



CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2013 Tree Seedling Sale

From dramatic weather events to the threat of invasive insect species, the past several years have brought stress on the woodlands and urban trees of Clark County. The Clark SWCD is once again ready to kick off our conservation tree seedling sale for 2013. This is a great opportunity to replant trees which may have been lost during a storm event, enhance wildlife habitat or for future harvest. This year we are 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.

[Tree species descriptions and order forms can be found inside!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Tree Pre-Order Deadline:

Friday, March 29th

Tree Pick up Dates:

Tuesday, April, 9th &
Wednesday, April 10th

Tree species descriptions and order forms can be found inside! 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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Clark SWCD and USDA-NRCS are back together again at Springview Government Center!



Nathan Weber
USDA-NCRS

As many of you know, the Clark SWCD office was relocated to the Springview Government Center in August of 2012. Recently, our Federal government partners in conservation, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), have joined us at Springview. With a change in location, you will also see a new face on the conservation team of Clark County. We would like to welcome Nathan Weber!

Nathan is the Resource Conservationist for Clark and Madison Counties. He has been with the USDA-NRCS since 2008. He was formerly a Soil Conservationist in Crawford, Morrow, and Seneca counties where he assisted large grain and livestock operations, as well as small family farms, with their conservation projects. Nathan has a Soil Science degree from The Ohio State University and is an active member of the Association of Ohio Pedologists. He is originally from a small beef operation in southern Butler County where his family still raises Hereford cattle.

With recent combinations of NRCS field offices, Deba Mohler will continue to be the District Conservationist covering both Clark and Madison Counties with Nathan assisting with multi-county duties.



Wildflower Seeds

Wildflower Seed mix: This year 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 Shellcracker, Channel Catfish, White Amur, Largemouth Bass, Perch, and Minnows.

Order form and pick up information can be found on page 5.



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 2013. Current college students are eligible. 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.

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'-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. Makes an attractive windbreak or Christmas tree.

Douglas Fir: A fast growing evergreen with green to blue-green 1" needles with good needle retention. This tree makes a good wind break, Christmas tree and can be used for timber production.

Pussy Willow: A medium growing shrub that has a very showy, soft silky catkin on its branches in early spring. This native plant will grow to be approximately 15' – 20' tall and 10'-15' wide.

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.

Burr Oak: A slow growing oak that will grow 60' to 70' high and wide. The bark of the tree is coarse on all limbs and the leaf resembles the base of a fiddle. This tree is adaptable to various soil types.

Ohio Buckeye: A medium growing tree found native in Ohio. This tree can grow 20'-40' in height and produce the most beautiful nut. Tree prefers deep, rich soils and makes an excellent addition to a naturalized area.

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.

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.

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.

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 feet tall.

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

Black Cherry: A medium growing tree that will grow 60' tall by 40' wide. The edible fruit which ripens in August and be used to make wine and jelly.

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.

Butterfly Bush: A wide spreading shrub with handsome lilac flowers that bloom all summer long. Shrub is adaptable to many soil conditions and attracts many types of insects and birds, especially humming birds.

Common Lilac: A medium growing shrub that has very fragrant purple flowers in the spring with dark green heart shaped flowers in the summer. This shrub grows 8' to 15' tall which makes an excellent shrub border and attracts birds and insects.

Coral Berry: A slower growing shrub that produces pink to purple berries on the branches during the late summer. The native plant will produce a non-showy green flower in the spring and will grow to approximately 3'-4' tall and wide.

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 through out the summer.

Highbush Cranberry: This shrub will grow 8'-12' tall and wide with three lobed, dark green leaves. This shrub produces white flowers in late May which will produce a red, edible fruit.

Ordering information and form on page 4.

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		
Douglas Fir	5 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Pussy Willow	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Shagbark Hickory	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Burr Oak	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Ohio Buckeye	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		
Paw Paw	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Black Cherry	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Butterfly Bush	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Common Lilac	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Coral Berry	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Redbud	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Highbush Cranberry	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 29, 2013**

Make checks payable to:
Clark SWCD

Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center on:

April 9: 7:00am - 7:00pm

- or -

April 10: 8:00am - 4:30pm

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 the delivery.



2013 Tree Sale Order Form

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

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		
Redear Sunfish	3" - 5"	25	\$25.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$20.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$20.00		
Yellow Perch	2" - 4"	25	\$20.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$25.00		
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 @ 521-3880.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fish Order Deadline:
Friday - April 19 @ 4:30pm

Fish Pick up Date & Time:
Thursday - April 25 @ 2:30pm

Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.



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: _____



Annual Meeting Highlights

On the evening of August 21st, the Clark SWCD held the 70th annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Union Club of Springfield on St. Paris Pk. The 7th annual dessert cook-off was held along with attendees participating in a Clark County Conservation Trivia contest. The Feds, Feed Families food drive collected over 50 pounds of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield.

Brent Pence, was re-elected as a Clark SWCD board member and will serve until 2015. This is Brent's third term on the Board of Supervisors. We would also like to thank Brian Funderburgh and Ty Callicot for participating in the election!

Kathy McConkey won the 7th annual dessert cook-off trophy. Kathy's homemade berry pie, using berries grown at her family farm in Pleasant Township, gave her a 3rd victory in the annual desert contest.

Bob Braskett, Madison Township, was honored as Cooperator of the Year for 2012 by the Clark SWCD Staff & Board. Bob was recognized for his voluntary efforts of applying conservation practices to reduce soil erosion and protect water quality. He has built several grass waterways, installed systematic subsurface drainage, and has incorporated an extensive nutrient management practices. Along with Bob implementing best management practices on his own ground, he has been a contractor installing and constructing conservation practices in Clark and surrounding counties for over 40 years! Congratulations Bob!!!



Bob Braskett receives the *Cooperator of the Year Award* from Chris Simpson of Clark SWCD.



Clark County Commissioner, Rick Lohnes, delivers the Oath of Office to Supervisor, Brent Pence.



Over 50 pounds of food were collected at the Annual Meeting and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Backyard Conservation Workshop

At 10am on April 4th and 6th, the City of Springfield Stormwater Utility is hosting free Backyard Conservation Workshops at National Trails' Administration Building: 1301 Mitchell Blvd. Homeowners will learn about composting, rain gardens, landscaping, and recycling. A big emphasis of the workshop will be showing how certain plants and landscaping changes can beautify yards while also protecting the environment. At each workshop a rain barrel and a compost bin will be given away.

No registration required. For more information contact: Sky Schelle at 937-324-7739 or sschelle@ci.springfield.oh.us

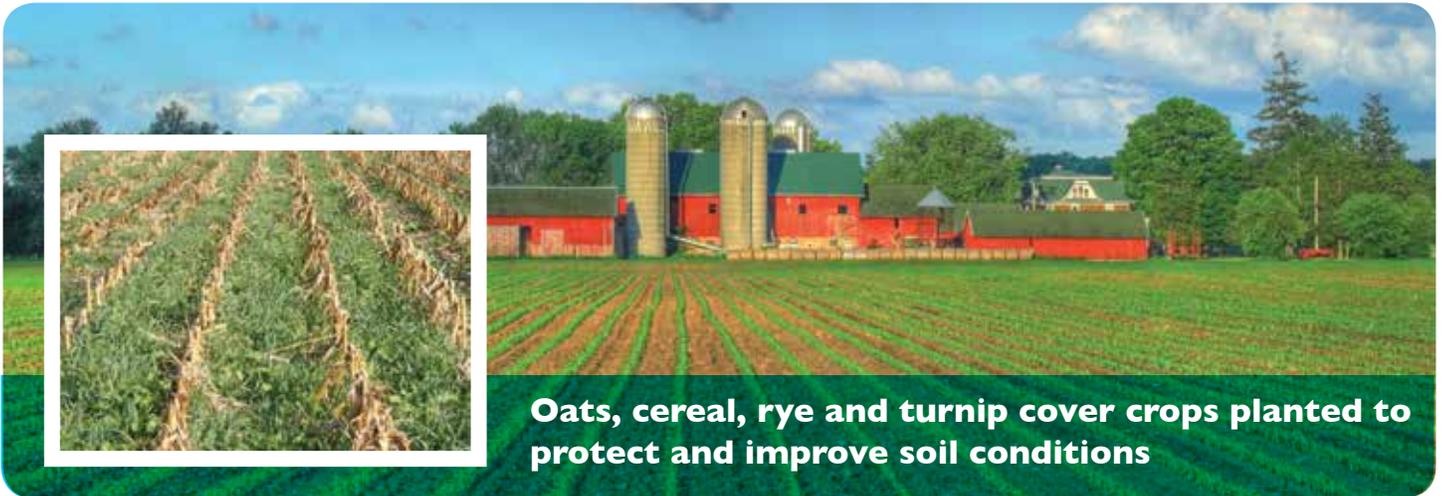


Cover Crop Workshop

March 12, 2013 at The Champion Center

Learn how cover crops can improve yields, reduce soil compaction and improve soil health all while fitting into a crop rotation. On Tuesday, March 12, the Clark & Madison Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices will be hosting a cover crop workshop at the Champion Center located on the Clark County Fairgrounds. The cost of the workshop will be \$5.00 which includes a buffet style breakfast. Breakfast and registration begins at 8:30 am with the speakers starting at 9:30 am. David Brandt will be our feature presenter for the Cover Crop Workshop. David is a farmer from Carroll Ohio Ohio who switched to no-till in 1971 and started experimenting with cover crops in 1979. Using a three-crop rotation of corn, soybeans and wheat on his 900 acre farm, David incorporates cover crops into the wheat stubble. David will provide information pertaining to cover crop establishment, cover crop management & the best way to overcome cover crop challenges. Other speakers for the workshop consist of George Derringer, the Area IV Soil Scientist with USDA-NRCS, Greg McGlinch with Darke SWCD & Ross Walker from Trupointe Cooperative. Local representatives from USDA-NRCS, Deba Mohler & Nate Webber, will also talk about potential program incentives through the Farm Bill. Those interested in attending the workshop **must pre-register by March 5th** with the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880. The Champion Center is located at the Clark County Fair Grounds 4122 Layborne Rd. Springfield Ohio 45505. The Champion Center can be accessed by entering through Gate A-1 or Gate D.

If you have any questions or would like to register for this meeting, please contact 937-521-3880.



Clark Soil & Water Conservation District
2013 Cover Crop Workshop
Registration Form
Tuesday March 12, 2013 8:00am – Noon
Clark County Champion Center (Located on the Clark County Fairgrounds)
4122 Laybourne Rd. Springfield OH, 45505
REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 5, 2013



Name(s) of Attendees _____, _____, _____, _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Number of Attendees _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to Clark SWCD and send to: Clark SWCD, 3130 E. Main St. Springfield, OH 45505

* Price includes a buffet style breakfast.



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