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BUCKEYE LAKE WATERSHED COORDINATOR SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR COVER CROP COST SHARE PROGRAM

Are you a farmer or landowner in the Buckeye Lake watershed that is interested in incorporating cover crops into your 2019, 2020 and 2021 farming rotation? We want to hear from you!

A cover crop cost share opportunity through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) may become available for farmers and landowners in the Buckeye Lake watershed. If you would be interested in participating, please contact the Buckeye Lake watershed coordinator or your county Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) district conservationist listed below. Let us know the location/address of your property, the number of acres you would want to cover and what year(s) you would be interested in participating - 2019, 2020, 2021.

Why use cover crops? Cover crops protect soil from erosion, improve soil health, enhance water availability and smother weeds. Cover crops add organic matter to the soil which, in turn, improves soil tilth, porosity and infiltration. Cover crops have been shown to increase crop yields, break through soil compaction and attract pollinators.

In addition, the Buckeye Lake watershed coordinator needs help locating properties where water quality improvement projects can be implemented and finding farmers that are interested in incorporating best management practices for nutrient reduction onto their fields. There are cost share monies available for these programs and the Fairfield County Auditor now considers qualifying voluntary conservation practices that abate soil erosion for a lower tax rate on property taxes.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs or to enroll, please contact either:

Claire Donley, Buckeye Lake Watershed Coordinator at 740-743-1325 or
blwc.perryswcd@gmail.com

Dave Libben, NRCS District Conservationist
for Fairfield County at 740-653-1500 or
dave.libben@oh.usda.gov

Joe Koehler, NRCS District Conservationist
for Licking and Perry Counties at
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Spring is almost here! It's time again for the Tree Seedling Sale. See inside for descriptions and order form.

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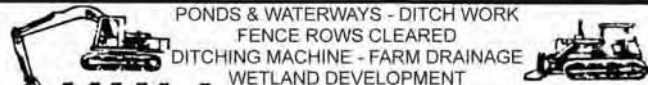
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2019 Tree Seedling Order Form

PLEASE INDICATE QUANTITY NEXT TO ITEM & CIRCLE PACK OF 5, 25 or 100						
Native Evergreens	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-9"	Pack of 100 6"-9"	Total
E. White Cedar/Amer. Arborvitae		n/a	\$10	\$20	\$60	
White Pine (*9-12")		n/a	\$10*	\$20	\$60	
Native Deciduous Shrubs (<15')	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
American Hazelnut		\$10	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Black Chokeberry		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Buttonbush		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Red Osier Dogwood		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Spicebush		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Native Deciduous Small Trees (15-25 ft.)	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
Pawpaw		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Redbud		\$10	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Red Buckeye (*6-12")		n/a	\$10*	n/a	n/a	
White Flowering Dogwood		\$10	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Native Deciduous Large Trees	Qty.	Sapling 3'-4'	Pack of 5 12"-18"	Pack of 25 6"-12"	Pack of 100 6"-12"	Total
Black Walnut		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Chinquapin Oak		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Persimmon		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Pin Oak		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Red Oak		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Shagbark Hickory		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Sugar Maple		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Swamp White Oak		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
White Oak		n/a	\$10	\$30	\$90	
Additional Items						
Item	Qty.		Cost			Total
Wildflower Seeds			\$4.50			
Tree tube and wood stake			\$5			
Dibble Bar			\$55			
Marking Flags will be available for purchase on the day of pick up at a cost of \$10 for a bundle of 100						
Order Deadline: Monday, March 18th ~ Pick Up: Friday, April 12th						Grand Total

Online orders can be placed through the online catalog at www.lickingswcd.com

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2019 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 12, 2019.** 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 Monday, March 18, 2019.**

Tree Descriptions

Tree Name	Mature Height	Mature Width	Growth Rate	Light Required	Soil Moisture	Soil pH	Comments/Uses
Eastern White Cedar	20' - 60'	10' - 15'	S-M	S	M,W	A	aka American Arborvitae, well-adapted
White Pine	60' - 80'	20' - 40'	F	S	M	A,N	windbreaks, timber, wildlife
American Hazelnut	10' - 16'	8' - 15'	M-F	S,P	M	A,N,B	edible nut, wildlife, tolerant of clay soil
Black Chokeberry	3' - 8'	3' - 8'	S	S,P	M	A	landscaping, flood tolerant, wildlife, autumn color
Black Walnut	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	F	S, P	D,M,W	A,N	nuts, timber, wildlife
Buttonbush	5' - 12'	4' - 15'	M	S	W	N	pollinator, wildlife, spherical white flowers, ornamental, wetland
Chinquapin Oak	40' - 70'	50' - 80'	S-M	S,P	M	B,N	great for bottomlands with rich soil, fuelwood, wildlife
Pawpaw	15' - 30'	15' - 30'	M-F	S,P	M,W	A,N	edible fruit, wildlife
Persimmon	40' - 50'	25' - 30'	S-M	S,P	M,W	N	edible fruits, fall color, specialty lumber
Pin Oak	50' - 70'	40' - 60'	M-F	S,P	M,W	A	russet fall color, great shade tree with dense branches and leaves
Red Buckeye (*6-12")	10' - 30'	10' - 20'	M	P	M	B,N	big red flower clusters, attracts hummingbirds
Red Oak	50' - 60'	50' - 60'	F	S	D,M	N	tolerates dry conditions, landscaping, timber
Red Osier Dogwood	4' - 12'	7' - 10'	F	S,P	M,W	N	wildlife, landscaping, red twigs in winter, wetland edge
Redbud	25' - 30'	26' - 33'	M	S,P	M,W	B	adaptable, edible pink-magenta flowers
Shagbark Hickory	75' - 100'	40' - 70'	S-M	S,P	M	A,N	timber, wildlife, shaggy bark is bat habitat, drought tolerant
Spicebush	6' - 12'	6' - 15'	S-M	P,SH	M,W	A,N,B	understory shrub, wildlife, spicy fragrance
Sugar Maple	60' - 80'	20' - 40'	S-M	S	M	N	landscaping, timber, autumn color, maple syrup
Swamp White Oak	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	S-M	S,P	M	A	adaptable, bottomlands, timber, wildlife
White Flowering Dogwood	20' - 30'	20' - 25'	S-M	S, P	M	A	spring flowers, red/burgandy autumn color
White Oak	50' - 70'	50' - 70'	S-M	S, P	D,M,W	N	timber, wildlife, long-lived, ornamental
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/ Woodstake	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. Along with the application, an official high school transcript, 400 word essay and two letters of recommendation are required. One recommendation needs to come from a teacher at the applicant's school; the other should be from a person in the local community. Neither can be a relative of the applicant.

Once the applications are received, they will be reviewed by a three-member committee who will contact applicants to schedule an interview. Applicants will be required to interview in April to be eligible for the award. Students will be notified of the selection by the end of the school year, and the successful applicant must submit a copy of their college acceptance letter to the SWCD office.

The scholarship money will be awarded after the applicant successfully completes the first semester of college and has maintained a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The student is required to show a copy of their college grades before the award check will be issued. The deadline to apply is March 31. Please call the Fairfield SWCD office at (740) 653-8154 with questions.

MEETING NOTICE

South Licking Watershed Conservancy District

Monthly meetings held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m.

Village of Hebron Municipal Complex
934 W. Main Street, Hebron

NEW & PAST SUPERVISORS



Linda Claypool was elected to serve her first three-year term, and was sworn into office by Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix prior to the January 10, 2019, Board of Supervisors Board meeting.



Matt Reese was re-elected to serve another three-year term, and was sworn into office by Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix prior to the January 10, 2019, Board of Supervisors Board meeting.



Don Rector served on the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors for a three-year term. Don held the position of Secretary and Treasurer-Fiscal Agent. We would like to thank Don for his commitment and dedication to the SWCD office.

FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 10, 2019, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2019:

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.

SPRING POND MANAGEMENT

It's never too early to start planning and implementing your pond management strategy. Controlling vegetation, removing problem wildlife such as muskrats and beaver, or discovering how to gain more enjoyment from your personal aquatic oasis is not something to put off. The warmer weather will be here before you know it and so will the weeds!

If you want to get a head start this year and avoid a repeat of previous pond problems, feel free to contact Tommy Springer, Wildlife Specialist, at 740-415-3905 to create a personalized management strategy for your pond no matter how big or small.

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