

CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



2018 Tree Seedling Sale



Although winter has set in, it's time to start thinking about outdoor activities for Spring. Clark SWCD is ready to kick off our conservation tree seedling sale for 2018. This is an opportunity to purchase native tree species for landscaping, establishing a windbreak, enhancing wildlife habitat or for planting future timber harvest.

We are only having a ONE DAY pick up on TUESDAY, APRIL 10.

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:
Friday, March 23rd

Tree Pick up Date:
Tuesday, April 10th

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

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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.



Wildflower Seeds

WILDFLOWER SEED MIX

The Clark SWCD will be offering wildflower seed packets. Each one ounce packet will cover approximately 250 sq. ft. The wildflower mix is an excellent way to establish wildlife buffer for hummingbirds, butterflies and other wildlife. The wildflower seed mix contains such flowers as coreopsis, coneflower, snapdragons, black eyed Susan and yarrow. For a complete list of the seed mix please 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 Minnows. **Order form and pick up information can be found on page 5.**



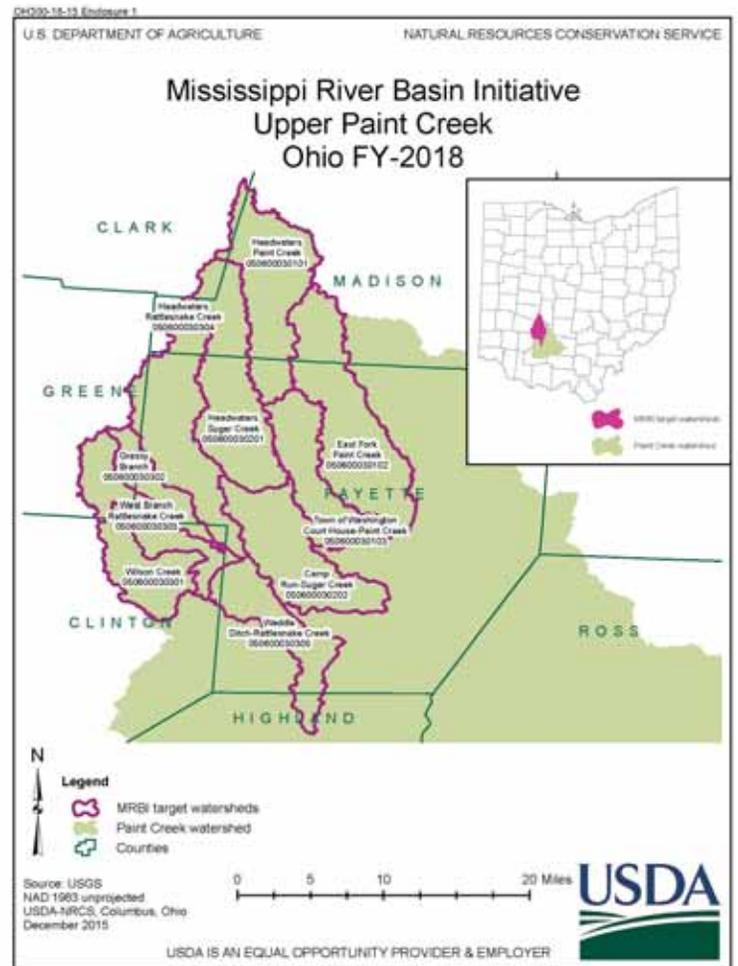
USDA Announces Sign-Up for the Upper Paint Creek - Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) awarded the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) a grant as part of the 2016 Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI). Titled the "Upper Paint Creek", this grant provides Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) funds for producers in the focus area to complete conservation practices that improve overall soil health, reduce erosion, and curb nutrient leaching.

The project focus area encompasses ten sub-watersheds in the headwaters of the Upper Paint Creek Watershed which extends throughout portions of Madison, Greene, Fayette, Clinton, Clark and Highland Counties. These sub-watersheds include: Headwaters of Paint Creek, Headwaters of Rattlesnake Creek, Grassy Branch, Headwaters of Sugar Creek, East Fork Paint Creek, West Branch Rattlesnake Creek, Wilson Creek, Town of Washington Court House Paint Creek, Camp Run-Sugar Creek and Waddle Ditch-Rattlesnake Creek.

The program will promote selected conservation practices including cover crops, filter strips, grassed waterways, and nutrient management planning, among others, to help reduce the sediment and nutrient runoff.

To be considered for funding this year, interested producers may submit applications by March 16, 2018. Applications received by this date will be ranked according to their overall environmental benefit. Those providing the highest environmental benefit will be selected for funding. For more information or to request an application, visit the Clark County Conservation office located at 3130 E. Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45505, or call 937-521-2146.



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. This tree will grow in a variety of soils as long as they are well drained.

Norway Spruce: A fast growing evergreen with short, dark green needles and can reach 40'-60' in height. 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'-60' in height. This tree prefers rich, moist soils however it is more drought tolerant than other spruces. Tree makes a very attractive windbreak or Christmas tree.

American Arborvitae: A medium growing upright evergreen shrub which grows about 20' tall and makes an excellent windbreak.

Dawn Redwood: Fast growing deciduous tree that resembles a Sequoia both if growth and foliage. The soft, bright green needle foliage turns to a bronze in the fall. The Dawn Redwood likes moist well drained soils and should be planted in an area that is protected from the winter winds. An excellent tree when placed on the banks of a stream.

Black Walnut: A medium growing tree found native in Ohio. Grows to be 60' to 80' tall and wide which produces an eatable nut. Great for wildlife.

Ohio Buckeye: A medium growing tree found native in Ohio. This tree can grow 20'-40'. The nut (when strung together) makes an excellent necklace commonly worn during the fall on Saturday afternoons throughout the state. Tree prefers deep, rich soils and makes an excellent addition to a naturalized area.

Red Oak: Faster growing oak with dark green leaves that turn to red in the fall. Likes acidic well drained soils and is insect and disease resistant. Makes an excellent shade tree.

Sweet Gum: A medium growing pyramidal in shape tree that will reach heights of 80' to 120' in height. The tree has a glossy, star shaped leaf with a deep purple fall color. This tree grows on moist to wet, acidic soils and is commonly found in swamps and near ponds or streams.

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

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

Tulip Tree: A large sized tree that can reach a height of 100 feet when mature. The leaves are similar to the shape of a maple leaf. This tree produces a greenish white color flower in mid June. The tree 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 which grows to a mature height of 25' has excellent white flowers in the spring and red fruit in September to October which birds love to eat. Likes well-drained acidic soils and be sure to plant in a protected area.

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

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, has beautiful exfoliating bark and a yellow fall color.

Shadblow Serviceberry: A medium growing small tree found native in established forests across Ohio has white flowers in the spring, glossy and dark green leaves in the summer changing to an orange/red fall color. The service berry has red fruit in early June which is edible and taste similar to a blueberry. Excellent tree for wildlife!

Butterfly Bush (flower color will vary): A wide spreading shrub with handsome lilac flowers that bloom all summer long. Shrub is adaptable to many soils as long as it is planted in full sun. Shrub attracts many types of insects and birds, especially humming birds.

Ordering information
& form on pg 4.

2018 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 Spruce	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
American Arborvitae	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
Dawn Redwood	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Black Walnut	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Ohio Buckeye	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Red Oak	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Sweet Gum	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Red Maple	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Northern Pecan	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Tulip Popular	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Red Bud	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
River Birch	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Shadblow Serviceberry	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Butterfly Bush	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 No. _____ Receipt No. _____

Complete & mail to:

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

by **Friday, March 23**

Make checks payable to:
Clark SWCD

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

Tuesday, April 10
from 7:00am to 7:00pm

ONE DAY PICK UP

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED



PLEASE NOTE

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



2018 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	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$25.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$40.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$30.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$40.00		
TOTAL (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$					_____

Items to bring when picking up your fish:

Fish orders are taken on a per unit basis and 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:
Friday - April 27 @ 4:30pm

Fish Pick up Date & Time:
Thursday - May 3 @ 2:45pm

Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.





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 2018. Current college students are eligible. Clark SWCD will award **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

Thank You Jason Bishop!

The Clark SWCD Board and Staff would like to thank Jason Bishop for his service on the Board of Supervisors. Jason was a 2 term Supervisor serving Clark County from 2012 through 2017, and did not seek reelection. He has been a great asset to local conservation efforts focusing on putting conservation practices on the ground. Jason's leadership and experience will be greatly missed!

A Board Supervisor is a volunteer position elected to a 3-year term. The Board of Supervisors meet monthly and provide leadership and oversight in setting local priorities and guidance to carry out the mission of the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District.



Brent Pence (right) presented Jason Bishop (left) with a certificate of appreciation for his time served on the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors.

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 Springfield Government Center, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio. Please go to www.clarkswcd.com to verify changes to meeting time and date.

Meet Linnea Rowse

Linnea Rowse recently joined Pheasants Forever as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist in central Ohio, for Champaign, Clark, Logan, Madison, and Union counties. She will be working out of the USDA service center offices in those counties, in partnership with the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. She comes to Ohio from a recent position in northern New York, where she worked in a similar capacity to conserve young forest habitat for Golden-winged Warblers. Linnea received her B.S. in Wildlife and Conservation Biology from the University of Rhode Island in 2008, and her M.S. in Environment and Natural Resources from The Ohio State University in 2013. She has been working in the wildlife and conservation field for 9 years, and has a wide variety of experience in wildlife ecology, with a special interest in bird conservation. When not in the office, you will find Linnea hiking, birding, and generally spending time outdoors. She looks forward to meeting and working with landowners to address resource concerns; Linnea is passionate about finding the intersection between agricultural production and soil, water, and wildlife conservation goals.



Linnea Rowse | 952-451-0096 | lrowse@pheasantsforever.org

FFA Soils Judging



The 2017 FFA land judging competition was held on September 21st, at a farm owned by Eric Efficers in German Township. 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!

RURAL RESULTS

Team Scores:

- 1st Southeastern
- 2nd Tecumseh
- 3rd Global STEM Academy
- 4th Northeastern
- 5th Greenon
- 6th Northwestern

URBAN RESULTS

Team Scores:

- 1st Southeastern
- 2nd Northeastern
- 3rd Global STEM Academy
- 4th Greenon
- 5th Northwestern
- 6th Tecumseh

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Eric Efficers



Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the historic 75th annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of September 12th. **Ty Higgins**, Ohio's Country Journal - Ohio Ag Net, was the keynote speaker for the evening. He shared his results and experiences on the Pro Farmer Midwest Crop Tour he attended this past summer. The **Feds, Feed Families** food drive collected over 90 pounds of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield.



Clark County Engineer, John Burr, delivers the oath of office to Dale Stewart & John Ritter.

John Ritter and **Dale Stewart** were elected as members of the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and will serve until 2020. We would also like to thank Dale Gracey for participating in the election!

Lea Kimley and **Chris Baird** were recognized as the winners of the 6th Annual Clark SWCD Conservation Scholarships.



2017 Clark SWCD Cooperators of the Year, Maxson Farms, represented by Dan Maxon, receives his award from Jereme Best of Clark SWCD.



Ty Higgins of Ohio Country Journal-Ohio Ag Net was the guest speaker for the evening.

Maxson Farms were honored as *Cooperators of the Year* for 2017 by the Clark SWCD Staff & Board. They were recognized for their voluntary efforts of applying conservation practices and being outstanding stewards of the land. In their 4th generation, Maxson Farms has operated in Clark County for over 100 years. Their farming operation consists of no-till corn and soybeans. They utilize variable rate fertilizer application to their fields as well as cover crop experimentation. Other conservation practices implemented into their operation include grass waterways, filter strips, voluntary conservation cover areas, grade stabilization structures and sub-surface drainage tile systems.



The 6th Annual Clark SWCD Conservation Scholarship winner Chris Baird with Jereme Best of Clark SWCD.



Janet Shuman, along with her family, were honored by Tim Derickson of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Grandview Farms was inducted into the *Ohio's Historic Family Farms Program* by Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Tim Derickson. The award was presented to Janet Shuman and her family for the Grandview Farm being in their family for over 200 years.



Grandview Farms, a 725-acre farm at 5050 Moorefield Road, was initially acquired in 1811 through a land grant from the Northwest Territory, according to information from the state. Founder James Foley, a forester who also briefly served as a state representative, spent most of his life clearing the valley along Buck Creek to raise crops and livestock. Janet Shuman, a descendant of Foley, still lives at the farm with her husband, John and her sister, Gloria. Her three daughters and their families also live in separate houses on the farm.

There are now more than 1,350 farms recognized across Ohio, including more than 30 in Clark County. At least two farms are represented in each of Ohio's 88 counties.



Over 90 pounds of food was collected at the Annual Meeting and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

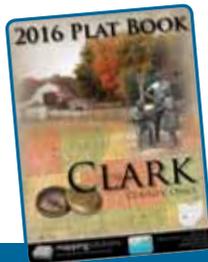


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If you are interested please stop by the office
or contact the Clark SWCD @ 937-521-3880.

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