

# THE HISTORY OF LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

(From board meeting minutes, reports and archives)

Became a District May 17, 1943

## 1943

July 8, 1943 - First Meeting

Supervisors: Morgan Connor – Chairman  
J. R. Renick – Vice Chairman  
David Coover – Secretary  
Jack Richardson – Treasurer  
Bill Bosart – Equipment Supervisor

- Write up the Logan SWCD program and work plan
- Asked for technical services from SCS
- Equipment possibilities after the war (Army equipment)
- Even had drainage problems in 1943
- **12-14-43** – Decided to involve Vo-Ag teachers in soil conservation – education through schools

## 1944

Supervisors: David Coover  
Morgan Connor  
William Bosart  
J. W. Richardson  
J. R. Renick

- **Jan 3** – Put out trees in the county; 2,000 tree limit to any one man in any one year – charged 20 cents per tree
- **Feb 7** – East Liberty – Zanesfield school tree planting project
- **June 5** – Deposited first funds in Bellefontaine National Bank
- Discussed post-war planning – lengthy discussion
- Decided to put out a newsletter – especially after a big rain
- Discussed drag lines
- **Nov 6** – Decided to charge 16.5 cents per yard to dig ditch – ditch project held up because one party can't raise the money

## 1945

Supervisors: David Coover  
Morgan Connor  
William Bosart  
J. W. Richardson  
J. R. Renick

- **Jan 17** – Annual report - \$ balance of \$36.95  
Unlimited life and farmers who don't want district – pass a petition and and no work to defeat district  
Decided to hold a countywide conservation planning meeting
- **May 7** – 5,750 trees sent out – collected \$11.50  
The district has 2 lime spreaders available for lease - \$.10/T lime, \$1.00/fertilizer
- **July 2** – Started 10 or 12 grasses planted in boxes to exhibit at the fair – people guess what grasses and legumes –the person who guesses all right receives \$10.00 (Haskins paid them)

- **Nov** – Discussed pasture improvement contest

## 1946

Supervisors: David Coover  
Lloyd Lockwood  
J. R. Renick  
Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor

- **Jan 10** – Annual report : Contour planting – 47.6% of cropland should be contoured –at that time only 1% was contoured  
Not much interest in conservation farming – decided that Logan SWCD should purchase a dragline to clean ditches and the Miami River
- **Apr 1** - \$18.65 in banking account, discussed contours, strips, terraces, THE way to farm  
Set lime spreader rental at \$.15/ac. –fertilizer, \$.05/ ac. – lime
- **May 6** – Rotary scraper rental \$1/day with a minimum of \$1  
Mississippi Valley Conservation School – J. R. Renick and Morgan Connor will represent the district  
Eight petitions to run for Logan SWCD supervisors have been turned in to the County Agent
- **Sept 19** – Jay Renick, David Cooper, B. Stanfield elected for 3 year terms; J. Connor, Lloyd Lockwood elected to serve for 2 years. P. Booth, Rich Schlumbohm and William Gill were not elected

A motion was passed to unite with the National Soil and Water Association

The board decided to hold Logan SWCD meetings in the evening of the first Tuesday of the calendar month

The district owns 2 rotary scrapers and 2 lime spreaders

## 1947

Supervisors: Lloyd Lockwood  
J. R. Renick  
Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor  
David Coover

- Terrace demonstration planned for spring
- Approved conservation plans
- 10,800 trees to be received by various cooperators in the district
- B & O System wide Soil Conservation contest – Ohio area
- Terrace demonstration to be done in the summer
- 1<sup>st</sup> ditch project –Hubbel Ditch Project- \$4,776.00 was the full cost of the ditch project
- **Dec 2** – Walter Main – 12 acre plot  
\$35.11 in the bank  
1 – H tractor – TD18

## 1948

Supervisors: Lloyd Lockwood  
David Coover  
Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor

- **Jan 6** -\$56.41 in the bank
- **Mar 2** -Goodyear Award started ( State)
- **Apr 9** -Program for the first annual meeting was advertised through letters to cooperators and applicants – FMHA Veteran School- VoAg teachers – Farm Bureau and Grange
- **July 19** – Contour & Level Land Plowing matches held in Clark district Buzz Cummins would win at National level
- **Aug 3** – Held the Election of Supervisors at the Logan County Fair – voting booths at the fairgrounds and the County Agent’s office

Supervisors decided to enter the Goodyear Contest for the coming year

[1949](#)

Supervisors: Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor  
Lloyd Davis  
Paul Burkhart  
J. R. Renick

- **Mar 1** – Annual meeting held @ Huntsville School February 16 -75 attended. Ralph Young, manager of Darbydan Farm spoke on grassland farming
- **Aug 2** – Flying Field Day to be held at Supervisor’s convenience

[1950](#)

Supervisors: J. R. Renick  
Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor  
Lloyd Davis

- **May 2** – Plowing Contest – Aug 3 – EB Miller farm operated by E. B. Miller farm operated by Cummins - got sponsors, advertised with posters
- **Aug 1** – Soil Conservation Essay Contest in the schools, work with Farm Bureau on the contest  
  
\$65.00 additional donated toward the plowing contest
- **Sept 5** – Multiflora rose plantings made on farms

[1951](#)

Supervisors: J. R. Renick  
Boyd Stanfield  
James Connor  
Lloyd Davis

Nothing noted in 1951 Archives

1952

Supervisors: Paul Burkhart  
Phillip Gordon

- **Oct 1** – Fish Sales started –delivery to be made to the Bellefontaine Post office from the U. S. Fish Hatchery
- **Dec 13** – Discussed successful programs of the district – Farm Bureau Essay Contest – showing films on conservation – being in the schools – working with Vo-Ag and veteran training teachers

1953

Supervisors: Paul Burkhart  
Phillip Gordon  
Aden Huber  
Roe Stanley  
Clyde Roby

- Discussed the uniting of SCS with Extension Service – voted No
- Plowing Contest Banquet – Lewistown School – tickets -\$1.50
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – 10 year anniversary – arranged program with state
- February 4<sup>th</sup> – Affiliate memberships to National Association Soil Conservation District (\$25.00)
- Discussed purchasing trees for schools
- Ordered fish for Fish Sales
- Still having plowing contests
- Counties were divided into 5 areas for each supervisor to cover to solicit for funds for district operations
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Additional on B & C contest
- Supervisors assigned individuals for the following committees:
  - Program Planning
  - Finance Committee
  - Education Committee
  - Publicity Committee
  - Legislative Committee

1955

Supervisors: Phillip Gordon  
Aden Huber  
Roe Stanley  
Clyde Roby  
John Dally

- Air Tour held August 10<sup>th</sup>

- Expenses for Annual Picnic - \$9.00

1956

Supervisors: Phillip Gordon  
Roe Stanley  
Clyde Roby  
John Dally  
Luther Keenen

- February 24<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting –Used all Logan County products
- Recognition Rating of Good at State Annual Meeting
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Soil Stewardship is May 6-12 –purchased material to be issued to all churches in the County ( first mention of Soil Stewardship in Logan SWCD minutes) –Supervisors delivered materials
- Field Day and Air Tour to be held in the eastern part of the county
- July 16<sup>th</sup> –Started paying supervisors expenses to attend Summer Supervisors School

1957

Supervisors: Roe Stanley  
Clyde Roby  
John Dally  
Luther Keenen  
Phillip Gordon

- Supervisors to receive \$1.50 per hour for each monthly meeting they attend
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – 10,000 programs for Rural Life Sunday to be observed in local churches
- Queen of Furrow Contest –American Steel & Wire Queen to be crowned at the Jr. Fair
- Held the area picnic at Zane Caverns
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Voted to purchase 100 posters to advertise the Annual Meeting

1958

Supervisors: Roe Stanley  
Clyde Roby  
N. P. McCollouch  
J. R. Renick

Nothing noted in archives

1959

Supervisors: Clyde Roby  
Baird Wilson  
N. P. McColloch  
J. R. Renick

- March 17 – Distributed films on conservation to area schools
- April 21 –Field day for Ministers – Walter Cove will contact ministers – took ministers out and showed practices in the county
- July 21<sup>st</sup> - \$ 1,420.00 per district /maximum to be received - \$250,000.00 was set aside from the state budget for matching funds from County Commissioners
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Hired secretary for the office
- \$ 2,400.00 presented at the board meeting – received \$1,200.00 from County Commissioners for State Match
- First District employee hired –Secretary- Louisa F. Kinnard – November 1959

## 1960

Supervisors: Clyde Roby  
Baird Wilson  
N. P. McColloch  
J. R. Renick

- February 16 – Prior to February, 1960, every supervisor was contacted before a bill was paid – motion was made that the board chairman can authorize payment
- May 17<sup>th</sup> -“Story of Land” and “Wonder of Water” booklets to be handed out to children – Supervisors will take the booklets to the schools
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – The 1961 budget will not be less than \$3,000.00 - \$1,500 presented to County Commissioners, with state funds to be matched 1:1

## 1961

Supervisors: Clyde Roby  
Baird Wilson  
N. P. McColloch  
J. R. Renick

- January 11<sup>th</sup> – West Mansfield High School site of Annual Meeting- \$2.00 for tickets – the Titus Barbershop quartet was the entertainment –“Earth is the Lord’s showed at the end of the program
- January 27<sup>th</sup> – Special award – Goodyear Award was discussed
- Reorganization notice given to Ohio Soil Conservation Commission
- March 21 - \$15.25 for Soil Stewardship material –ordered 1,000 church programs
- April 11 – the very first Land Judging Contest was held

## 1962

Supervisors: Clyde Roby  
Ray R Rothhar  
N.P. McCollock  
Clifford Cretcher  
J.R. Renick

W.U.C.: Walter Dove

- Mr. McColloch was named official delegate of the January 23-25 State Federation of SCD.
- Plans were made with area churches to observe Soil Stewardship Sunday, May 27. Sixteen churches participated in Soil Stewardship Sunday.
- Charles Rinehart, Conservationist Aide, reported that the following accomplishments for the first six months of the year: 7817 feet of open ditches completed, 7000 feet of surface field ditches, 7.0 acre of waterways, 2 ponds, 160 acres of contouring, 31 miles of tile, 21 new cooperators were recruited, and 21 basic plan were written.
- Bus Cummins was appointed to represent Logan County at the Plowing Contest in Auglaize County
- The Board of Supervisors took a county wide tour to observe the farming practices and various points of interest throughout Logan County.

## 1963

Supervisors: Clyde L. Roby  
Ray R. Rothhar  
Herbert Milroy  
J.R. Renick  
N.P. McColloch

W.U.C.: Walter Dove

Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

- Logan County Commissioners and Board of Supervisors approved 5 Muddy Creek-Glady Creek watershed applications as in accordance with Public Law 566. This watershed project includes acreage in Champaign County. Landowners in the watershed are enthused about the project. Correcting the problems could improve the productivity of the land on an average of \$10.00 to \$50.00 per acre. This was the first watershed project for the county.
- The Supervisors agreed to submit a \$2400.00 budget request to the County Commissioners.
- Charles Rinehart reported that to date he has had 44 ACP referrals, 28,622 feet of tile, 1 spring development, 1 structure, 6 pond surveys, 1 waterway and 2 group jobs.

- Budget constraints prompted the Board of Supervisors to conduct a fund solicitation with new and existing cooperator.
- July 12, 1963 fish sales included 4900 fish delivered to 11 cooperators for 13 acres of ponds.
- The regular monthly meeting was conducted at Bowling Green University in conjunction with the Annual Supervisors School.
- Walter Dove comprised a booklet on Soil and Water Conservation Needs in Logan County.
- The Logan Soil Conservation District was changed to Logan Soil and Water Conservation District.
- House Bill 104 establishes the special fund account effective January 1, 1964.
- Ladies auxiliary established.

## 1964

Supervisors: Clyde L Roby  
 Ray R Rothhar  
 Herbert J. Milroy  
 J.R. Renick  
 N.P. McColloch  
 W.U.C.: Walter Dove  
 Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

- Cooperator recognition programs were established for forestry and wildlife conservation.
- The District Clerk was hired on a full time basis. The salary is \$240.00/month effective July 1, 1964. Annual leave and paid holidays are included as benefits.
- Charles Rinehart reported 2 group drainage jobs are pending, 127 ACP referrals received, 4 acres of waterways completed, 2 acres of ponds, 1 spring development and 68414 feet of tile drainage have been completed in 1964.
- Robert Smithers is recognized as outstanding farmer for 1963.

## 1965

Supervisors: Herbert J. Milroy  
 Ray R. Rothhar  
 Nevin R. Smith  
 N.P. McColloch  
 J.R. Renick  
 W.U.C.: Walter Dove  
 Conservationist Technician: Charles Rinehart

- Willard Roby was selected as outstanding farmer of the year for 1964.



- Logan SWCD received recognition of an “Excellent” rating as determined by the standards of The Distinctive Service Program by the Ohio Federation of Soil Conservation Districts.
- Dwight Spencer represented Logan SWCD at the Conservation Education Association at Ohio State University.
- David Nesser assumes roles of W.U.C. due to Walter Dove’s health concerns.

## 1966

Supervisors: Herbert J. Milroy  
 Ray R Rothhar  
 N.P. McColloch  
 Nevin R. Smith  
 J.R. Renick  
 W.U.C.: David Nesser  
 Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

- The Division of Land & Soils was contacted expressing the need for a county wide soil survey to be completed in the near future.
- The Board of Supervisors make plans to work with the science teachers in the Logan County Schools to establish a good science fair program.
- Riverside School science students tour conservation practices in Logan County.
- Earnest J. Shroyer was introduced as the 1000<sup>th</sup> co-operator to sign with the Logan District.

## 1967

Supervisors: Herbert J. Milroy  
 Ray Rothhar  
 N.P. McColloch  
 Cyril Woodward  
 Nevin Smith  
 Lloyd Lockwood  
 W.U.C.: David Nesser  
 Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

- The supervisors sponsored one local youth to Ohio Forestry Camp. They will pay \$25.00, the youth will pay the balance.
- Federal Land bank representative presents Science Program Awards to Logan County winners: John Kerr and Mary Ellen Montgomery.
- Construction contract for the “large lake” at Camp Myeerah Girl Scout Council has been awarded and will commence soon.
- J.R. Renick was presented a plaque for 18 years of service as a District Supervisor.
- A Denmark native will be visiting Logan County to observe American methods of agriculture.

- J.R. Renick was designated the outstanding farmer of the year.
- The Board of Supervisors purchased a 3M copier.

## 1968

Supervisors: Herbert J. Milroy  
 Richard Schlumbohm  
 Cyril Woodward  
 Nevin Smith  
 Lloyd Lockwood  
 W.U.C.: David Nesser  
 Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

- Secretary Louise Kinnard retired; Karen Blosser was hired as her replacement.
- Some of the board meetings were held at supervisors' homes.
- Ohio State University reported that Logan County will pay \$2000 per year for five years for a soil survey.
- Plans were made to observe the district's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Plans for a new office building are underway, completion date is projected to be June 10.
- Karen Tennant is the current secretary.
- State Representative, Rodney Hughes, was a guest at the December 17 meeting. He presented his intention to introduce legislation merging Soil and Water Conservation Districts with the Department of Natural Resources. The supervisors were supportive of the proposed legislation.
- The Supervisors submitted a resolution to the Highway Research Center Planning Commission stating that "plans should be set up to control sediment and water management during construction of the Research Center so that any landowner on the fringe will not be affected adversely."
- Office relocated from the West Columbus location to 817 S. Detroit, Bellefontaine.
- Cyril Woodward installed a waterway which was the first to utilize mulch netting to stabilize the slopes while the grass become established.

## 1969

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
 Cyril Woodward  
 Richard Schlumbohm  
 Lloyd Lockwood  
 Herbert Milroy  
 W.U.C.: David Nesser

Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Karen Tennant  
Conservation Trainee: Roy Roush

- Nevin Smith and Lloyd Lockwood represented the District at the Highway Research Center official meeting in Columbus. Soils maps of the proposed area are being prepared to provide to the Highway Research Center officials.
- The District will sponsor a delegate to the State Conservation Camp.
- Karen Tennant resigned her position as office secretary. Gertrude Porter was hired to fill the position.
- Logan County Fish and Game are installing a pond. There is some concern regarding the suitability of the soils at the pond site.
- Mr. & Mrs. Don Miller were presented the Goodyear Award as outstanding farmers.

## 1970

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Cyril Woodard  
Richard Schlumbohm  
Lloyd Lockwood  
Herbert Milroy  
W.U.C.: David Nesser  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter

- The Supervisors planned and executed a round-table meeting of local agriculture-business professionals and stakeholders to discuss agriculture and conservation issues. Topics included conservation education in the local schools, county sewage disposal, poster program for youth sponsored by the garden clubs, farms tours, and the changes in the rural character of Logan County.
- Karen Wood and Paul Whitehill were recognized as the Conservation Project Award recipients.
- The Goodyear Conservation Award for the Outstanding Farmer of the Year was presented to Glen Outland.
- Meetings and plans for the Metz Ditch commences in 1970. The Metz Ditch is a 9,699 acre ditch project cooperating with Auglaize County with 400 acres in Logan County. Approximately 125 landowners are included in the watershed, estimated project cost is \$62,000. The project appeared to be well received however an injunction was filed against the project. The injunction was legally upheld. An appeal may ensue.

## 1971

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Cyril Woodard  
Richard Schlumbohm  
Lloyd Lockwood  
Herbert Milroy  
W.U.C.: David Nesser  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter

- The benefits of a locally established Resource, Conservation and Development agency are being considered. The agency would be state and federally funded.
- Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hanson were the recipients of the 1971 Goodyear Outstanding Farmer of the year award.
- The benefits of county wide building and subdivision regulations were discussed. Correspondence was submitted to the Bellefontaine City Council suggesting erosion and sediment control regulation for building and subdivision expansion.
- Joyce Madden and Charlotte Jenny were the recipients of the 1971 Ohio Youth Conservation Awards contest.
- The Metz Ditch Project is underway, approximately on echild completed, approximately \$21,000 costs incurred.
- Bellefontaine National Bank sponsored conservation booklets to 750 Logan County 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Tom Rapp was hired as a part-time conservation technician aid.

## 1972

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Cyril Woodard  
Richard Schlumbohm  
Lloyd Lockwood  
Herbert Milroy  
W.U.C.: David Nesser  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart, Tom Rapp  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter

- A planning meeting including educators, clergy, and government agency representatives discussed conservation education and awareness for children and adults living and working in Logan County. The group agreed that

conservation workshops, field days and farm tours would promote information and awareness of the need and benefit of proven conservation practices.

- Bob Stoll attended forestry camp. The District contributed \$10.00 toward his expenses.
- Logan County welcomed Harold Schneider as the new Extension Agent.
- Oil slick on Bokengehales resulted from improper disposal of local industries by-products.
- District conducted a successful teacher workshop at Riverside schools; next year workshop will include all schools within county.
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beatty and sons received the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year for 1972.
- Tom Rapp leaves District employment to become full time OSU student.

### 1973

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Paul Wish  
Richard Schlumbohm  
Todd Gordon  
Herbert Milroy

W.U.C.: David Nesser  
Soil Conservationist: Wesley Beery  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter

- Logan Soil and Water District relocates to 324 Rd 11, Bellefontaine, OH.
- Logan Soil and Water District provides soil interpretations to assist in sewage disposal permits.
- Nevin Smith establishes no till test plots to rejuvenate pastures on his farm.
  
- The supervisors elected to focus on land use planning and better use of soil survey info for non-farm planning as a top priority for 1973.
- Michael Strayer was hired as a full time district aide.
- Dale Young flew district personnel over the county to take picture to use as educational tools.

### 1974

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Paul Wish  
Willis Bayliss

Todd Gordon  
Herbert Milroy  
W.U.C.: David Nesser  
Soil Conservationist: Wesley Beery  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter

- District Supervisors explore the feasibility of the District assuming responsibility for ditch maintenance.
- District met with county mayors regarding conservation problems in county. The group was responsive to the presentation.
- Roberts Smithers was recognized as the “Teacher of the Year”.
- The District purchased 2 walkie talkies for use in the field, especially helpful to the survey team.
- Bob Smithers, teacher at Riverside Schools, is the recipient of the “Teacher of the Year, Allis Chalmers Education Award in Environmental Conservation”.
- The annual tree sales resulted in 210 tree packets sold.

#### 1975

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Paul Wish  
Willis Bayliss  
Todd Gordon  
Herbert Milroy  
District Conservationist: David Nesser  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter  
S.C.S. Trainee: Gary Bassett

- James Duff received a merit certificate for furnishing a woodland magazine to all school libraries and to the Bellefontaine Examiner.
- Kemp Carter was hired as a full time district aide.
- Great Miami River needs to have trees cleared from bank to curtail flooding problems.
- District Supervisors explored the possibilities of developing a land lab at Western Elementary.

#### 1976

Supervisors: Nevin Smith  
Paul Wish  
Willis Bayless  
Don Wildermuth  
Herbert Milroy  
District Cons.: David Nesser  
Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
Secretary: Gertrude Porter  
S.C.S. Trainee: Gary Bassett

- ODNR Service Forester Jim Bartlett is working on land labs for the city

- Received a “Thank you” from Western Elementary for the land lab and tree planting
- 5,000 plants sold in wildlife packets
- Information was compiled on the Madriver Flood Plain survey
- A Forestry Field Day was held at John Middleton’s farm in Champaign County through Top of Ohio RC&D

1977

Supervisors: Nevin Smith

Paul Wish

Willis Bayless

Don Wildermuth

Steve Schlumbohm

District Conservationist: David Nesser

Conservation Technician- Charles Rinehart

Soils Conservationist –Charles McClusky, Jr.

District Secretary-Gertrude Porter

- The Board still had work committees in place
- Gertrude Porter retired as District Secretary in September and Grace Kauffman was hired for the position. Grace’s start date was June 18, 1977
- \$25,000 was designated through Top of Ohio RC&D for the re-seeding of 70 acres along U. S. Rt. 33
- Ed Core elected as Supervisor replacing Paul Wish –September
- Science teachers are checking streams in the county for water quality

1978

Supervisors: Nevin Smith

Willis Bayless

Don Wildermuth

Steve Schlumbohm

Ed Core, Jr.

District Conservationist: David Nesser

Soil Conservationist: Robert Drown

District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

Soil Conservationist Trainee: Randy Whitaker

District Aide: David Stutz

- The Board decided to start ordering seedlings from a nursery because it would help improve the district account
- Land Judging was held at the Paul Wish Farm
- Drive It Yourself Tour was held
- Lowell Howell was the Cooperator of the Year
- Logan SWCD elected to co-sponsor a proposal for South Fork Miami River Flood Hazard Analysis. Belle Center village, LUC, County Commissioners are also sponsoring.
- Clean Water Act legislation enacted impacting activities of conservation agencies.
- Logan SWCD will provide technical assistance to Bellefontaine City Schools in determining the flood potential and water control measure for proposed high school recreation field.

## 1979

Supervisors: Steve Schlumbohm, Chairman  
 Willis Bayless, Fiscal Agent  
 Nevin Smith, Secretary  
 Don Wildermuth, Member  
 Ed Core, Vice-Chairman  
 Herbert Milroy, Associate Supervisor  
 Lloyd Lockwood, Associate Supervisor

District Conservationist: David Nesser  
 Soil Conservationist: Randy Whitaker  
 Secretary: Grace Kauffman  
 Soil Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart  
 District Aide: Monte Stratton

- The board reviewed the working agreements that we have with villages and other agencies. They adopt a program outlining long-time objectives to provide assistance to people urging protection and improvement of each acre of land to its capability and treatment of its needs, for better conservation practices.
- First telephone listing for Logan SWCD.
- Board members expressed concern about many farmers converting pastures to corn, soybean production and the potential impact on the pollution abatement program.

## 1980

Supervisors: Willis Bayless  
 Nevin Smith  
 Steve Schlumbohm  
 Don Wildermuth



Ed Core

District Conservationist: David Nesser

Soil Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

District Aide: Monte Stratton

District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- Logan Soil Survey reports are available for public distribution.
- Wheeler Group Ditch project

## 1981

Supervisors: Ed Core, Jr.

Willis Bayless

Nevin Smith

Don Wildemuth

Steve Schlumbohm

District Conservationist: David Nesser

Soil Conservation Technician: Charles Rinehart

District Aide: Monte Stratton

District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- Jake Jeffrey, County Commissioner met with board.
- No till meeting held at Camp Wilson sponsored by Logan Co. Extension, ASCS, Logan SWCD and Paul Young, representative from Ortho Chemical.
- Pine Avenue School will plan a program around planting tree seedlings with Jim Bartlett, USDA Service Forester.
- Bob Stoll, Soil Conservationist, begins working at the Bellefontaine office 3 days per week. Status is permanent part-time.
- The Supervisors identify top priorities: 1. Appreciation of erosion control, 2. Conservation Education, 3. Drainage, 4. Conservation Tillage, 5. Training and supervision of staff
- Peggy Smith, Soil and Water Ladies Auxiliary representative, provided a program on conservation for the Pagola Garden Club.

## 1982

Supervisors: Ed Core, Jr

Nevin R Smith

Willis Bayless

Steve Schlumbohm

Tom Rapp

District Conservationist: David Nesser

Soil Conservationist: Rod Morris

District Technician Aide: Shelley Brecount

Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- Signs are distributed to recognize cooperators who employ no till farming practices.
- Grace Kauffman has a windbreak display at DeGraff Pioneer Days.
- Discussion concerning the landfill and dumping detoxified waste is a common topic throughout the county.
- Measures to control flooding for East Liberty, Zanesfield, West Liberty football field and Michican Ave., Bellefontaine are discussed.

1983

Supervisors: Ed Core, Jr  
 Nevin R Smith  
 Willis Bayless  
 Jerry Beatty  
 Tom Rapp  
 District Conservationist: David Nesser  
 Soil Conservationist: Rod Morris  
 District Technician Aide: Shelley Brecount  
 Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- No till meeting at Logan Co Fairgrounds emphasizing soil types, seeds and spraying equipment. Public appreciation for the benefits of no till for soil savings is gaining a toehold.
- RC & D will expand to include Miami, Clark, Hardin, Shelby and Madison Counties.
- Test plots of no till beans and conventional soybeans are established at Benjamin Logan High School farm.
- Bob Stoll becomes a full time employee.
- Curt Smith, County Wildlife Officer provides information on turkey program and wildlife habitat.

1984

Supervisors: Tom Rapp  
 Nevin Smith  
 Willis Bayless  
 Ed Core, Jr.  
 Jerry Beatty  
 District Conservationist: David Nesser  
 Soil Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
 District Technician Aide: Cheryl Erwin  
 District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- Logan SWCD Board of Supervisors purchase a no till drill for \$9,950.00. the drill will be available to rent for \$15.00/acre minimum base charge of \$150.00. 24 contract for drill rental are signed.
- Windbreak at Western Elementary is established.

- Plans for flood prevention practices at the West Mansfield Conservation Club are completed. Construction to commence.

#### 1985

Supervisors: Tom Rapp  
Nevin Smith  
Harvey Bayless  
William Fraser  
Jerry Beatty

Acting District Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
District Technician Aide: Shelley Brecount  
District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- Smaller, more use friendly walkie-talkies are purchased as a useful tool for crews completing field surveys.
- Discussions to co-locate agriculture based agencies under one roof or expand existing office square footage in a remodel project.
- Field Day at Ron Smith farm.

#### 1986

Supervisors: Jerry Beatty  
Nevin Smith  
Robert Smithers  
William Fraser  
Tom Rapp

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
District Technician Aide: Dan Levan  
District Secretary: Grace Kauffman  
Soil Conservationist: Mark Rose  
District Program Administrator: Shelley Brecount

- Board of Supervisors consider requiring mulch netting on waterways to minimize washouts that can occur before the seeding is well established.
- NRCS allocates a permanent soil conservation position to the Bellefontaine Field Office.
- Shelley Brecount provides educational programs for Logan County schools when not assisting with field work.
- Robert Smithers hosts a pond clinic at his farm.
- The District becomes a partner with Soil Conservation Service and Division of Soil and Water memo of understanding.

#### 1987

Supervisors: Tom Rapp  
Jerry Beatty  
Nevin Smith  
William Fraser

Robert Smithers

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll

Soil Conservationist: Mark Rose

Soil Conservationist: Lynn Miller

District Program Administrator: Shelley Brecount

District Technician: Dan LeVan

District Secretary: Grace Kauffman

- The Supervisors purchase a 1982 truck for \$1800.00.
- The office telephone system was upgraded.
- Grace Kauffman retires from Logan Soil and Water.
- Mark Rose represents the SWCD office on the Logan County Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Logan SWCD and RC &D conduct a Storm Water Management Workshop.

## 1988

Supervisors: Frank Phelps

William Fraser

Robert Smithers

Nevin Smith

Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Melinda Ledley

District Technician: Jim Phillips

District Aide: Lorre Culp

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll

Soil Conservationist: Mark Rose

Soil Conservationist: Lori Bullen

Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller

- The Board of Supervisors participates in a Multiflora Rose Control Program that provides cost-share funds for landowners who are struggling with multiflora rose overgrowth.
- The Supervisors purchases a new copier for \$4100.00.
- The Supervisors purchase a Haybuster drill from Lindale Farm.
- Anne Brienza, of Camp Willson, is contracted to conduct education programs for the District.

## 1989

Supervisors: Frank Phelps

William Fraser

Robert Smithers

Nevin Smith

Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot

District Technician: Jim Phillips

District Technician Aide: Kirk Neer

District Aide: Lorre Culp

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll

Soil Conservationist: Brian Thomas

Soil Conservationist: Dick Rush  
Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller  
Earth Team Volunteer: John DeWitt

- Netting Trailer is designed per the District's specifications. Charlie Kotterman built the trailer.
- Computer usage and Farm Bill requirements begin to dominate District staff's workload.
- A tour to BASF, Illinois, is organized by Bob Stoll.
- A poster contest is organized by the District. Logan County first, second and third graders may participate.
- The District participates in managing the County Conservation Farm.
- Bob Smithers resigns as supervisors to assume the role of coordinator of the District's education program.
- John DeWitt, Earth team volunteer, collects water samples for analysis from the Mad River.

## 1990

Supervisors: Frank Phelps  
William Fraser  
Greg Knight  
Nevin Smith  
Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot  
District Technician: Jim Phillips  
District Technician: Steve Searson  
District Aide: Lorre Culp  
District Aide: Vicky Boots  
District Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
Soil Conservationist: Brian Thomas  
Soil Conservationist: Dick Rush  
Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller  
Earth Team Volunteer: John DeWitt

- Forestry Field is held at Camp Kirkmont.
- Indian Lake Watershed Project hires staff to implement the watershed grant goals and objectives.
- The office space shared by the District and the Soil Conservation Service is expanded.
- Group formed opposed to the development of a landfill in Hardin Co. due to concerns about the negative effects a landfill could have on the Indian Lake Watershed.
- The rain simulator is a popular feature of local education programs.
- 600 students participate in the District's poster contest.
- The District participates in Logan County's Christmas tree recycling program.

1991

Supervisors: Frank Phelps  
William Fraser  
Greg Knight  
Nevin Smith  
Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot

District Technician: Jim Phillips

District Technician: Steve Searson

District Aide: Lorre Culp

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll

Soil Conservationist: Brian Thomas

Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller

Earth Team Volunteer: John DeWitt

Indian Lake Watershed Team: Martin Joyce, Tim Bartee, Robin Leonard,  
Vicky Boots

Education Coordinator: Jay Hunt

- Jay Hunt is hired as education coordinator, replacing Bob Smithers, who elected to retire from the position.
- Conservation and Agronomy Field day is conducted at the county farm.
- Ohio Farmer magazine recognizes Nevin and Peggy Smith as the Ohio Farmer of the Year.
- District computer hardware is upgraded.

1992

Supervisors: Frank Phelps  
William Fraser  
Greg Knight  
Nevin Smith  
Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot

District Technician: Jim Phillips

District Technician: Steve Searson

District Aide: Lorre Culp

District Conservationist: Bob Stoll

Soil Conservationist: Brian Thomas

Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller

Indian Lake Watershed Team: Martin Joyce, Tim Bartee, Robin  
Leonard, Vicky Boots

Education Coordinator: Barb Kuck

- Barb Kuck is hired as educational coordinator to replace Jay Hunt.
- Homeowners guide to Conservation is developed with Ohio Dept. of Natural Resource grant funds procured by Indian Lake Watershed team.
- Logan SWCD and Champaign SWCD combine efforts to conduct a Pond Clinic and Forestry Field Day.
- The District receives a grant from the USDA Forestry Service for Discovery Center trailer.

- District organized a county education committee.
- A Logan County fly over farm tour was conducted.
- Plans to establish a Darby Creek Joint Board are considered.

### 1993

Supervisors: Frank Phelps  
 William Fraser  
 Greg Knight  
 Nevin Smith  
 Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot  
 District Technician: Jim Phillips  
 District Technician: Steve Searson  
 District Aide: Lorre Culp  
 District Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
 Soil Conservationist: Brian Thomas  
 Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller  
 Earth Team Volunteer: John DeWitt  
 Indian Lake Watershed Team: Dick Neff, Vicky Boots  
 Education Coordinator: Barb Kuck

- The Supervisors purchase a new copier.
- \$300,000 in grants funds from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is awarded for streambank stabilization on the Mad River.
- Bokes Creek watershed project commences.
- Rosebrook Group project begins, Steve Searson is project coordinator.
- Supervisors sponsor a contest to design a logo for the Discovery Center Education trailer.

### 1994

Supervisors: Frank Phelps  
 Jim Patton  
 Greg Knight  
 Nevin Smith  
 Mike McCarren

District Secretary: Carmel Elliot  
 District Technician: Jim Phillips  
 District Technician: Steve Searson  
 District Aide: Lorre Culp  
 District Conservationist: Bob Stoll  
 Soil Conservationist: Gretchen Miller  
 Soil Conservation Technician: Lynn Miller  
 Indian Lake Watershed Team: Athel Dodds , Vicky Boots  
 Education Coordinator: Barb Kuck

- Emery Ditch is nearly completed.
- The District sponsors a Lease Hunting Project Workshop.

- The District collaborates with the Logan Co Health Dept. in applying for Issue One grant funds for the purpose of capping sinkholes.
- The District assists Indian Lake Watershed Project establish an intensive grazing site on former conservation reserve program acreage.

## 1995

Supervisors: Mike McCarren -Chairman  
 Nevin Smith –Vice Chairman  
 Frank Phelps – Fiscal Agent  
 Jim Patton – Secretary  
 Joe Elliott – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Jim Phillips – District Technician  
 Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll- District Conservationist  
 Lynn Miller –NRCS Soils Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Greg Nageotte-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

- Ditch Projects : Rosebrook Ditch Project, McClure Ditch Project, Elder Cline legal hearing
- Mad River Filter Strip Project, received a 319 grant for the project
- Forestry Field Day held in September at Camp Willson
- Annual Meeting held at Goshen Friends Church. Entertainment was Steve Newman the World Walker; catered by Port-A-Cook
- Conservation Farm Family – Don & Gloria Henry
- Teacher of the Year – Rick Kennedy
- Received a mini-grant through Madmen Trout Club

## 1996

Supervisors: Nevin Smith -Chairman  
 Frank Phelps –Vice Chairman  
 Jim Patton – Fiscal Agent  
 Joe Elliot – Secretary  
 Mike McCarren – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Jim Phillips – District Technician  
 Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Kristen Ammons –Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll- District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Greg Nageotte-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary



- Ditch Projects approved: Hartzler Ditch, Red Slough Ditch, E. B. Fry Ditch and South Fork Ditch
- Completed Ditch Projects: Rosebrook Ditch, Elder Cline Ditch
- Lynn Miller left the NRCS Bellefontaine Field Office
- Employee job descriptions were developed
- Logan SWCD received the Distinctive Service Award
- The Christmas Tree Recycling program was turned over the Litter & Recycling
- The 53rd Annual Meeting was held at Goshen Friends Church, Pete Inglin was the emcee, Jim Patton, Frank Phelps, Karl Sieg and Dennis Wischmeyer ran for 2 Supervisor positions. Jim Patton and Frank Phelps were re-elected as Supervisors
- Conservation Farm Family –Bob and Jay Ackley
- Forestry Stewardship Award – Roger Brown

## 1997

Supervisors:       Nevin Smith -Chairman  
                           Frank Phelps –Vice Chairman  
                           Jim Patton – Fiscal Agent  
                           Joe Elliot – Secretary  
                           Mike McCarren – Member

District Employees:     Lorre Culp –Secretary  
                                   Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
                                   Jim Phillips – District Technician  
                                   Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
                                   Steve Searson – District Technician  
                                   Kristen Ammons –Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS:             Bob Stoll- District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jerry Tussing -Executive Director  
   Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

- Ditch Projects –E. B. Fry Ditch Project bid went to Leon Billenstine; Commissioners upheld their decision for the E. B. Fry Ditch project to continue; Board members decided that the Hartzler Ditch Project could not continue without the help of Champaign SWCD
- The 54th Annual Meeting was held at Goshen Friends Church, catered by Port-A-Cook
- Bill Mitchell and Doug Lininger ran for one Logan SWCD Supervisor position as Mike McCarren decided not to run again
- Bill Mitchell was elected as Logan SWCD Supervisor with his term beginning January 1, 1998
- The Chuck Fulkerson Family was Conservation Farm Family of the Year
- Chris Swisher was Teacher of the Year
- A Forestry Field Day was held at Camp Willson with 150 attending
- Technicians designed, surveyed and laid out 18,480 feet of waterways and 4 rock structures

1998

Supervisors: Frank Phelps-Chairman  
Jim Patton –Vice Chairman  
Joe Elliot – Fiscal Agent  
Bill Mitchell – Secretary  
Nevin Smith– Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
Jim Phillips – District Technician  
Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
Joe Shultz – MNM College Intern  
Jason Bell –Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll- District Conservationist  
Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jerry Tussing -Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

- Employees attended the NACD National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.
- A Lunker Structure was built at Hall-Fawcett Park.
- There was talk of Miami River Project with Shelby County.
- Received an education grant of \$21,500 from Tamplin Trust.
- The 55th Annual Meeting was held at the Eagle’s catered by Port-A-Cook.
- Robyn Uebele was elected for one supervisor position vacated by Nevin Smith.
- Nevin Smith began serving as Associate Supervisor.
- Bob Stoll became lead District Conservationist for Champaign, Shelby and Logan Counties
- Received \$6,900.00 from Champaign SWCD for work a snag and clear and habitat project near Mad River Sportsman’s Club

1999

Supervisors: Frank Phelps-Chairman  
Jim Patton –Vice Chairman  
Joe Elliot – Fiscal Agent  
Bill Mitchell – Secretary  
Robyn Uebele– Member

Associate Supervisor: Nevin Smith

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
Jim Phillips – District Technician  
Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
Lisa Warne –Grazing Project Summer Intern  
Jason Bell –Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll- District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jerry Tussing -Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

- Author Cris Peterson was contracted with to present sessions at the Logan County Elementary Schools
- Public hearing on the Miami South Fork Snag and Clear Project.
- County Commissioners table the McClure Ditch petition, landowners withdraw from the petition process, agree to repair ditch independently.
- Baughman, Meyer, Covault Ditch is delayed while Shelby SWCD is replacing a conservation field technician.
- Bellefontaine Envirothon team receives first place advancing to state competition.
- Survey data collection for Baughman Ditch is completed.
- McClure Ditch legal public hearing it held. Project will proceed as planned.
- Karl Sieg Family is presented the Good Year Award.
- Bruce Smith is recognized as the Conservation Teacher of the Year.

2000

Supervisors: Jim Patton-Chairman  
Joe Elliot –Vice Chairman  
Bill Mitchell – Fiscal Agent  
Robyn Uebele – Secretary  
Frank Phelps – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
Jim Phillips – District Technician  
Carmel Elliott – Administrative Assistant  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
Jason Bell – Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 201,778.22- County Appropriations: \$102,000.00

State Match funds: 1 payment of \$99,778.22

Waterways Installed	31 acres, 21,500 ft.
Waterways on 2001 schedule	30, 23,900 ft
Wetlands	7, 19 acres
Site Reviews	12
Tree Sale	2,021 seedlings
Warm season grass seedings	403 acres
Nutrient Management	7, 881 acres, assisted 28 producers
Ditch Projects	South Fork Joint Ditch Project, McClure Ditch & W. E. Laughlin Ditch Project–completed spring of 2000 Mad River Enhancement Project –completed Fall 2000
Ditch Projects to be completed	Jacobs Ditch, Leach Ditch, Baughman Ditch

- Assessment notice for the Miami River project was posted-Feb.

- Logan SWCD Supervisors accepted the Mad River Stream Stabilization project.
- Carmel Elliott announced her retirement effective at the end of 2000.
- Held the Laughlin Petitioned Ditch project hearing, accepted & approved.
- Southfork Petitioned Ditch Petition completed –cost \$113,390.00.
- Mad River Steam Project recommended to Logan County Commissioners.
- 57th Annual Meeting/Appreciation Dinner held at the Logan County Fair Grounds – supervisor candidates: Joe Elliot, Tim Lyden, David Campbell, Jack Graham –Tim Lyden elected, Joe Elliot re-elected.
- Conservation Family of the Year –Don Spath.
- Teacher of the Year – Phil Forsythe; catered by Phil’s Cardinal.
- Technician’s Tour held in Logan County in the Fall.
- Deb Roberts hired for the Administrative Assistant position due to Carmel Elliott’s retirement.
- McClure Petitioned Ditch project was approved.
- Logan SWCD’s mission statement was adopted: “It is the goal of Logan Soil and Water Conservation District to promote stewardship of soil, water and other natural resources”.

2001

Supervisors: Jim Patton –Chairman  
 Joe Elliot –Vice Chairman  
 Tim Lyden–Fiscal Agent  
 Robyn Uebele –Secretary  
 Frank Phelps –Member

Associate Supervisor: Doug Henry

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Jim Phillips – District Technician  
 Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – Summer Intern

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 192,608.96 - County Appropriations: \$102,000.00  
 State Match funds: 1 payment of \$90,608.90

Waterways to install 43 acres; 59,000 ft.  
 CRP Filter Strips 4; 21,000 ft.  
 Wetlands installed 11 acres

Site Reviews 3  
 Tree Sale 1,508 seedlings  
 Warm Season Grass seedings 23.2 acres  
 Nutrient Management 391 acres

- Nevin Smith, Past Logan SWCD Supervisor was inducted into Federation’s Supervisor Hall of Fame.
- Leased the County Farm.
- Ramsey Homestead was the 2001 Conservation Family of the Year.
- Teacher of the Year: Deanne Beaver, Riverside 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
- McClure Ditch petitioned ditch project was completed and placed on county maintenance.
- City of Bellefontaine donated \$20,000.00 to Riverside Schools for their wetland project on the airport project.
- Rum Creek and Green Ditch was petitioned.
- Jason Bell hired as District Technician.
- Mad River Stream Bank restoration completed.

2002

Supervisors: Jim Patton –Chairman  
 Joe Elliot –Vice Chairman  
 Tim Lyden–Fiscal Agent  
 Robyn Uebele –Secretary  
 Frank Phelps –Member

Associate Supervisor: Doug Henry

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Jim Phillips – District Technician  
 Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – Summer Intern/District Technician  
 USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 197,155.79- County Appropriations: \$102,000.00  
 State Match funds: 1 payment of \$95,155.79

Waterways to install 33 acres, 59,000 ft.  
 Wetland to install 30 acres  
 Site reviews 3  
 Tree Sale 3,760 seedlings  
 Warm Season Grass seedings 25 acres  
 Nutrient Management 391 acres

- Chevy Truck purchased in February.
- Benjamin Logan Envirothon Team placed second at the Area IV Envirothon; placed second at the Ohio Envirothon in Aquatics.
- Jason began working full-time as District Technician.
- 59th Annual Meeting held August 22, 2002 at the Logan County Fair Grounds Grange Building.
- 2003 Supervisor candidates for 2 positions: current supervisor Frank Phelps, Lauren Ledley and Louise Dunham. Jim Patton did not run for re-election. Frank Phelps was re-elected and Lauren Ledley was elected.
- Phelps Family –Farm Family of the Year.
- Teacher of the Year –Kim Weiss, Benjamin Logan FFA teacher.
- O. S. Black Ditch and Spellman Ditch petitions were accepted.
- Jason Bell hired as full-time District Technician – June 2002.

2003

Supervisors: Joe Elliot–Chairman  
 Tim Lyden –Vice Chairman  
 Robyn Uebele–Fiscal Agent  
 Frank Phelps –Secretary  
 Lauren Ledley –Member

Associate Supervisor: Doug Henry

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Jim Phillips – District Technician  
 Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 210,891.76- County Appropriations: \$110,000.00 (8% increase)  
 State Match funds: 1 payment of \$100,891.76

Waterways installed 35; 29 acres; 41,439 ft. –Estimate of soil saved -7,800 tons  
 Cost Estimate of waterways \$375,000.00; Estimated cost share -\$295,000.00  
 Site Reviews 8  
 Tree Sales 4,050 seedlings  
 Wetlands Installed 4; 30 acres

Current Ditch projects on the list:

*Baughman Joint Ditch	*Green Joint Ditch	*Stiles Ditch	*McKees Creek
*O. S. Black Ditch	*Spellman Ditch	*Mayor Painter Ditch	*Miami River

- The Phelps Family received the Core4 Conservation Award for 2002.

- The Leach Ditch project was approved by the Logan SWCD Supervisors and Logan County Commissioners
- Soils Digitizing began for Logan County
- Participated in the Logan County Drive It Yourself Tour
- 60th Annual Meeting held August 21st at Riverside Schools
- Joe Elliot chose not to serve as supervisor for 2004. Candidates for 2 supervisor positions are current supervisor Tim Lyden, Jeff Beelman and Matt Wilson. Tim Lyden was re-elected for another 3 year term and Jeff Beelman was also elected to serve as supervisor.
- Jim Phillips, District Technician, retired in May, passed away, May 23, 2003.
- Conservation Farm Family – Jeff & Dawn Beelman.
- Teacher of the Year –Cindy Plank, 8th grade Science teacher, Bellefontaine Middle School.
- Contracted with Author Marcia Schonberg to visit and educate Logan County Elementary Schools students. Author of “B is for Buckeyes” and “Cardinal Numbers”.
- Area IV Envirothon-One Riverside team placed 3rd and a Bellefontaine team placed 9th out of 98 teams.
- Jason Bell assumed duties of District Technician/MNM Specialist.
- May 13, 2003 – Logan County Land Trust’s first official meeting.

2004

Supervisors: Tim Lyden – Chairman  
 Frank Phelps –Vice Chairman  
 Robyn Uebele–Fiscal Agent  
 Lauren Ledley –Secretary  
 Jeff Beelman –Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 211,979.00- County Appropriations: \$102,000.00 (8% decrease)  
 State Match funds: 1 payment of \$109,979.00

Waterways installed	67; 67,210 ft. -10 waterways were cancelled
Wetlands installed	4; 30 acres (began in 2003)
Site Reviews	8
Tree Sale	4,050 seedlings
EQIP Allocations	\$97,556.00

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\*Baughman Joint Ditch      \*Green Joint Ditch      \*Stiles Ditch      \*McKees Creek  
\*O. S. Black Ditch      \*Spellman Ditch      \*Mayor Painter Ditch      \*Miami River

- Assisted with the Logan County Drive It Yourself Tour School Day – 550 1st & 3rd grade students attended.
- 8th year of Ag Festivals -3,800 elementary students; 209 volunteers.
- Riverside Envirothon team placed 3rd at the Area IV Envirothon; Bellefontaine placed 9th.
- A list of Logan County “Unique and Locally Important Soils” was approved and became a permanent fixture for Logan SWCD.
- Purchased 2 computers
- Purchased a John Deere 2X4 Gator -\$1,714.73 including trade-in
- The Miami River snag & clear project cost estimate process and log jam inventory was completed
- The USDA/NRCS Conservation Security Program began.
- The Painter Ditch project was approved by Logan SWCD Supervisors
- The 61st Logan SWCD Annual Meeting was held August 26th at Riverside Schools. Supervisor candidates were: Robyn Uebele, Roy Bragg, Ken Kauffman. Robyn Uebele was re-elected as supervisor.
- Terrill Farms –Dean, Linda, Brad & Heidi was the Conservation Farm Family.
- Bill Davis, Benjamin Logan FFA teacher was Teacher of the Year.
- Earth Team volunteers Gina Berry and Victory Early logged in 410.5 hours of volunteer time between them.
- Logan SWCD accepted a permanent CRP filter strip and conservation easement of 8.25 acres from Gary & Gloria Carson.

## 2005

Supervisors:      Frank Phelps –Chairman  
                         Jeff Beelman –Vice Chairman  
                         Lauren Ledley –Secretary  
                         Robyn Uebele – Fiscal Agent  
                         Tim Lyden – Member

District Employees:      Lorre Culp –Secretary  
                         Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
                         Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
                         Steve Searson – District Technician  
                         Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS:      Bob Stoll, District Conservationist



Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 195,036.00- County Appropriations: \$99,000.00 (3% decrease)  
State Match funds: \$ 96,036.00-received in 2 payments  
Waterways installed 51; 41,250 ft.; 5,100 estimated tons of soil saved  
Waterway Cost Estimates \$172,425.00; Estimated cost share -\$155,182.00  
Erosion Control Structures 5; cost share \$16,800.00  
Pond Investigations 10  
Site Reviews 7  
Tree Sale 2,749 seedlings

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\*McClure Ditch      \*Green Joint Ditch      \*Stiles Ditch      \*McKees Creek  
\*O. S. Black Ditch      \*Spellman Ditch      \*Mayor Painter Ditch      \*Miami River

- The year of the Miami River Improvement Project –inventorying the Muchinippi and Miami River, parcel data, cost estimates, many public meetings. Estimated cost estimate for the Muchinippi -\$360,000.00; Miami River -\$498,000.00. Due to excessive flooding in the spring of 2004, several landowners in the Miami River watershed organized a petition drive to rid the river of logjams and debris. An inventory of logjams and leaning trees was completed on 16 miles of the Miami River and 10 miles of the Muchinippi Creek by the Logan Soil & Water Conservation District.

The Miami River Improvement Project watershed includes approximately 250,000 acres and over 32,000 parcels in Logan, Auglaize, Hardin, Shelby and Champaign counties. A Joint Board of Supervisors was formed comprising of all five counties in the watershed. The Logan Soil & Water Conservation District and the Indian Lake Joint Board conducted an extensive public outreach effort to educate the community about the project. On May 25, 2006, a public viewing and hearing was held at the Indian Lake High School. On June 27, 2006, the Miami River Board of Supervisors met and recommended the project be forwarded on to the Joint Board of Commissioners.

The following is a list of public informational efforts for the Miami River Improvement Project.

- July, 2005 Discussed project at the Logan County Farm Bureau Development meeting
  - July 18-23,2005 Logan County Fair 7’x 11’ display with pictures of flooding, log jams, watershed map and log jam locator map amongst other items manned from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
  - August 20, 2005 ILWP Annual Recognition Banquet –Power Point presentation
  - August 25, 2005 Logan SWCD Annual Meeting –Power Point presentation
  - September 30, 2005 Top of Ohio Drive It Yourself Tour-display set up
  - October 1-2, 2005 Display at Precision Custom Products
  - October 12, 2005 Purchased ¼ page color ads in the following newspapers to publicize information meetings -ads were published November 1 and
  - November 5, 2005 in the *Bellefontaine Examiner, Kenton Times, Sidney Daily News, Urbana Daily Citizen, Wapakoneta Daily News.*
- Public Informational Meetings were held:
- November 10—8:00 PM -Jackson Center Schools
  - November 15 –3:30 PM -Bellefontaine High School
  - November 15 –7:00 PM -Riverside High School
  - November 17 –7:00 PM -Indian Lake High School

Each meeting lasted approximately 2 hours with the exception of Bellefontaine which lasted approximately 1 1/2 hours. The number of attendees at each meeting was:

Jackson Center Schools - 36  
Bellefontaine High School -10  
Riverside High School -32  
Indian Lake High School -50

- November 30, 2005 Contacted *Bellefontaine Examiner* reporter Sue Pitts and provided a private showing and additional information for a news article.

Sent same information to *Kenton Times*, *Sidney Daily News*, *Urbana Daily Citizen*, *Wapakoneta Daily News*.

Met with the following civic organizations:

- October 25, 2006 Bellefontaine Exchange Club
- December 8, 2005 Shelby Co. Agricultural Society
- December 29, 2005 Bellefontaine Kiwanis
- May 1, 2006 Mailed 18,500 letters of public notice to landowners of over 30,500 parcels in project area
- May 9, 2006 Additional public briefing held at Bellefontaine High School
- May 11, 2006 Additional public briefing held at Indian Lake High School
- May 25, 2006 Public View and Hearing held at Indian Lake High School attended by approximately 400 individuals

Presentations were made at the following city and village council meetings and radio stations:

- January 10, 2006 Bellefontaine City Council
- January 18 "CBS" Meeting -Lakeview Municipal Bldg.
- February 3 WBLL-Will Zell and the Bell
- February 6 Lakeview Village Council
- February 9 Russells Point Radio Station -10:00 AM  
WPKO –Bill Tipple "In Sync" -7:00 PM
- February 13 Jackson Center City Council
- February 16 Logan County Farm Bureau
- February 21 DeGraff Village Council
- February 27 Waynesfield Village Council
- March 20 Russells Point Village Council

- MRIP Joint Board of Supervisor Meetings were held February 28 and April 4, 2006 at 5:00 PM. These meeting notices were published in the "Upcoming Events" column in the *Bellefontaine Examiner*, *Kenton Times*, *Sidney Daily News*, *Urbana Daily Citizen* and *Wapakoneta Daily News*.

- The following articles were published in the participating county newspapers as indicated:

- October 12, 2005 "Miami River Improvement Project Meetings" Slated" *Bellefontaine Examiner*, *Kenton Times*, *Sidney Daily News*, *Urbana Daily Citizen* and *Wapakoneta Daily News*
- October 18, 2005 "Miami River Meetings Held" - "*Urbana Daily Citizen*
- November 1, 2005 "Informational Meetings –3 Days and 1 Night"

- Sidney Daily News*
- December 3, 2006 “Project Aims to Reduce Flooding: “  
*Bellefontaine Examiner*
  - March 2006 “Council Learns About Improvement Project”  
*Sidney Daily News*
  - March 1, 2006 “City Residents Would Pay Same Fee as River  
Neighbors”  
*Bellefontaine Examiner*
  - March 15, 2006 “ County Hears Report on Miami River  
Improvement “  
*Urbana Daily Citizen*
  - March 17, 2006 “Officials Consider River Improvement “  
Project”  
*Sidney Daily News*
  - March 17, 2006 “Rainfall Supports County Farmers “  
*Sidney Daily News*
- Held an Urban Forestry workshop with the Bellefontaine Tree Commission.
  - 62nd Annual Meeting held at Riverside Schools August 25th. Election of 2 supervisor positions. Lauren Ledley did not run for re-election. Supervisor candidates: Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey and Eric Johnson. Frank Phelps re-elected, Joe Ramsey re-elected.
  - Conservation Farm Family –Steve and Winnie Jacks.
  - Principals of the Year (instead of Teacher of the Year) Benjamin Logan Principal Shari Rice, and Vice Principal Brian Hunt.
  - Logan County Drive It Yourself Tour – School Day September 30th, public –October 1st and 2nd. Stops were: Precision Custom Products, Inc., Shroyer Show Stock, Knight’s Cattle Farm, Ladson View Farm, Jeff & Dawn Beelman’s.
  - Adopted a new group drainage project petition deposits policy. Watersheds of 1-100 acres require a \$100.00 deposit; 101-500 acres a \$500.00 required; involving 501 acres or more a \$1,000.00 deposit.
  - Development of the Logan County Land Use Plan began –several agencies participated including Logan SWCD.

2006

Supervisors: Frank Phelps –Chairman  
 Jeff Beelman –Vice Chairman  
 Joe Ramsey–Secretary  
 Robyn Uebele – Fiscal Agent  
 Tim Lyden – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 194,608.00- County Appropriations: \$99,000.00 (flat)  
State Match funds: \$ 95,608.00-received in 3 payments  
Waterways installed 59; 60,130 ft.; 7,400 estimated tons of soil saved  
Waterway Cost Estimates \$444,962.00; Estimated cost share -\$400,465.00  
Erosion Control Structures 6; cost share \$13,440.00  
Pond Investigations 8  
Tree Sale 5,410 seedlings

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\*Green Joint Ditch \*Stiles Ditch \*McKees Creek \*O. S. Black Ditch  
\*Spellman Ditch \*Mayor Painter Ditch \*Miami River

- There were 61 Conservation Security Program (CSP) applications.
- Enough signatures received to put the Miami River Improvement Project on for referendum for the November 2007 election.
- Logan County Homeowner's Guide completed. Logan County Commissioners paid to have 1,000 printed. The Homeowner's Guides were taken to realtors, townships and appropriate county agencies and various events.
- Employees received training for the SWIMS reporting system.
- 63rd Annual Meeting held August 31st at Riverside Schools. Jeff Beelman did not run for Supervisor position. 2007 supervisor candidates for two supervisor positions were Tim Lyden, Eric Johnson and Renee Winner. Tim Lyden was re-elected and Eric Johnson was elected.
- Conservation Farm Family –Harold and Coronita Longbrake.
- Teachers of the Year –Jennifer Davis, Benjamin Logan Elementary art teacher and Bruce Smith, Benjamin Logan 4th grade teacher.

2007

Supervisors: Frank Phelps –Chairman  
Joe Ramsey –Vice Chairman  
Tim Lyden–Secretary  
Robyn Uebele – Fiscal Agent  
Eric Johnson– Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
Deb Roberts – Administrative Assistant  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total \$ 205,474.00- County Appropriations: \$101,970.00 (3% increase)  
State Match funds: \$ 103,504.00 -received in 2 payments  
Waterways installed 40; 38,000ft.; 4,470 estimated tons of soil saved

Waterway Cost Estimates	\$253,820.00
Erosion Control Structures	5; cost share \$18,900.00
Pond Investigations	7
Tree Sale	3,260 seedlings; 18 wildflower packets; 15 tree protectors
Installed wetlands	3; 70 acres
CRP:	55 contracts; approximately 7,000 acres
EQIP:	7 approved applications -\$184,624.00 for Logan County

Current Ditch projects on the list:

*Green Joint Ditch	*Stiles Ditch	*McKees Creek	*O. S. Black Ditch
*Spellman Ditch	*Mayor Painter Ditch	*Miami River	

- Riverside High School placed 1st at the Area IV Envirothon held at Camp Hugh Taylor Birch in Green County and advanced to the Ohio Envirothon at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware.
- The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts County Commissioners Tour was held in Logan County.
- Phase II of the Logan County Land Use Plan began.
- Macocheek Project, a project funded by the WHIP program and ODNR Division of Wildlife Voluntary Check Off began. This project allows 1,500 feet of the Macocheek to meander to its natural flow.
- A mutual landowner agreement was approved for the Barnett Ditch project.
- Supervisors accepted the Green Ditch petition that was a joint project with Union County.
- Logan SWCD employees constructed a Rain Garden at Green Hills Community utilizing a \$500.00 grant. OSU Master Gardeners assisted with the planting of flowers and upkeep.
- Summer Supervisor School was held in Area IV at the Marriot in West Chester. Logan SWCD employees assisted with the Children's Tour that was held at Union Terminal.
- An Agricultural Security Area (ASA) of approximately 700 acres was accepted by Logan County Commissioners.
- 64th Annual Meeting, August 21st at Riverside Schools. Supervisor Robyn Uebele resigned as Supervisor due to the relocation of her family to St. Louis, Missouri. 2008 Supervisor candidates were Renee Winner and Leslie Warne. Renee Winner was elected as supervisor and began her duties immediately due to Robyn's resignation.
- Due to Robyn Uebele's resignation as Logan SWCD Supervisor, The board re-organized 3 positions: Vice President –Eric Johnson, Fiscal Agent –Joe Ramsey, Member –Renee Winner.
- The Miami River Improvement Project went on the ballot in November's election and was voted down.

2008

Supervisors: Frank Phelps –Chairman  
Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
Tim Lyden–Secretary  
Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
Renee Winner – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
Deb Roberts – District Administrator  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
Donnie Knight –Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Jack Webb-Executive Director  
Vicky Boots –Executive Secretary

Funding Total: \$202,394.00 - County Appropriations: \$101,970.00 (flat)  
State Match funds: \$ 100,424.00-received in 6 payments

Waterways installed 36; 27197 ft.; 4,793 estimated tons of soil saved

Waterway Cost Estimates \$218,650.00

Erosion Control Structures 1; cost share \$18,900.00

Pond Investigations 5

Tree Sale 3,605 seedlings; 23 wildflower packets

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\*Green Joint Ditch \*Stiles Ditch \*McKees Creek \*O. S. Black Ditch  
\*Spellman Ditch \*Mayor Painter Ditch \*Barnett Ditch

- Livestock Mortality Composting class
- Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285 sponsored the Logan County Envirothon teams
- The first Agricultural Education Tour was held June 24-25, 2008.
- Received \$17,300.00 from Tamplin Trust for Ag Festival and classroom programs
- The Mad River Watershed Joint Board was formed
- 35,000 assessment letters were mailed to landowners in the Miami River Watershed for the Miami River Improvement Project. The appeals hearing for the project was held May 29, 2007. The Miami River Joint Board of Commissioners voted to discontinue the project in May 2008.
- Pheasants Forever Chapter #285 funded \$900.00 for the Logan County Envirothon teams
- The 65th Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with the Forestry Field Day October 26th at Camp Wesley. Frank Phelps, Joe Ramsey and Leslie Warne were supervisor candidates for two 2009 supervisor positions. Frank Phelps and Joe Ramsey were re-elected for the two positions. Volunteer of the Year – Warren Taylor. Conservation Farm Family –Bill & Susan Shultz

- Forestry Field Day – October 26, 2008. 250 attended. Chili and hot dogs were served. Activities during the Field Day: Smokey Bear, Ohio Raptors, the ODNR Archery Trailer, Logan SWCD Soils Tent, Proper Tree Pruning Techniques, Emerald Ash Borer session, portable sawmill demonstrations, beekeeping, woodland management practices, tree planting demonstrations, maple syrup demonstration.
- 38 children attended the Passport to Fishing Program held June 18th at Camp Myeerah.
- NRCS has plant materials available for wetland for home sewer systems. NRCS and Logan County Health District has been working with a landowner outside of Big Springs on a wetland sewer system.
- The District purchased a ProStar utility trailer to haul the gator with for \$1,400.00.
- Author Ann Purmell was brought to Logan County Schools by the District with education grant funds.
- George Feltham, Earth Team Volunteer began water quality testing at various areas in Logan County.
- Jack Webb, Indian Lake Watershed Project Executive Director resigned in October 2008.

2009 Supervisors:

Frank Phelps –Chairman  
 Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
 Tim Lyden–Secretary  
 Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
 Renee Winner – Member

District Employees:

Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Barb Kuck –Education Coordinator  
 Deb Roberts – District Administrator  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS:

Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
 Brian Leptak –Civil Engineering Technician  
 Mike Retterer –Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project:

Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$135,390.00 - County Appropriations: \$81,576.00 (20% decrease)

State Match funds: \$ 66,606.00-received in 6 payments

Waterways installed 43; 36,640 ft.; 7,770 estimated tons of soil saved

Waterway Cost Estimates \$218,650.00

Pond Investigations 1

Tree Sale 9,695 seedlings; 16 wildflower packets

EQIP: 7 approved in Logan County -\$207,247.00 in funding

CRP: 624 contracts through the Farm Service Agency -\$818,705.00

WHIP: 1 contract of 98.6 acres -\$20,435.00

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\*Green Joint Ditch –completed

O. S. Black Ditch

- Area IV Envirothon May 5th at Honda of America, East Liberty plant
- Passport To Fishing program – Jun 17th at Camp Myeerah, 68 children attended
- July –Logan SWCD supervisors regrettably lay off the Education Coordinator due to budget cuts
- 66th Annual Meeting/Open House held at the Logan SWCD office August 13, 2009. Supervisor candidates: Tim Lyden, Eric Johnson, Pat Myers, Don Selhorst. Eric Johnson and Tim Lyden were re-elected.
- Conservation Farm Family – R & K Farm – the Kinney Family
- Drive It Yourself Tour September 19th. Stops included: Logan County Farm Bureau's Farmer's Share Breakfast, Logan County Farmers Market at the Fair Grounds, Logan County Cooperative at Ohio High Point Career Center, Stoneyfield Farm – Dwight & Bonnie Hanson, Meadowbrook Farm –Don & Doris Selhorst, Ledley Dairy – Loren & Nancy Ledley
- Contracted with Toni Cox for school education programs
- Agricultural Security Area Informational meeting held in Logan County
- Logan County EMS Mapping project started
- Board members voted to not be reimbursed for their accumulated meeting mileage for 2009
- Logan SWCD employees' hours reduced by 20% effective 12/28/09. Hours: Monday –Thursday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**2010** Supervisors:

Frank Phelps –Chairman  
 Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
 Tim Lyden–Secretary  
 Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
 Renee Winner – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
 Deb Roberts – District Administrator  
 Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Jason Bell – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
 Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
 LaRae Baker –Soils Conservationist  
 Justin McBride –NRCS Summer Intern  
 Mike Retterer –Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project:  
 Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$135,390.00 - County Appropriations: \$65,000.00 +6,600.00 administrative contract services with the Commissioner's office =\$71,600.00, State Match funds: \$ 71,600.00-received in 12 payments; ½ in 2010 and ½ in 2011

Waterways installed 10; 18,600 ft.; 1,750 estimated tons of soil saved



Waterway Cost Estimates        \$182,270.00  
Pond Investigations                5  
Tree Sale                            6,875 seedlings; 26 wildflower packets; 652 tree shelters  
EQIP:                                3 approved in Logan County - \$97,323.00.00 in funding  
CRP:                                 623 contracts through the Farm Service Agency -\$803,517.00  
WRP:                                 5 contracts of 798 acres -\$20,435.00  
CSP:                                 6 contracts equaling \$101,500.00

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\* Roach Ditch                    \* O. S. Black Ditch                    \*Kreglow Ditch

- One CNMP plan was completed involving 145 dairy cows and 282 acres of conservation and nutrient management planning.
- Technicians assisted with 2 milk house sprinkler systems and 1 animal waste storage structure.
- Logan SWCD contracted with Logan County Commissioners to provide office support in their office 2 days a week.
- Contracted with Toni Cox to provide school programs focusing on various agricultural activities that match the State Science Standards to the programs.
- 67th Annual Meeting held August 11, 2010, an open house at the office. Supervisor candidates for one supervisor position were Renee Winner & Kelly Mobley. Renee Winner was re-elected for another 3 year ter. The Re-AI Winner Family Farm was the Conservation Farm Family.
- Area IV Envirothon was held in West Chester. Bellefontaine teams placed 14th and 15th, Indian Lake placed 21st and the Riverside teams placed 49th and 63rd.
- 2nd Bi-Annual Agricultural Education Tour held June 24-25. Fifty-seven attended. Stops included: Wyandot, Inc. –Marion, The Ohio State Agricultural Research Center –Wooster, Fred Cannons Beef Farm and Barn Restoration – Wooster, Pine Tree Farms –Wooster, an organic farm- Sterling, Pioneer Equipment –Dalton, Malabar Farms –Wooster, Mockingbird Meadows Farm – Marysville.
- The Larry Kinney was honored at the Farm Science Review as the area’s Conservation Farm Family
- December 2010-District Technician left Logan SWD to accept a position as a West Lake Basin Conservationist in Auglaize, Allen and Hardin counties.
- The vacant District Technician position was not filled due to the budget situation.

2011 Supervisors:

Frank Phelps –Chairman  
Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
Tim Lyden–Secretary  
Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
Renee Winner – Member

District Employees:

Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Deb Roberts – District Administrator

USDA/NRCS: Steve Searson – District Technician  
 Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
 Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
 LaRae Baker –Soils Conservationist  
 Mike Retterer –Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project:

Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$152,395.00 - County Appropriations: \$65,000.00 +\$15,205.00 administrative contract services with the Commissioner's office = \$80,205.00, State Match funds: \$72,190.00- received in 12 payments; ½ in 2011 and ½ in 2012.

Waterways installed	41; 33,900 ft.; 4,476 estimated tons of soil saved
Waterway Cost Estimates	\$280,000.00
Pond Investigations	6
Manure Investigations -	8, not including follow-up visits, reporting and correspondence with agencies and landowners
Drainage Investigations -	23
Tree Sale	2,680 seedlings; 16 wildflower packets, 12 tree shelters
EQIP:	5 approved in Logan County – 2,726 acres–funding \$26,933.00
Forestry EQIP:	1 contract, 40 acres –funding -\$16,693.00
CRP:	628 contracts through the Farm Service Agency -\$786,027.00 to Logan County producers
WRP:	2 easements of 861 acres -\$2,177,816.00 also 6 applications involving 1,189.2 acres
CSP:	3 contracts -766.7 acres equaling \$122,810.00

Current Ditch projects on the list:

\* Roach Ditch

\* O. S. Black Ditch

\*Kreglow Ditch

- Contracted with the Logan EMS Association to create maps and notebooks for the Sheriff's Department and each squad and fire department to use for locations of emergency runs in the county
- Assisted with 7 applications for the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program
- 2011 Top of Ohio Drive It Yourself Tour –served on the committee, compiled teacher and student packets for 812 students and 38 teachers, coordinated the conservation school day stop that involved 13, Logan County 4th grade classes involving 285 students
- Logan County held the Manure Science Review at Re-Al Winner Farms.
- Contracted with Bill Fulton, retired Indian Lake teacher to coordinate the Logan County Teams for the Area IV Envirothon.
- Conservation Tillage Club meetings held January –March with approximately 65 individuals attending each of 6 breakfasts.
- 68th Annual Meeting was held September 8th at Winner Harvest Barn. Logan SWCD and Logan County Farm Bureau combined their Annual Meetings. Supervisor candidates included: current Supervisors Frank Phelps and Joe Ramsey with Jim Hoffman also running for one of two positions. Frank Phelps and Joe Ramsey were both re-elected to serve 3 year terms.
- The 2011 Logan SWCD Cooperator of the Year – Joe and Andy Forsythe.

## 2012

Supervisors: Frank Phelps –Chairman  
Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
Tim Lyden–Secretary  
Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
Renee Winner – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Deb Roberts – District Administrator  
Steve Searson – District Technician  
USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
LaRae Baker –Soils Conservationist  
Brian Ortman – Farm Bill Biologist

### Indian Lake Watershed Project:

Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$131,096.00 - County Appropriations: \$65,000.00; State Match funds: \$66,096.00-  
received in 12 payments; ½ in 2012 and ½ in 2013.

Waterways installed 40; 42,840 ft.; 6,900 estimated tons of soil saved

Waterway Cost Estimates \$413,815.00

Pond Investigations 2

Manure Investigations -9, not including follow-up visits, reporting and correspondence  
with agencies and landowners

Drainage Investigations - 16

Group Ditch Projects - 2

Urban- 41 hours

Tree Sale 5,015 seedlings; 230 3 gallon container stock, 20 wildflower  
packets, 3,412 tree shelters

EQIP: 3 approved in Logan County – 200 acres–funding \$45,000.00

Forestry EQIP: 3 contract, 200 acres –funding -\$19,300.00

CRP: 589 contracts through the Farm Service Agency -8,440 acres -  
\$722,181.00 to Logan County producers

WRP: 5 easements of 429.3 acres -1.2 million dollars

CSP: 3 contracts -766.7 acres equaling \$122,810.00

- Held 6 Conservation Tillage Club Breakfast Meetings. Approximated 330 landowners attended the 6 meetings. One education breakfast focused on the 4R Tomorrow Program.
- Assisted with the Amazing Adventure at the Logan County Fair and had a display with Logan County Farm Bureau and Heritage Cooperative where the 4R Tomorrow program was displayed along with various educational handouts. We also had a “Name that Farm” contest where each day an aerial map was provided and participants could guess whose farm was showcased on the map. The winner each day was rewarded with a \$10.00 Chamber Choice certificate. The Amazing Adventure (formerly known as Happy Hoofing) had not been held for several years previously. Children learned about soil and soils painting.
- Lorre and Deb spent a day at the Ohio State Fair August 3rd. Franklin SWCD invited SWCD’s to showcase their District. Logan SWCD participated. Deb & Lorre shared the District’s “Nature Paints a Picture” program where

participants were given the opportunity to create their own picture painting with soils and natural embellishment such as flowers, grasses, bark, etc.

- 69th Logan SWCD Annual Meeting was held September 18th at Winner Harvest Barn. The Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with Logan County Farm Bureau. Candidates running for 2 Supervisor positions were current Supervisors Eric Johnson and Tim Lyden along with Adam Graham. Eric Johnson and Tim Lyden were re-elected for another 3 year term.
- The 2012 Logan SWCD Cooperator of the Year – Randy and Vicki Smith. Randy and Vicki were also selected as the Farm Credit Services Cooperator of the Year Award.
- Held the 3rd Bi-Annual Agricultural Education Tour June 26 – 28, 2012. 37 individuals attended the 3 day, 2 night event visiting Canal Junction Farmstead Cheese, Defiance, Ohio, Forrest Woods Nature Preserve, Antwerp, Bridgewater Dairy, Montpelier, The Andersons' in Maumee, Kitty Todd Nature Preserve, Swanton, Hirzel Farms in Luckey, American Sweet Bean Company and Sisters of Saint Francis Seeds of Hope Farm, Tiffin and the University of Findlay James L. Child Equestrian Complex in Findlay.
- A Women in Agriculture workshop was held July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. Topics included: Conservation Planning, Financial Assistance, Wildlife on your Farm Including Pollinator Habitat, Web Soil Survey, Landlord & Tenant Relations, Estate Planning and Locally Grown Foods & Marketing Your Products. A local panel of Logan County agriculture women –Lisa Bambauer, Renee' Winner and Vicky Boots shared their experiences and answered questions.

## 2013

Supervisors: Frank Phelps –Chairman  
Eric Johnson –Vice Chairman  
Tim Lyden–Secretary  
Joe Ramsey – Fiscal Agent  
Renee Winner – Member

District Employees: Lorre Culp –Secretary  
Deb Roberts – District Administrator  
Steve Searson – District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Bob Stoll, District Conservationist  
Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
LaRae Baker –Soils Conservationist  
Brian Ortman – Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project:  
Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$128,984.00- County Appropriations: \$65,000.00; State Match funds: \$63,984.00- received in 12 payments; ½ in 2013 and ½ in 2014.

Waterways planned – 9, 11,000 ft.

Cost Estimate of waterways - \$ 121,560.00

Estimated tons of soil saved by the installation of waterways– 1,250 tons

Pond site investigations –1

Manure Investigations – 7 - (58 hrs.) –This includes follow-up visits and correspondence with agencies and landowners

Drainage Investigations –10–50 hours

Group Ditch Projects –1

Urban –4 sites—(25 hrs.)

2013 Tree Sale– 12,625 seedlings 20 wildflower packets and 1,604 tree shelters. Five large orders of seedlings were purchased for USDA conservation plantings.

- Logan SWCD along with Hardin SWCD and Hardin County OSU Extension held 4 Conservation Tillage Meetings. Held at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory in January, February and March, these informational meeting brought in a total of 330 attendee, averaging approximately 70 at each meeting. Each attendee received free breakfasts.
- Logan SWCD agreed to contract with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to administer project payments. The contract brings in approximately \$1,000.00 of additional funding per agreement to the District.
- District supervisors contracted with Bill Fulton, retired Indian Lake High School to coordinate Logan County teams to compete in the Area IV Envirothon. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 29 Bellefontaine, Indian Lake and Riverside high school students competed at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center in Mercer County. The highest scoring Logan County team was Bellefontaine. The team placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 69 teams.
- Logan SWCD employees showcased the 4R Tomorrow program with their display at the Logan County Fair and participated in the Amazing Agriculture Adventure educated children about soils and then completed a “hands-on” soil painting activity. Each day of the fair a different aerial photo was displayed. Fair-goers were invited to guess what farm was being displayed.
- District employees along with Jill Smith, Logan County Farm Bureau, Vicky Boots with Indian Lake Watershed Project, Pat Myers, Rick Petty with Logan County Cooperative Electric and Becky Hoffman with Farm Credit Mid-America planned the 2013 Top of Ohio Drive It Yourself Tour. The tour was held Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stops for the event were RE-AL Winner Farms, Bunker Hill Farm, Logan County Electric Cooperative and Yeasel Farms. Approximately 1,032 first and fourth grade students participated in an Ag School Day on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The conservation stop for the Ag School Day was held at Riverside Schools.
- Approximately 80 individuals attended a Cover Crop workshop August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The 70<sup>th</sup> Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting was held September 12<sup>th</sup> at Winner’s Harvest Barn in conjunction with the Logan County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. David Knight and Dawn Beelman ran for the one open supervisor position to replace Renee Winner who decided not to seek re-election. David Knight was elected for a three year commencing January 1, 2014.

Lisa Bambauer was honored as the 2013 Cooperator of the Year receiving a plaque and gift certificate. Becky Hoffman and Andrea Dicke with Farm credit Mid-America presented a Cooperator of the Year sign. The meal was catered by the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory and the dessert by the Heidout, Jackson Center.

- Bob Stoll, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, District Conservationist, Bellefontaine Field Office retired after 30+ years of service with NRCS.

## 2014

Supervisors: Frank Phelps - Chairman  
Eric Johnson-Vice Chairman  
Joe Ramsey-Fiscal Agent  
Tim-Lyden –Secretary  
David Knight-Member

District Staff: Lorre Culp-Secretary/GIS  
Deb Roberts-District Administrator  
Steve Searson-District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Leisha Billenstein-District Conservationist  
Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
LaRae Baker-Soils Conservationist  
Brian Ortman –Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project:  
Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$137,118.00- County Appropriations: \$70,000.00; State Match funds: \$67,118.00- received in 12 payments; ½ in 2014 and ½ in 2015.

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) – none– closed this year  
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) – 4 contracts, 300 acres, \$255,600.00  
Conservation Security Program (CSP) – 21contract, 37 acres, \$ 2,650.00  
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) -562 contracts, 5,916 acres, \$ 633,208.00 to Logan County producers.

Waterways planned – 18 projects, 21,000 ft.  
Cost Estimate of waterways - \$ 204,900.00  
Estimated tons of soil saved by the installation of waterways– 3,543 tons

Pond site investigations –6

Pollution Abatement Investigations (Manure)– 4

Group Project Drainage Project Assistance –2

Drainage Investigations –12

Urban Site Reviews –8

Logan SWCD 2014 Tree Sale– 4,550 seedlings 9 wildflower packets and 582 tree shelters sold. Four large orders of seedlings were purchased for USDA conservation plantings.

## Cover Crop for Gardens Sale (mix) - 73 lbs. sold

- Conservation Tillage Club Meetings-Logan Soil & Water Conservation District along with Hardin Soil & Water Conservation District, Union Soil & Water Conservation District, Logan County OSU Extension, and Hardin County OSU Extension, held four conservation education meetings for landowners. The meetings were held at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory in January, February and March with approximately 330 landowners attending the meetings, averaging 65 per meeting. A free breakfast was served at each meeting, with several organizations and business sponsoring the breakfasts. Topics at the breakfast meetings were: Economics of Disease Control, Weed Management, Grain Marketing, Ag Law and CDL Requirements for Ag.
- Logan County Fair Activities: The Logan Soil and Water Board of Supervisors thank those who stopped by our display that focused on cover crops at the 2014 Logan County Fair. We also extend a special thank you to the Logan County Farm Bureau and Logan County Electric Cooperative for graciously providing space for our display. While at the fair, Logan Soil and Water Conservation District was pleased to participate in the “Amazing Agriculture Adventure” organized by the Logan County Farm Bureau. Employees demonstrated the Enviroscope focusing on watersheds and the effects pollution can affect our natural resources and shared “Soils to Spoon” teaching youth the importance of soil in the food they eat every day.
- Envirothon-4 Logan County teams participated in the Area 4 Envirothon April 29th at the Proctor Center in London, Ohio. All placed well with the Bellefontaine Red Team of Olivia Martin, J. D. Bensman, Monica Martz, Matt Baughman and Connor Mason placing 5th out of 82 teams. The participant of the Logan County teams would not be possible without the support of Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285 financial support.
- Cover Crop Workshops –Logan SWCD assisted NRCS with 3 cover crop sessions with approximately 90 participants for the 3 sessions.
- Water Quality Testing– Logan SWCD and NRCS are blessed to have a fantastic Earth Team Volunteer, George Feltham. George and his team have conducting water quality testing for the past 4 years at various creeks and streams in Logan County with landowner permission.
- Camp Myeerah—U.S. Fish & Wildlife project- Steve Searson, District Technician, has been providing assistance for a wetland project at Camp Myeerah.
- August -Leisha Billenstein is the new NRCS District Conservationist.
- The 71<sup>st</sup> Logan SWCD Annual Meeting was held September 11, 2014 at Winner’s Harvest Barn. Candidates for two supervisor positions were Liz Core, Richard Kinney, Frank Phelps and Joe Ramsey. Frank Phelps and Joe Ramsey were re-elected for three year terms beginning January 1, 2015. A touching tribute for Nevin Smith who served as Logan SWCD Supervisor for 30 years and served as president for Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was presented by Frank Phelps.

Bob Stoll, retired District

Conservationist introduced our new District Conservationist Leisha Billenstein and presented to her a “District conservations Survival Kit”. Bob Stoll presented the 2014 Cooperator of the Year Award to Carol and Alice O’Brien. Becky Hoffman and Andrea Dicke with Farm Credit Mid-America presented the Cooperator of the Year sign.

- Carol and Alice O’Brien were honored with the OFSWCD Conservation Cooperator of the Year.
- The bi-annual Ag Education Tour was cancelled to lack of registrations.

## 2015

Supervisors: Tim Lyden - Chairman  
Eric Johnson-Vice Chairman  
Joe Ramsey-Fiscal Agent  
Frank Phelps –Secretary  
David Knight-Member

District Staff: Lorre Culp-Secretary/GIS  
Deb Roberts-District Administrator  
Steve Searson-District Technician

USDA/NRCS: Leisha Billenstein-District Conservationist  
Brian Leptak-Civil Engineering Technician  
LaRae Baker-Soils Conservationist  
Mike Retterer–Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed Project: Vicky Boots –Executive Director

Funding Total: \$153,420.00- County Appropriations: \$80,000.00; State Match funds: \$73,420.00- received in 12 payments; ½ in 2015 and ½ in 2016.

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) -one easement closing in FY 15  
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) -2 Conservation Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP’s) and 1 pasture contract; 805.6 ac. \$41,210.00  
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) - 2 –2015 contracts, both re-enrolls; 118.9 acres, \$1,000.00. Sixty-five CSP & CS+P contracts involving 35,861 acres were completed in 2015  
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) -532contracts, 5,027.46 acres, \$ 567 to Logan County producers.

The 2015 construction season got off to a late start. Several waterways that were not constructed due to delays with the Agriculture Act of 2014 carried into 2015 and there were numerous waterways signed up in 2015. Of course because of the large amount of rainfall Logan County experienced construction was delayed. Despite these set backs Logan Soil and Water Conservation District worked to assist landowners to get conservation on the land.

Waterways planned-32 projects; 38,345 ft.  
Cost Estimate of waterways - \$ 356,850.00  
Estimated tons of soil saved by the installation of waterways– 4,313.80

Pond site investigations-5



Pollution Abatement Investigations (Manure)-7

Group Project Drainage Project Assistance-1

Drainage Investigations-7

Urban Site Reviews-10

Logan SWCD 2015 Tree Sale-2,620 seedlings, 18 wildflower packets and 172 tree shelters sold.

Left over seedlings were donated to the Russells Point for ball park and restoration projects.

Cover Crop for Gardens Sale (mix) - 100 lbs. sold

The 2015 Cooperator of the Year was the Tim and Lynn Miller family.

- Conservation Tillage Club Meetings-Logan Soil & Water Conservation District along with Hardin Soil & Water Conservation District, Union Soil & Water Conservation District, Logan County OSU Extension, and Hardin County OSU Extension, held four conservation education meetings for landowners. The meetings were held at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory in January, February and March with approximately 330 landowners attending the meetings, averaging 65 per meeting. A free breakfast was served at each meeting, with several organizations and business sponsoring the breakfasts. Topics at the breakfast meetings were “New Weed Management Options”, “Grain Market Outlook”, “Budgets, Cash Rents and the Bottom Line”, “Water Quality/Nutrient Management”.
- Logan County Fair Activities-The Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors thank those who stopped by our display that focused on nutrient management and pollinators at the 2015 Logan County Fair. We also extend a special thank you to the Logan County Farm Bureau and Logan County Electric Cooperative for graciously providing space for our display. While at the fair, Logan Soil and Water Conservation District employees enjoyed making Chia Pets with children and educating them about soil facts.
- Envirothon-7 Logan County high school teams participated in the Area 4 Envirothon at Camp Friedlander in Loveland, Ohio. The participation of the Logan County teams would not be possible without the financial support of Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285.
- Water Quality Testing-Logan SWCD and NRCS are blessed to have a fantastic Earth Team Volunteer, George Feltham. George and his team have conducting water quality testing for the past 5 years at various creeks and streams in Logan County with landowner permission.
- Myeerah Park-U.S. Fish & Wildlife project-Steve Searson, District Technician, has provided assistance for a wetland project at Myeerah Park and has assisted Indian Lake Watershed Project with the survey and technical assistance for a rain garden.
- Earth Day Celebration - Participated with an Earth Day Celebration held at Mary Rutan Park Saturday April 25th.
- Top of Ohio Drive It Yourself Tour- District employees along with Jill Smith, Logan County Farm Bureau, Vicky Boots with Indian Lake Watershed Project, Pat Myers, Michael Wilson with Logan County Cooperative Electric and Becky Hoffman with Farm Credit Mid- America planned the 2015 Top of Ohio Drive It Yourself Tour. The tour was held Sunday, September 20th. Stops for

the event were Forsythe Farms, Lyden Polypay Farms and Wishwell Farms. Approximately 1,054 first and fourth grade students participated in an Ag School Day on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition to enjoying the 3 stops on the tour first grade students were educated at an Amish farm, Kramer's Dairy Farm. Fourth grade students also went to Logan County Cooperative Electric and Camp Wesley for the conservation stop.

- June 20<sup>th</sup>-Leisha Billenstein, District Conservationist added a new addition to her family –a daughter Rose Belle. Big Sister Qwinn and parents Jeffry and Leisha were very pleased.
- The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting was held September 1<sup>st</sup> at Winner Harvest Barn in conjunction with Logan County Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Candidates for two supervisor positions were Beau Graham, Jamie Rice, Warren Taylor, Eric Johnson and Tim Lyden. Eric Johnson and Tim Lyden were re-elected to serve another 3 year term. The Tim and Lynn Miller Family were awarded the 2015 Cooperator of the Year Award.

## 2016

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Frank Phelps, Secretary  
David knight, Member at Large

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Steve Searson, District Technician

Natural Resource  
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LaRae Baker, Resource Conservationist  
Randy Smith, Soil Conservation Technician  
Mike Retterer, Farm Bill Biologist

Indian Lake Watershed  
Project: Vicky Boots, Executive Director

District Funds ending balance as of 12/31/2016 is \$90942.86.  
Special Funds ending balance as of 12/31/2016 is \$37649.69.

27 waterways planned and installed totaling 70911 linear feet of waterway (13.43 miles). Total cost estimate for waterways is \$521,610.00, 8627.6 estimated tons of soil saved by installation of waterways.

1 pond site investigation  
6 pollution abatement investigation  
4 drainage investigation  
3 urban site reviews.  
17 Environmental Quality Incentive Program applications received in 2016.  
56 Highly erodible land determinations completed in 2016.  
56 Wetland determinations completed for 2016.  
! Wetland Reserve Program easement closed.  
Logan SWCD purchased a new Chevrolet pickup truck with a topper. The 2002 truck was posted for bid on government website.

Cover Crop Workshops were conducted in the spring and fall of 2016.

The Ohio State Auditor's office conducted an audit of Logan SWCD for years 2011-2015. There were no findings.

Grazing management workshop was planned by Logan SWCD and NRCS, hosted at the Van Winkle Farm, West Mansfield, OH.

Logan SWCD is a collection site for milkweed pod collection sponsored by the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative.

Logan SWCD had a display at the Logan Co Fair and conducted a conservation education activity for fair goers.

Logan SWCD sold 3,280 tree seedlings, 29 wildflower packets, 6 cover crop seed packets and 51 tree shelters in districts annual tree sale program. The tree sale program netted \$1665.37

Ten teams represented Logan County at the Area IV Envirothon on April 26, 2016 at Chenoweth Trails, Greenville, OH. Bill Fulton organizes and coordinates the high school teams training and participation on behalf of Logan SWCD. Logan County team participation is facilitated with financial support of Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285.

District Board of Supervisors revised and updated the Logan SWCD Personnel Policy

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District along with Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District, Logan County OSU Extension and Hardin OSU Extension conducted 4 conservation education meetings for landowners.. Approximately 280 landowners attended, averaging 70 per meeting. Meeting convened at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory. Area organization and businesses assumed responsibility for the expenses of the provided breakfast buffet.

David and Gina Tighe were recognized as Logan SWCD 2016 Cooperator of the Year.

George Feltham, Earth Team Volunteer, continued his water quality data collection on various creeks and streams in Logan County.

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Project: Vicky Boots, Executive Director

District Funds ending balance as of 12/31/2017 is \$111541.88.  
Special Funds ending balance as of 12/31/2017 is \$670593.69.

1 Wetland Reserve Program easement restoration completed, 34.3 acres.  
4 Wetland Reserve Program easements accepted for funding, 112.3 acres.  
10 Environmental Quality Incentive Program contracts, totaling 1,157 acres, \$438,323.00  
8 Conservation Stewardship Program contracts,, for 6,909 acres, \$117,983.00  
548 Conservation Reserve Program contract, 5,148 acres, \$647,800 in payment for Logan  
County contract holders.  
20 CRP waterways, 41,323 feet, 718 miles.  
Cost estimate for waterway completion is \$382,300.  
Estimated 6500 tons of soil save by the installation of waterways.  
4 pond site investigation.  
5 Pollution Abatement Investigations.  
5 Urban Site reviews completed.  
100 Highly Erodible determinations were completed for 2017.  
100 Wetland Determinations were completed for 2017.

Logan SWCD 2017 tree sale program sold 2,985 tree seedlings, 23 wildflower packets and 17  
tree shelters.

Pollinator seed sales resulted in enough seed to plant 214 acres.

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District along with Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District, Logan County OSU Extension and Hardin OSU Extension conducted 4 conservation education meetings for landowners. Approximately 270 landowners attended, averaging 67 per meeting. Meeting convened at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory. Area organization and businesses assumed responsibility for the expenses of the provided breakfast buffet. Topics at the breakfast meetings were “Grain Marketing Outlook”, “Soil Health”, Precision Ag & the 4 R’s”, and “New Weed Control Options”.

12 Logan County high school teams participated in the area 4 Envirothon held at Fernald Preserve in Hamilton County. Bellefontaine #2 Envirothon team finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the Area 4 Envirothon and qualified to compete at the Ohio Envirothon. Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285 provided financial support for Logan County students to participate in Envirothon. Bill Fulton coordinates Logan County’s training and participation.

George Feltham continues to conduct stream water quality testing throughout Logan County.

Logan SWCD received an Ohio Environmental Education Fund grant for “Exploring Effects of Water Quality in Western Ohio” workshop.

Logan SWCD and NRCS presented water infiltration through the soil demonstrations to Benjamin Logan third grade students.

Logan SWCD participated in the planning and implementation of Logan County Top of Ohio Ag Tour. The tour stops included Ack-Lee Dairy Farm, Marmon Valley Farm, Darling Tunis Farm, Myeerah Nature Preserve and Ohio Hi-Point Career Center Animal Care Unit, Outdoor Careers and Culinary Arts Program. The tour was a coordinated effort from various Logan County Ag groups and Logan County businesses.

Pheasants Forever Logan County Chapter #285 was recognized as 2017 Cooperator of the Year. The Chapter has consistently provided financial support for Envirothon participation and PF volunteers have volunteered time and expertise in workshop and education events benefitting Logan County students.

Two cover crop meetings were planned and implemented for Logan County landowners.

Logan SWCD Supervisor and NRCS representative provided soils judging for Logan County FFA students.

David and Gina Tighe hosted a pasture walk at their farm as did the Ron Smith Family.

Logan SWCD staff provided soils and water quality education for Logan County Girl Scout. The event convened at Myeerah Nature Preserve.

2018

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Indian Lake Watershed Project:  
Vicky Boots, Executive Director

2018 was a year of hellos and goodbyes. Deb Roberts, District Program Administrator, retired in September after 18 years of service. Steve Searson assumed the role of District Program Administrator and Jennifer Snipes was employed as the Administrative Assistant. In April, Vicky Boots retired as the Indian Lake Watershed Project Executive Director and Abi Hastings was hired as the new Executive Director. Charlie Allen filled the vacancy of Farm Bill Biologist, when Mike Retterer moved to another position. The Board employed Kiersten McMahan as a summer intern to assist Steve Searson with field work. She left in August when it was time to return to her college studies.

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District celebrates 75 years of service. July 8, 1943, Morgan Connor, J.R. Renick, David Coover, Jack Richardson and Bill Bosart conducted the first Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting.

The board updated the Logan SWCD Personnel Policy and the Logan SWCD District Policies.

The Top of Ohio RC & D Council dissolved effective March 1, 2018.

Logan SWCD Board of Supervisors replaced the truck used for survey work and farm visits with a new Chevy pick up truck.

The District office was painted and floor covering will soon be replaced.

## Financial Report

### District

◦Balance 1/1/2017 (includes change fund of \$100.00)	\$111,542.82
◦Income	\$ 53,648.53
◦Expenses	\$ 33,481.17
◦Ending Balance 12/31/17	\$131,710.18
◦Funds committed to education	\$ 19,559.00
◦Funds remaining in District Fund	\$112,151.18

### Special (County) Funds

◦ Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 67,059.64
◦ Income - County & State Match Funds	\$155,109.44
◦ Expenses	\$150,905.95
◦ Ending Balance 12/31/17	\$ 71,263.13

### 2018 Conservation Programs and Technical Activities

The following conservation programs have provided funding for technical assistance and financial assistance for the implementation of conservation practices. Logan Soil and Water Conservation District (Logan SWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical assistance. Farm Service Agency administers the government programs with the exception of EQIP and CSP which is administered by NRCS.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) - 5 contracts, 1,433 acres, \$312,396.00.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) - 6 contracts, 4,810 acres, \$281,535.00.

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - 400 contracts, 3,175 acres, \$441,387.00 to Logan County producers.

The 2018 construction season was very busy this year! Several waterways that were not constructed in 2017 were completed along with 2018 waterway applications. Logan Soil and Water Conservation District worked to assist landowners getting conservation on the land by surveying, designing and laying out as built conservation practices and providing technical assistance to properly establish various other conservation practices.

Waterways planned - 13 projects; 23,000 ft (4.2 miles).

Cost Estimate of waterways - \$200,000.00 (with cost share funds from Farm Service Agency along with landowners expense).

Estimated tons of soil saved by the installation of waterways - 3900 tons.

Pond site investigations - 8.

Pollution Abatement Investigations (Manure) - 4.

Group Drainage Assistance - 3.

Drainage Investigations - 6.

Ohio Department of Agriculture cost share assistance project - 1.

Conducted a Soils Health Workshop March 19th at Marmon Valley Farms, 18 in attendance.

Logan Soil and Water Conservation District along with Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District, Logan County OSU Extension and Hardin OSU Extension conducted 4 conservation education meetings for landowners. Approximately 275 landowners attended, averaging 70 per meeting. Meeting convened at the Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory. Area organizations and businesses assumed responsibility for the expenses of the provided breakfast buffet. Topics included were: CAUV Property Tax Changes, Worldwide Grain Markets, Climate and Weather, Soybean Population.

George Feltham continues to conduct stream water quality testing throughout Logan County.

Conducted "Exploring the Effects of Water Quality in Western Ohio" workshop for 7th grade teachers from Logan, Shelby, Darke, Mercer, Miami and Auglaize counties. Logan SWCD, Jill Smith with Logan County Farm Bureau and Midwest Regional Educational Service Center (MRESC) planned the August 7 and 8 event. Dave Shellhaas, MRESC representative, developed the curriculum utilizing a grant from Ohio Environmental Education Funds. Each teacher participant received a \$150,00 stipend, water quality test kits for their classrooms, water quality curriculum and spectrometers that were developed by the University of Akron. The second day of the workshop the group travelled to the Blanchard Watershed Demonstration Farms for hands on training.

Logan SWCD 2018 Tree Sale - 3410 seedlings, 14 wildflower packets and 27 tree shelters were sold. Left over seedlings were once again donated to Myeerah Nature Preserve.

Pollinator Seed Sales - 7 customers, 123 acres of pollinator plots.

Mid Contract Management Pollinators Plugs - offered as a service to the public. Sold 122 flats to Logan, Champaign and Union County landowners.

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