



CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2015 Tree Seedling Sale

This year Clark SWCD is coordinating our tree seedling sale to coincide with Earth Day. This is a great opportunity for you, your family or group to commemorate this day and give back to Mother Nature by planting tree seedlings for future generations. We are only having a one day pick up on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, EARTH DAY! We will be offering over 20 different species of trees and shrubs. As a reminder, these are bare-root tree seedlings ranging from sizes of 8 to 20 inches, and the best chance for survival is to plant them as soon as possible and in a suitable location. Tree species descriptions and order forms can be found inside!



IMPORTANT DATES

Tree Pre-Order Deadline:

Monday, March 30th

Tree Pick up Date:

Wednesday, April 22nd



PLEASE NOTE

Surplus seedlings will be available at regular prices, but supplies will be limited.

Bird Boxes & Feeders

NEST BOXES

Bluebird and Wren nest boxes are available for sale this year. Other nest boxes are also available for special order through the Clark SWCD. These nest boxes are constructed from kiln dried cedar. They feature an overhanging roof with ventilation, bottom slots for drainage, and easy open front for monitoring and cleaning.



HANGING BIRD FEEDERS

Feeders hold approximately 3 lbs. of mixed bird seed. Features include a removable screen bottom, aluminum hinges, metal chain for hanging, and handcrafted quality.

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Wildflower Seeds

WILDFLOWER SEED MIX

This year Clark SWCD will be offering 1oz wildflower seed packets. Each packet will cover approximately 250 square feet and contains such flowers as coreopsis, coneflower, snapdragons, black eyed Susan and yarrow. The wildflower mix is an excellent way to establish wildlife buffer for hummingbirds, butterflies and other wildlife. For a complete list of the seed mix, contact our office at 937-521-3880.



Fish Fingerling Sale

*Fish fingerlings will be available this year to stock farm ponds. The species available include: Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Channel Catfish, White Amur, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Jumbo Yellow Perch and Black Fathead Minnows. **Order form and pick up information can be found on page 5.***



Clark SWCD Would Like to Welcome John Wagoner



John Wagoner
USDA-NCRS

John Wagoner was recently hired by the USDA-NRCS as a Soil Conservation Technician covering both Clark and Madison Counties. John is a native of Grove City, Ohio where he graduated from Central Crossing/Southwestern Career Academy in 2009. He continued his education at Hocking College where he obtained an associate's degree in Wildlife Management in 2011, and then graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelors degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Resources in 2013.

Prior to coming on board with NRCS, John worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Great Falls, Montana. There he was a Rangeland Specialist, managing government lands by surveying for threatened/endangered plant species, pesticide application of invasive species and mapping with GPS & GIS technologies.



FFA Soils Judging

The 2014 FFA land judging competition was held on September 11th, at the former Snyder Park Golf Course. Students were tested on properties of soil for suitable uses in rural and urban settings. Congratulations to all FFA students representing Clark County High Schools!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO:
National Trail Parks &
Recreation District**



RURAL RESULTS

Team Scores:

- 1st Northeastern
- 2nd Southeastern
- 3rd Greenon
- 4th Northwestern

URBAN RESULTS

Team Scores:

- 1st Northeastern
- 2nd Greenon
- 3rd Southeastern
- 4th Northwestern

HAY SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to Jason Webster for being named the Grand Champion of the 2014 Hay Show at the Clark County Fair, hosted by Clark SWCD. Charles Shellabarger was awarded Reserve Grand Champion. A special thanks goes to our award sponsors, Gainer Seed Farm and The Delmar Augustus Family.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be held at 7:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Unless otherwise advertised all meetings will be held at the Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main St. Springfield, Ohio. Please go to www.clarkswcd.com to verify changes to meeting time and date. Serving on The Board of Supervisors for 2015 are Jason R. Bishop (Chairman), Brent Pence (Vice Chairman), Brenna Cross (Fiscal Agent), Dale Stewart (Secretary) and Brian Funderburgh (Treasurer).

Tree Species Descriptions

Wind Break Packet: Contains 60 seedlings consisting of 20 White Pine, 20 Norway Spruce and 20 Scotch Pine.

White Pine: A fast growing evergreen with long, soft needles. This makes an excellent tree to be used as a windbreak or for screening.

Scotch Pine: A medium to slow growing evergreen tree with bluish-green needles. This tree makes a good windbreak when the tree is young; as the tree ages the lower branches die out.

Norway Spruce: A fast growing evergreen with short, dark green needles and can reach 40' to 60' in height. This tree makes an excellent windbreak and Christmas tree.

Colorado Spruce: A slow to medium growing evergreen with short silvery-blue needles and can reach 30' to 60' in height. This tree prefers rich, moist soils; however, it is more drought tolerant than other spruces. It makes an attractive windbreak or Christmas tree.

Shagbark Hickory: A medium growing tree native to Ohio that is well known for its shredding bark and edible nuts. This tree prefers rich, well drained soils and can grow 100' in height.

Pin Oak: A faster growing oak that will grow 60' to 70' high and wide. This oak typically grows in soils that occasionally flood; however, it does not tolerate soils that are wet all year, nor soils with shallow limestone bedrock. This tree has a predominantly bronze fall color.

Northern Pecan: A medium growing tree native to Ohio that produces an edible nut. This tree prefers rich, moist soils and will grow 70' to 100' in height.

Red Maple: A fast to medium growing native tree that has bright red flowers in early spring; however, it's known more for its brilliant red fall color. This popular shade tree tolerates wet soil conditions and grows 40' to 60' at mature height.

River Birch: A medium to fast growing tree excellent for low swampy areas and along streams. This pyramidal shaped tree grows 40' to 70' tall, likes acidic soils, and has beautiful exfoliating bark and a yellow fall color.

Bald Cypress: A fast growing deciduous conifer of slender, pyramidal habit. This tree grows well in wet areas and will reach a height 50' to 65' tall.

Tulip Tree: A large sized tree that can reach a height of 100' when mature. The leaves are similar to the shape of a maple leaf. This tree produces a greenish white color flower in mid June and is commonly found in established forests throughout Ohio.

White Dogwood: A slower growing species that is mostly found in established forests as an under story tree. This tree grows to a mature height of 25', has excellent white flowers in the spring, and has red fruit September - October that birds love to eat.

Paw Paw Tree: A medium growing tree found naturally in established forests throughout Ohio. The tree grows 15-20' in height and produces an edible fruit in the fall.

Redbud: A medium growing under story tree found native in established forest across Ohio. This tree grows 20' to 30' tall and has edible purple flowers in the early spring and dark green leaves throughout the summer.

Sweetbay Magnolia: A smaller tree which is typically found in the southern portion of the United States, but will grow in a well protected area in Ohio. This tree has glossy green leaves and will produce cream colored flowers that have a vanilla scent.

Common Persimmon Tree: A medium sized tree that can reach a mature height of 50' to 60' tall. This tree will produce fragrant flowers in the summer and a tasty edible fruit in the fall. This plant needs a male and a female plant to produce any fruit.

American Plum: A smaller tree which grows to 15' tall and grows in many areas except where the soil is sandy. The tree is a shallow rooted plant and will send up many suckers from the base of the trunk which make it a good stream bank stabilizer. The fruit is edible, but has a sour taste, and the branches on this tree will have thorns.

Sweetspire: A shrub that will reach a height and width of 3' to 4' and produce white fragrant flowers on the plant in late May to early June.

Domestic Apple: The common apple tree which will produce white flowers and of course produce apples. The tree generally stands 6' to 15' tall, if regularly pruned. It grows in full sun and likes moist, well-drained soils.

Ordering information & form on pg 4.

2015 Tree Sale Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45505 - Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Description	No. per Packet.	Pre-Order Price per Pkt.	No. of Packets	TOTAL
Windbreak Packet (White Pine, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine)	60 seedlings	\$ 35.00		
White Pine	10 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Scotch Pine	10 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Norway Spruce	10 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	10 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Shagbark Hickory	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Pin Oak	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Northern Pecan	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Red Maple	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
River Birch	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Bald Cypress	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Tulip Popular	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Paw Paw	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Red Bud	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Sweetbay Magnolia	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Common Persimmon	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
American Plum	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Sweetspire	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Domestic Apple	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Wildflower Seed Packet	1.0 oz	\$ 4.00		
Hanging Bird Feeder	3 lbs.	\$ 25.00		
Wren Nesting Box	1 each	\$ 20.00		
Bluebird Nesting Box	1 each	\$ 20.00		

TOTAL (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$ _____

Office Use ONLY Cash _____ Check _____ Receipt No. _____

Complete & mail to:

Clark SWCD
3130 E. Main St.
Springfield, Ohio 45505

by **March 30, 2015**

Make checks payable to:
Clark SWCD

Items **MUST** be picked up at the Clark SWCD office on:

April 22: 7:00am - 7:00pm

ONE DAY PICK UP

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED



PLEASE NOTE

These trees are bare-root seedlings, and the best chance for survival is to place them in the ground as soon as you take the delivery.



Fish Fingerling Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45505

Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Fish Species	Size	Quantity per unit	Cost	Units Ordered	TOTAL
Bluegill	3" - 5"	25	\$20.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	3" - 5"	25	\$20.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Black Crappie	3" - 5"	25	\$30.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$20.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$40.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$30.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$35.00		
TOTAL (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$					_____

Items to bring when picking up your fish:

This year we will be handling the fish sale slightly different with fish being ordered on a per unit basis. All orders will be pre-boxed and ready for stocking upon pick up. This will eliminate the daunting task of hauling water from your pond along with waiting for your order to be filled.

If you have any questions regarding fish, pond maintenance, or stocking recommendations, please feel free to call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880.



IMPORTANT DATES

Fish Order Deadline:
Thursday - April 23 @ 4:30pm

Fish Pick up Date & Time:
Thursday - April 30 @ 2:45pm

Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.



Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the 72nd annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Union Club of Springfield on St. Paris Pk. on the evening of September 4th. Our guest speaker for the evening was Jim Brandeberry owner of Brandeberry Winery. He gave an informative presentation of the trials and tribulations of growing grapes and the processes of making wine in Clark County. The Feds, Feed Families food drive again collected over 100 pounds of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield. Attendees also participated in the always popular Clark County Conservation Trivia contest.

Jason R. Bishop was elected to his second term and **Dale Stewart** to his first term as Clark SWCD board members. Both have been officially sworn into office on and will serve on the Board until 2017. We would also like to thank Denver Thompson for participating in the election!

Brett & Marsha Davis of Pleasant Township were honored as Cooperators of the Year for 2014 by the Clark SWCD Staff & Board. Mr. & Mrs. Davis were recognized for their voluntary efforts of applying conservation practices and being outstanding stewards of the land. Brett and Marsha have implemented grid soil sampling/variable rate nutrient management technologies, systematic subsurface drainage, controlled drainage structures, filter strips, grass waterways and have enrolled land in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). CSP recognizes participants that operate their land with calculated conservation performance. Congratulations Brett & Marsha!



Clark County Engineer, John Burr, delivers Oath of Office to Supervisor, Jason R. Bishop



Newly elected Board Supervisor, Dale Stewart, taking Oath of Office



Over 115 pounds of non-perishable food were collected & donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.



2014 Cooperator of the Year, Brett & Marsha Davis, received award from Clark SWCD's Jereme Best

Clark SWCD Hosts Southwest Ohio Conservation Tour

On October 31, the Clark SWCD hosted 55 conservation professionals as part of the Southwest Ohio (Area IV) Technician Tour to view agricultural conservation and storm water best management practices implemented in Clark County. Due to the diverse local land uses, attendees had the option of choosing to tour either urban or agricultural practices. We would like to thank and recognize our local landowners and entities for their cooperation and voluntary efforts in the conservation of our natural resources.

AGRICULTURAL TOUR

- Spring development, rotational grazing, pasture renovation - Luke Smith Farm
- Upland surface water diversion & wind break - Hillcrest Farm
- Upland detention basin - Shawnee Farm
- Recently constructed embankment pond - Beaverdale Farm

URBAN TOUR

- Green roof storm water treatment - Springfield Regional Hospital Medical Center
- Low head dam renovation - Buck Creek White Water Recreational Park - Wittenberg University & National Trails Parks & Recreation
- Stormwater treatment wetland - Clark County Commissioners



Scholarship to be Offered!

Attention high school seniors and college students of Clark County. The Clark SWCD will be taking applications for students who will be enrolled at a college or university for the fall of 2015. Current college students are eligible, and Clark SWCD will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in natural resources, agriculture or related field. For more information and to request an application, call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880 or download at www.clarkswcd.com.



United States Department of Agriculture

Don't Lose Your USDA Benefits!

Doing any of these things requires USDA review:

- Land clearing
- Working new land
- Excavation
- Stump removal
- Creating a new drainage system
- Improving, modifying or maintaining an existing drainage system
- Land leveling
- Dredging an area
- Filling an area
- Planting a crop on land where an NRCS Highly Erodible Land or wetland determination has not been made.

Contact USDA:

To find your nearest USDA Service Center, use our office locator:
<http://offices.usda.gov>

Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Compliance

Most USDA programs require you to comply with the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, which link program eligibility to farming practices designed to protect wetlands and to protect highly erodible land from excessive soil erosion. These provisions are described in form AD-1026, which you complete and sign when you apply for assistance from USDA.

Objectives:

- Reduce soil loss due to wind and water erosion
- Protect the Nation's long-term capability to produce food and fiber
- Reduce sedimentation and improve water quality
- Assist in preserving the functions and values of the Nation's wetlands

If you don't comply with these requirements for the term of your USDA contract, you risk losing your program payments.

Before making any changes on your land, you must contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA). They will ask you to file an updated form AD-1026 and review your planned work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Do you have Highly Erodible Land?

Fields designated as Highly Erodible Land (HEL) must be protected from excessive soil erosion when used to produce agricultural commodities by applying an approved conservation system. An agricultural commodity is defined as any annually tilled crop, such as corn.

NRCS will make an HEL determination when we receive your AD-1026 form from FSA. A field will be considered highly erodible if either one-third or more of the field is highly erodible, or if the highly erodible land in the field totals 50 acres or more.

Do you have Wetlands?

All program participants must certify that crops have not been planted on land that was converted from a wetland to cropland or that a wetland was not converted and production of a crop is now possible.

NRCS will make a wetlands determination when we receive your AD-1026 form from FSA. Wetlands are lands with all three of the following characteristics:

1. predominance of hydric soil
2. prevalence of wetland plants
3. meets wetland hydrology requirements

Note: Conservation compliance provisions may be different for crop insurance only participants



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