

LOGAN SWCD/NRCS
324 C. Rd. 11
Bellefontaine, Oh
43311

Phone: 937-593-2946 - Option 3
Fax: 937-592-3350

Hours: Monday -Friday-7:30 AM-4:30 PM

LOGAN SWCD SUPERVISORS

•Eric Johnson •Tim Lyden
•Frank Phelps •Joe Ramsey
•Renee Winner

LOGAN SWCD STAFF

Jason Bell - District Technician
Lorre Culp -Secretary/GIS
Deb Roberts -District Administrator
Steve Searson -District Technician

NRCS STAFF

Bob Stoll -District Conservationist
Brian Leptak -Civil Engineering
Technician

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U S POSTAGE
BELLEFONTAINE, OH
PERMIT NO. 324



FOCUS ON CONSERVATION LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

"It is the goal of Logan Soil & Water Conservation District to promote stewardship of soil, water and other natural resources."

Summer 2010



ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, MARITAL STATUS OR HANDICAP

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 20 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-
7:00 PM -LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

AUGUST 11 ANNUAL MEETING 3:00-6:00 PM

JULY 20 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-
7:00 PM -LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

AUGUST 11 LOGAN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING-
3:00 - 6:00 PM
LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

AUGUST 17 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-
7:00 PM-LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

SEPT 6 LABOR DAY—
LOGAN SWCD OFFICE CLOSED

SEPT 14 ANNUAL GRAZING FIELD DAY

SEPT 21 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

If you would like to receive the Logan SWCD electronically, please e-mail:

deb.roberts@oh.nacdnet.net

Or to view our newsletter on your computer, visit our web site at:

www.co.logan.oh.us/soilandwater/

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

www.co.logan.oh.us/soilandwater/

LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 67TH ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for the 67th Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting, August 11, 2010 at the Logan SWCD office, 324 Co. Rd. 11, Bellefontaine, Ohio. The meeting will be from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM where there will be an election for one Logan SWCD Supervisor position for a three year term commencing January 1, 2011. Candidates running for the 2011 Logan SWCD Supervisor position are Kelly Mobley and Renee Winner. Voting will close at 5:00 PM. (Please see insert for Logan SWCD Supervisor candidates' bios).

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Logan County and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm or corporation must provide a notarized affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. In appreciation to Logan County residents and landowners, cookies and punch will be served along with a presentation of practices and accomplishments. Absentee ballots may be obtained by requesting a ballot, in writing, from the Logan SWCD office, 324 Co. Rd. 11, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts, located in all 88 counties, are legal subdivisions of state government that provide natural resource management assistance to county landowners and other units of government. The district is funded by the Logan County Commissioners, and county funds are supplemented by funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The district is governed by a five-member, elected board of county residents. The soil and water conservation district board members are a volunteer board and are not paid for serving on the district boards.

ANNUAL GRAZING FIELD DAY



The Logan SWCD/NRCS Annual Grazing Field Day will be held September 14th, 5:00 PM- 8:00 PM. Dinner will be provided by the Logan County Cattle Association. Bob Hendershot will be the featured speaker. The location of the event will be announced at a later date.





FOCUS ON CONSERVATION

2010 AGRICULTURE EDUCATION TOUR

“All aboard, we are headed out” was the sound you heard early the morning of June 24th at the Logan Soil and Water Conservation office. There were 57 eager, wide awake passengers taking part in a two day adventure to some of the best Agricultural producers in Ohio. There has been identified a general need in the county to better acquaint and educate three groups of Logan County residents: active farmers, classroom teachers and urban residents. As a result of this need a local diverse committee organized a two day tour, held on June 24th and 25th and packed into those days 8 different and unique Agricultural related and historic stops. The day began with a visit to Wyandot Inc. in Marion that creates many of the snack foods we all eat and all made from corn. Our journey then took us to Wayne County and the Ohio State Agricultural Research Center where the group got a glimpse of just some of the interesting research going on in the area of composting, bio-fuels, greenhouse production and the beautiful rose garden cultivation. Our third stop was a beef farm, who has successfully enrolled into the Agricultural Easement Purchase program and who has settled on a forgotten skill of restoring Old Barns. The structures and workmanship totally “blew the crowd away” when walking into those mammoth wooden barns.

Our evening stop was a large Christmas tree farm that had expanded their business to a furniture store and restaurant. Our evening meal was superb and served by the Pine Tree Barn kitchen staff and was highlighted by a County Commissioner and the County Agriculture Director that painted a very positive picture of agriculture in Wayne County.

The next morning the group rose early and headed out to an organic dairy” where we all jumped onto hay wagons and toured a “gem” of a dairy operation, representing a strong, conservation-minded family and excellent animal husbandry. The group then moved onto the nation’s largest manufacturer of horse drawn equipment and travelled next to the historic Malabar Farms near Mansfield. Last on the tour was a honey and herb family operation in Union county.

Many teachers prepared an electronic power point presentation of the trip to be used for future advertisement and in the classroom. All the guests on the tour indicated the trip “well worth it” and plan on attending tour number three when it is organized.

Great Miami River Water Quality Credit Trading Program Underway

The Trading Program is a source of funding available to agriculture producers to help put nutrient reduction practices on the ground in the Great Miami River watershed. The Trading Program provides funds to producers who voluntarily implement nutrient reduction practices on their land. Agriculture producers submit projects for funding. Practices that reduce the most nutrients for the least cost per pound will be the most competitive during project selection. Practices that could be eligible for funding would be milk house wastewater treatment, hay land planting and various other nutrient reduction practices.

Applications are available at the Logan SWCD office through August 13th. If you have a project that you feel would be eligible contact Steve or Jason at the Logan SWCD office at 937-593-2946, Option 3. There will also be future sign-up periods available.



LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

STREAM MONITORING DEMONSTRATION PRESENTED TO LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Logan SWCD Supervisors and employees met with Logan County Commissioners John Bayliss, David Knight and Tony Core, along with Commissioner-Elect Dustin Wickersham at Alan and Renee Winner’s cabin, St. Rt. 47 W., DeGraff, June 22nd.

The group was treated to a stream monitoring demonstration in the Bokengehalas Creek that runs through the Winner’s property by George Feltham, NRCS Earth Team volunteer. Mr. Feltham is performing water quality monitoring in several Logan County creeks. Commissioner’s were given an update about the Logan SWCD activities and accomplishments for the last year and were served a relaxing lunch prepared by the Logan SWCD supervisors and employees. We would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the Winner Family for their participation in the event and to George Feltham for the time he took preparing for and presenting the educational demonstration.



George Feltham, Rita, Ruth, Irene and Orville Winner sift through their water quality samples in search of treasure to determine good water quality in the Bokengehalas Creek.



Ruth shows her treasures from the Bokengehalas.

NEW OHIO LAW FOR ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES

Landowner conflict with unauthorized all-purpose vehicle traffic has become an issue. Don’t assume that farmland is open and available for your off-road vehicle, anymore than your own backyard is open for others to access without your permission.

As of July 1, 2009, Ohio law contains new provisions affecting those who operate all-purpose vehicles (APVs) in the state. The new law includes **stiffer** penalties for criminal trespass, which is entering or remaining on another’s land without permission. There is also a license plate program, increased registration fees, and changes in the exemptions from registration requirements for APVs.

For more information about the new law check the web at: <http://logan.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/news/topic-news> <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4519>