency & Facilities Services Center located at 240 Baldwin Drive, Lancaster, OH. Visit huntersruncd.org for the meeting schedule.

NEW STATE SERVICE FORESTER FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Stephanie Downs is the new State Service Forester for Fairfield County. She can be contacted by phone at 614-425-1466 or email at Stephanie.Downs@dnr.state.oh.us.

2020 PLAT BOOKS

The Fairfield SWCD has again partnered with Fairfield County GIS to create an updated plat book. We hope to have them available in February. Please check our website at fairfieldswcd.org for updates.

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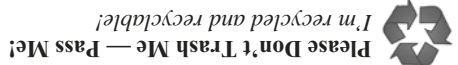
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