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FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 13, 2022, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2022: Gregg Pontius - *Chair*, Doug Tenney - *Vice-Chair*, Wendy LaRue - *Secretary*, Linda Claypool - *Treasurer/Fiscal Agent* and David Ochs - *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.

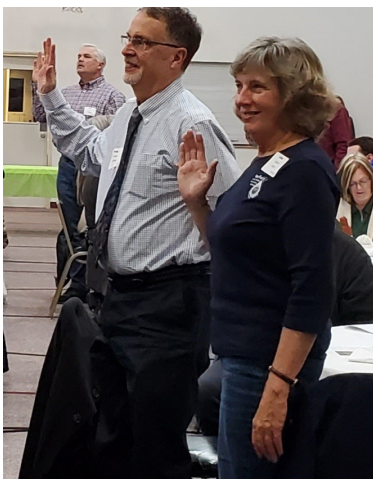
THANKS MATT!

We would like to thank 2021 Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Reese for his service to the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District. He served on our board for two 3-year terms and also held positions of Secretary and Vice-Chair.

He is pictured with Fairfield SWCD District Manager Nikki Drake. She presented him with Certificates of Appreciation from ODA and FSWCD.



NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISORS SWORN IN



In December, newly elected board member Doug Tenney and re-elected board member Linda Claypool were sworn in to begin their 3-year terms which started on January 1. We are excited to welcome Doug and have Linda continue with us!



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

THINK TWICE, PLANT ONCE - WHERE YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO PLANT TREES

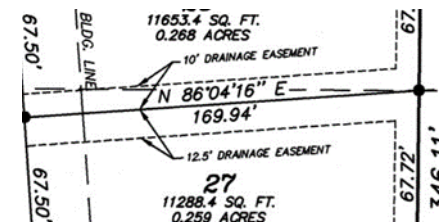
If you have decided to plant some trees on your property, research the site conditions for the type of tree you have chosen – size at maturity including root depth/width, light requirements, and drainage are a few things to consider. Remember to call OUPS at 811 prior to planting.



! Trees around the property can be a great windbreak but consider the distance from the **PROPERTY LINE**. If planted on or too close, your neighbor may cut limbs that hang over. Avoid planting too close to **FENCES** also.

! UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Trees too close to power lines or utilities will be trimmed or removed by a utility company or their contractor. This results in higher utility bills for customers and risk for power outages due to falling limbs.



! If you live in a subdivision, your property may have an **EASEMENT** (example – drainage easement) you are unaware of and should avoid. You may be able to find this information on the Auditor’s website.

! Trees should not be planted on a **POND DAM** or too close to the **POOL**. Their roots will seek water and can cause leakage.

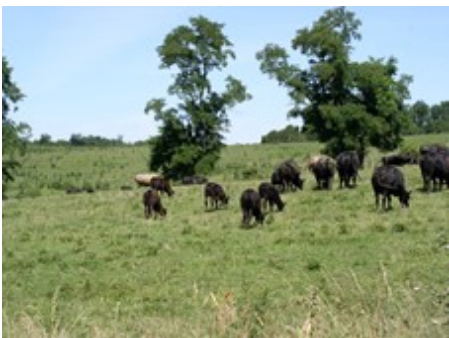


! Roots can damage **HOME** foundations, sidewalks, and concrete driveways. Some communities prohibit trees between sidewalks and the curb.

! Tree roots will plug clay and perforated plastic **TILE**. Know what size your tree will be when mature to avoid planting too close to subsurface drainage.



! For the same reason above, avoid your **SEPTIC SYSTEM** and **LEACH** lines.



! If you pasture livestock, some plant species may be **POISONOUS** to your animals.

WELCOME NEW FACES AROUND THE OFFICE



Molly Gilleland is the newest member of the Fairfield SWCD team, joining the staff in January as Urban/Resource Technician. Molly grew up in Grandview Heights, Ohio and went on to the University of Pittsburgh to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Secondary Education. While in Pittsburgh, Molly focused her time on watershed education and research through the Creek Connections program operating in Western Pennsylvania. She has experience working on various mapping projects using GIS as well as field work experience in watershed ecology. Now Molly is living in Columbus, and in her free time she enjoys hiking, cooking, camping, trivia nights, and taking care of her plants.

With her new position, Molly is eager to protect the natural resources alongside the community. Molly has been spending her time at Fairfield SWCD completing training and learning about MS4 permitting, navigating the various computer portals, and learning her way around Fairfield County.

Daphne Onsay joined the USDA-NRCS team in November as a Soil Conservationist and brings a variety of experiences. She recently graduated with her Master's in Conservation Ecology from the University of Michigan and an undergraduate degree in Environmental Biology/Plant Biology from Michigan State University. Her Master's thesis was focused on reframing the invasive plant management plan at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. She interviewed practitioners on the challenges they face in managing for invasive plants and how they envision the future of invasive plant management.



Prior to accepting this position, Daphne worked as a Biological Science Technician with National Park Service at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore where she helped the Forest Health team with Emerald Ash Borer surveys. Additionally, Daphne interned at NASA-Kennedy Space Center as a space crop production intern and helped NASA with their long-term goal of closed-system agriculture. She is excited to bring her horticulture and forestry background into this position.

As a Soil Conservationist, she is excited to be working directly with farmers on helping them improve their agricultural practices to better meet the conservation goals of NRCS and help them understand the long-term impacts of these sustainable practices. When she is not working, Daphne enjoys hiking, camping, cooking, reading, and birding. She resides in Columbus.



Jacob Eldridge joined the NRCS staff in December as a Natural Resources Specialist. Jacob grew up in Gallia County where he learned to love the outdoors by fishing, hunting, and exploring the woods. He also gained an appreciation for farm work by working on a local cattle farm for two summers. He has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Cedarville University in Ohio and a Master's degree in Biology from Western Kentucky University.

After college, Jacob moved to North Dakota to work at the USGS Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center as a Biological Technician for a wetlands research project. He stayed in North Dakota for the next five years to work as a Field Ecologist for the National Ecological Observatory Network. In this position, he monitored a broad array of ecological indicators in grasslands and wetlands including soil, water, plants, and various types of wildlife. He moved back closer to home in 2019 to work for the Kentucky Division of Water as an Environmental Biologist. This position focused on water quality assessments in streams and developing biological assessments for wetlands using plants, birds, and amphibians as indicators of wetland health. In his new role, Jacob will focus on supporting the regional NRCS staff (Southern Ohio) with planning land management practices that improve habitat for wildlife.

Jacob now lives in Lancaster and is happy to be back in Ohio. He is enjoying getting to know the area with his wife and two kids (5 and 7 years old). When not working or wrangling his kids, Jacob enjoys hiking, fishing, hunting, native landscaping, birding, and home improvement projects.

2022 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 22, 2022.** 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 14, 2022.**

2022 Seedling Tree Descriptions

Native Conifer Species	Growth			Soil		Soil	Comments/Uses
	Height	Width	Rate	Sunlight	Moisture	pH	
Eastern White Pine	60'-80'	20'-40'	F	S	M	A, N	Timber, windbreaks and wildlife
Native Broadleaf Species ~ Small Trees (<20'), Fruit Trees & Shrubs							
Arrowwood Viburnum	6'-15'	6'-15'	M	S,P,SH	D, M,W	A,N,B	Ornamental, white flowers, blue-black berries, attracts birds butterflies and moths
Eastern Red Cedar	40'-50'	8'-20'	M	S	D, M	A,N,B	Ornamental, windbreaks, wildlife, attracts cedar waxwings and timber (do not plant near apple trees due to cedar apple rust)
Elderberry	5'-12'	5'-12'	F	S,P	M,W	A,N	Dark edible berries, showy white flowers, wildlife and attracts birds
Persimmon	35'-60'	20'-35'	S	S,P	D,M	A	Edible fruit, fragrant white flowers, wildlife and attracts pollinators
Redbud	25'-30'	26'-33'	M	S,P	M,W	B	Adaptable with edible pink-magenta flowers
Silky Dogwood	5'-8'	6'-10'	M	S,P,SH	D,M,W	N,B	White flowers, reddish stems and burgundy fall color
Native Broadleaf Species ~ Large Trees							
Bur Oak	70'-80'	70'-80'	S	S	D,M,W	A,N,B	Wildlife, large tree at maturity and long-lived and offers deep shade
Kentucky Coffeetree	60'-95'	40'-50'	F-M	S	M	N,B	Reputation as tough species, ornamental or street tree, toxic to livestock & pets if ingested
Northern Pecan	70'-100'	40'-80'	M	F	D,M	N	Edible fruit, wildlife and timber
Shagbark Hickory	60'-80'	30'-50'	S	S,P	D,M	B,N	Wildlife habitat (bat roosting in flaking bark), wildlife and timber
Sugar Maple	60'-75'	40'-50'	M	S,P,SH	D,M	N,B	Syrup, timber, wildlife and pollinators
White Oak	50'-80'	100'	M-S	S,P	D,M,W	N	Timber, wildlife, long-lived and ornamental
Soil Moisture: D = dry, M = medium, W = wet				Light Required: S = sun, P = part sun/part shade, SH = shade			
Soil pH: A = acidic (6.5 or less), N = normal pH range (6.5 - 7.5) B = basic/alkaline (7.5 or higher)							
Growth Rate: F = fast 12"/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						
Boundary Marking Paint	8" wide aerosol spray, long-lasting and fast-drying						
Tree Tube and Wood Stake	4' height, improves seedling survival and reduces wildlife damage						
Marking Flags	21" metal shaft with 2.5" x 3.5" white flag						
Dibble Bar	tapered thin wedge cast blade to quickly plant seedling trees						

2022 Seedling Tree Sale Order Form

Please indicate quantity of saplings or packs in area provided for each variety.

Native Shrubs, Small and Fruit Tree Species	Sapling (3'-4')	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (12"-18")	Total # of Packets x price
Arrowwood Viburnum	N/A			
Eastern Red Cedar	N/A			
Elderberry				
Persimmon				
Red Bud				
Silky Dogwood				
Native Large Broadleaf Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of Packets x price
Bur Oak				
Kentucky Coffeetree				
Northern Pecan				
Shagbark Hickory				
Sugar Maple				
White Oak				
Native Large Conifer Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of Packets x price
Eastern White Pine				
Additional Items	Qty.	Cost each	Qty x price	
Wildflower Seeds		\$5.00		
Boundary Marking Paint		\$8.00		
Tree Tube and Wood Stake		\$6.00		
Marking Flags (white)		10 for \$1.00		
Dibble Bar		\$95.00		
*Starting in 2022 the State Auditor requires Soil & Water to collect tax. Non-profits and farms must provide tax exempt form with order.			Sub-Total:	
			*Sales Tax (6.75%)	
Order Deadline: Monday, March 14 ~ Pick Up: Friday, April 22			Total due:	

Please print:

Name: _____

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You will receive a reminder by email to pick up your order

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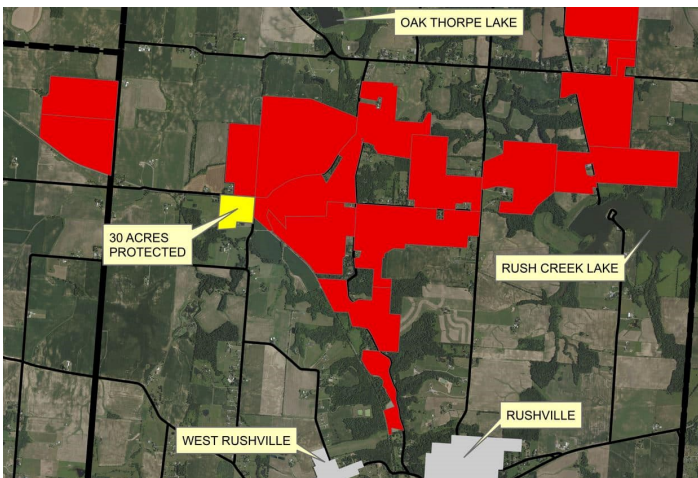
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FARMLAND PRESERVED

The Board of Fairfield County Commissioners and Ohio Department of Agriculture (through the Clean Ohio Fund) closed a Deed of Agriculture Easement with Wolfe's Acres LLC (Mike & Maria Wolfe - pictured below). Wolfe's Acres LLC adds 133 acres of preserved prime farmland within Walnut Township's Agricultural Security Area between Thurston, Baltimore and Millersport.



They also signed their 32nd Agricultural Easement at the end of December with Greg and Michelle McCrady. This 30 acre parcel in the Little Rush Creek Valley in Richland Township continues to build a connective system around the floodplain and floodway.



Richland Township Preserved Farmland

REMINDER.....The Fairfield SWCD is now required to charge sales tax (6.75%) for items rented and sold. If you or your entity are tax exempt, please provide your tax exempt form when renting or purchasing sale items.

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Farm Service Agency	740-653-4012
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UPCOMING DATES

February 21	Presidents' Day Holiday (Office Closed)
March 10	SWCD Board Meeting
March 14	Tree Sale Deadline
April 14	SWCD Board Meeting
April 15	SWCD office closed at Noon
April 22	Tentative Tree Sale Pick-up
May 12	SWCD Board Meeting
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday (Office Closed)
June 9	SWCD Board Meeting
July 4	Independence Day Holiday (Office Closed)
July 14	SWCD Board Meeting

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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 obtained from the SWCD office or through the Fairfield SWCD website at www.fairfieldswcd.org under Educational Resources. Deadline to apply is March 31st.

FAIRFIELD GROWING PLAN UPDATE

A ten year update of the 2011 Fairfield Growing plan for local food and agricultural economic development is being conducted.

There is a survey that focuses on the local food preferences and availability portion of the plan. This survey should not take more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete and is critical to efforts to complete and carry out the Fairfield Growing update.

The survey can be completed by going to go.osu.edu/fclocalfoodsurvey. This survey is crucial to efforts to complete and carry out the Fairfield Growing update.

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