

# CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



## 2026 Tree Seedling Sale

**We are only having a ONE DAY pick up on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Now accepting tree orders on-line!**

Visit [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com) for more information.

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 2026.

This is an opportunity to purchase native tree species for landscaping, establishing a windbreak, enhancing wildlife habitat or for planting future timber harvest. We will be offering 14 different species of trees and evergreens.

As a reminder, these are bare-root tree seedlings ranging from sizes of 6 to 24 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!

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

All items listed in this newsletter include the Clark County sales tax rate of 7.25%

IMPORTANT DATES

**Tree Pre-Order Deadline:**

\* Friday, April 3rd

**Tree Pick up Date:**

\* Wednesday, April 15th 9am - 6pm



**PLEASE NOTE**

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

**Fish Pre-Order Deadline:**

\* Friday, April 10th

**Fish Pick up Date:**

\* Wednesday, April 22nd



**PLEASE NOTE**

Tilapia pick up date will be in June TBD

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## 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, Minnows, and Tilapia.

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



# 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.



# 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. *These are handcrafted quality.*



## 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 2026. *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. The deadline for the scholarship is Friday May 1st, 2026. The winners will be selected at our May board meeting.

***Please complete the online application on our website [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com). Please call the office at 937-521-3880 with any questions.***

## Why Stock Tilapia?

- Tilapia can make pond management easy
- Eat many common types of algae, duckweed, watermeal, and other nuisance aquatic vegetation
- Work well with amur because tilapia prefer filamentous algae and blue green algae and amur don't
- Spawn every 18 to 21 days once they reach 4" and water temperature is above 68 F
- Females can lay up to 1500 eggs
- Control muck
- Reduce unpleasant odors from gases
- Eco friendly solution to controlling algae with little to no chemical use
- Great substitution to bluegills, because they don't take over the pond

# 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.

## **Dawn Redwood:**

Fast growing deciduous tree that resembles a Sequoia both in 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.

## **White Oak:**

A slow to medium growing oak that can reach up to 50'-80' in height. This tree prefers slightly acidic to neutral, deep, moist, and well-drained soils. While it does produce acorns it also delivers beautiful fall color and can live for centuries.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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!

## **Red Maple:**

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

*Ordering information &  
form on pg 4.*

# 2026 Tree Sale Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45503 - 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 Contains 60 seedlings consisting of 20 White Pine, 20 Norway Spruce and 20 Scotch Pine.	60 seedlings	\$40.00		
White Pine	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Scotch Pine	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Norway Spruce	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Colorado Spruce	10 seedlings	\$8.00		
Dawn Redwood	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
White Oak	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Sweet Gum	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Northern Pecan	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Tulip Poplar	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Red Bud	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
River Birch	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Serviceberry	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Red Maple	3 seedlings	\$8.00		
Wildflower Seed Packet	1.0 oz.	\$5.00		
Hanging Bird Feeder	3 lb.	\$30.00		
Wren Nesting Box	1 each	\$20.00		
Bluebird Nesting Box	1 each	\$20.00		
<b>TOTAL</b> (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, April 3rd**

Make checks payable to:  
**Clark SWCD**

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

\* **Wednesday, April 15**  
from 9:00am to 6:00pm

### 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.

All pricing includes the Clark County sales tax rate at 7.25%.  
\$7.46 (cost of tree pack) + \$0.54 (sales tax) = \$8.00

## Try Placing your Order Online!

Go to [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com) and place your tree & fish order on our website!



# 2026 Fish Fingerling Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45503

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	\$35.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$35.00		
Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 3.5"	25	\$45.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$50.00		
Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$55.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$35.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	20	\$55.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$45.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$55.00		
*Tilapia	5" - 10"	4 lbs	\$85.00		
<b>TOTAL</b> (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. If you have a large order, please be sure to drive a vehicle that will accommodate your order.

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

This year Clark SWCD is taking on-line orders for our fish and tree sales, go to [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com) for more information.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Fish Order Deadline:**  
Friday - April 10 @ 4:30pm

**Fish Pick up Date & Time:**  
Wednesday - April 22 @ 2:45pm

**\*Tilapia Pick up Date & Time:**  
June TBA

**Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.**



All pricing includes the Clark County sales tax rate at 7.25%.  
\$32.62 (cost of fish) + \$2.37 (sales tax) = \$35.00

# Clark District

Soil & Water Conservation District



Department of Agriculture



Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts



## Biggest Achievements of 2025

Grass waterways have historically been the most popular Best Management Practice in Clark County to address soil erosion and improve water quality. In 2025, Clark SWCD had another successful year of working with landowners and contractors to provide technical assistance for the construction and installation of grass waterways, subsurface drainage and grade stabilization structures.



The H2Ohio Statewide Enrollment program was very popular with Clark County growers with close to 40,000 acres contracted. Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans (VNMPs) have been developed for these lands based on soil test results to develop nutrient recommendations. VNMPs coupled with variable rate technology applications of prescribed plant nutrients will enhance water quality and soil health.

## Conservation By the Numbers

Grass Waterways <b>31.50 acres</b>	Subsurface Drainage <b>62,485 ft.</b>	Grade Stabilization Structures <b>14</b>
H2Ohio Statewide Contracts <b>39804 acres</b>	Pond Management & Zoning Reviews <b>12 site visits</b>	Drainage & Soil Erosion Assistance <b>60 events</b>
Tree Seedling Sale <b>5,300 trees sold</b>	Fish Fingerling Sale <b>2,800 fish sold</b>	Public Outreach Events <b>127 attendees</b>

## 2026 Goals

### Water Quality

Promote the protection and improvement of water quality by working voluntarily with Clark County landowners, operators and local entities to reduce non-point sources of pollution.

### Soil Erosion & Health

Promote the wise use of Best Management Practices and programs address resource concerns.

### Wise Land Use

Assist landowners, residents, developers, and local leaders with planning and application of conservation and resources management practices.

### Land Preservation, Enhancement, and Development

Encourage the protection of natural areas such as stream corridors, lakes, ponds, woods, agricultural lands and wetlands.

### Education & Outreach

Enhance education efforts with landowners, operators, civic leaders and local organizations on the importance of protecting our soil and water resources for current and future generations.

# 83rd Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the 83rd annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of September 9th.

## Board of Supervisors Election Results:

**Brenna Cross and Brian Funderburgh** were re-elected to the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and will serve until December 31, 2029. Congratulations to Brenna and Brian. Thank you for your continued support to Clark SWCD



Brent Pence administers the Oath of Office to Brenna Cross and Brian Funderburgh

**Hayden Coppess and Josie Jennings** are the winners of the 14th Annual Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship. Congratulations Hayden and Josie!!

The annual government-wide **Feds Feed Families (FFF)** Food Drive took place at the Annual Meeting. Together we gathered **ninety-eight pounds** of non-perishable food items for those in need. These food donations went to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield.



Brian and Cole Sessler of Glenwild-Sessler Farm were awarded the 2025 Cooperator of the Year sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The award is part of a state program sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation

Districts and the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The program seeks to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation of our natural resources.

Brian and Cole practice no-till agriculture, achieving minimal disturbance to the land, only tilling when necessary for leveling. They operate on a strict rotation of soybeans to corn yearly, with Cole, who is a certified crop advisor with Syngetta Company, handling all nutrient management duties for the farm. In recent years, Brian and Cole have worked closely with Clark SWCD on multiple occasions to make improvements and install conservation practices around the farm. These include over 13,500 feet of subsurface drainage, over 3,000 feet of open ditch improvements, 9 grade stabilization structures, and 6.5 acres of grass waterway construction. All of which will continue to benefit the land for generations to come.

## Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

The Clark SWCD held the 83rd annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of September 9th. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was **Dr. Elizabeth Hawkins**.

Dr. Elizabeth Hawkins is an Assistant Professor and Extension Field Specialist in Agronomic Systems at The Ohio State University, where she focuses on precision agriculture, agricultural data management, and on-farm research to support farmer-driven innovation across Ohio.

Dr. Hawkins spoke of the benefits of nutrient management plans and specifically how nutrient management plans benefit the H2Ohio initiative by helping to protect and improve water quality.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be held at 7:30 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.

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*Serving on The Board of Supervisors for 2026 are Brent Pence (Chairman), Brenna Cross (Vice Chairman), Kevin Mattinson (Treasurer), Roger Wright (Secretary) and Brian Funderburgh (Fiscal Agent). For additional information please call Chris Simpson, District Administrator at 937-521-3880 or go to [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com)*  
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 3130 East Main St.  
 Springfield, Ohio 45503  
 (937) 521-3880

**\* Return Service Requested**



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**Thanks to the Clark County Commissioners**

The Clark SWCD Board & Staff would like to thank the Clark County Commissioners for their continued support of local conservation. Funding for the Clark SWCD begins at the County level where appropriations are matched by the State through the Ohio Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil & Water Conservation.



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