



# CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2023 Tree Seedling Sale

**We are only having a ONE DAY pick up on  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18 from 8:00 AM - 7:00 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 2023.

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, March 31st

### Tree Pick up Date:

\* Tuesday, April 18th 8am - 7pm



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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. *These are 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.*



## Watershed Awareness

Watersheds are specific areas of drainage. They are where we live, where we work and where we play. Everyone and everything relies on clean water to exist. What residents do to the land within their watershed has a direct impact on the quality and quantity of water available to all of us. We use watersheds and their natural water supplies for drinking, irrigation, recreation and industry. People utilize and enjoy lakes, ponds, streams and rivers for their beauty, boating, fishing and swimming. Healthy watersheds lend themselves to a healthy environment, and help to improve the local economy by attracting people and businesses. Mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, fish and macro-invertebrates use aquatic areas for food sources and habitat. Shopping centers, towns, schools and housing developments spring up in areas that have clean, adequate water sources. Throughout history towns have sprung up in areas of clean, plentiful water.

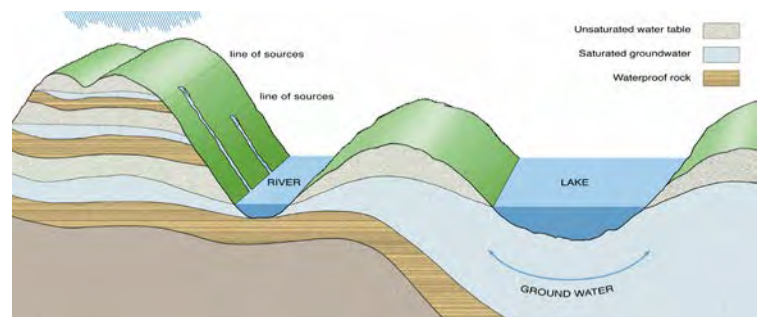
Oil, litter, pesticides, fertilizers, soil and animal waste are common, potential contaminants to water supplies. These items can be carried via wind or attach themselves to raindrops and travel downstream to settle in the water supply. Oil has a variety of sources, but many of the oil particulates come from parking lots, driveways and roadways where oil is dripped onto the surface. Oil droplets are picked up by rain drops and carried into fresh water supplies. One drop of oil contaminates many gallons of water. Litter, whether paper, plastic, glass or metal, ends up in all kinds of places. It not only looks bad, but can strangle wildlife. Most litter biodegrades extremely slowly (100 to 500 years), leaving us to pick it up and dispose of it properly or look at it for extended periods of time.

Pesticides and fertilizers used in the wrong concentrations, and depending on weather conditions, can cause damage to things that were not the intended target. Sprays easily drift during windy applications, and excess liquid products are picked up and carried by water molecules during rainy conditions.

Exposed soil actually is the No. 1 water pollutant in the state of Ohio. Development and land use changes of many kinds leave soil exposed and it too is carried by wind and water to downstream locations. Soil depositing in the bottom of a stream will aid in starving the bottom feeders and

suffocating the bottom dwellers. This ultimately upsets the balance in the entire riparian ecosystem. Animal waste, as a pollutant, is self-explanatory.

Buffers, filter strips, stream stabilization, having vegetative cover all year long and the planting of native plants are just some of the conservation practices we can use to decrease local watershed pollution. By trapping soil particles with attached water molecules and contaminants, and allowing them to filter out or biodegrade in the soil, these various types of buffers help to keep our watersheds clean. If you would like more information about how you can improve your watershed, please contact Clark SWCD or visit our website [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com).



# 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.

## **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.

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## **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!

*Ordering information & form on pg 4.*



# 2023 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		
Red Maple	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		
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) \$ _____				
<b>Office Use ONLY</b> Cash _____ Check No. _____ Receipt No. _____				

## Complete & mail to:

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

by \* **Friday, March 31**

Make checks payable to:  
**Clark SWCD**

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

\* **Tuesday, April 18**  
from 8:00am 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.

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!



# 2023 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	\$30.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	25	\$40.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$50.00		
Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$46.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$30.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$55.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$38.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$48.00		
<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 21 @ 4:30pm

**Fish Pick up Date & Time:**  
Friday - April 28 @ 2:45pm

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



All pricing includes the Clark County sales tax rate at 7.25%.  
\$39.16 (cost of fish) + \$2.84 (sales tax) = \$42.00



## 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 2023. *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 5th, 2023. The winners will be selected at our May board meeting.

**For more information and to request an application, call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880 or download at [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com).**

## 2022 FFA Land Judging Contest



Approximately 100 students from Greenon FFA, Tecumseh FFA, Northeastern FFA, GISA FFA and Northwestern FFA attended the land judging contest the past fall.

Congratulations to **Global Impact STEM Academy (GISA)**. GISA won both the Urban and Rural Land Judging Contest for 2022!!!

**SPECIAL THANKS** to **John Howell, Bob McClure and Dave Baird** for helping with this event for our county.



The Clark SWCD Board & Staff would like to thank **Clark County Commissioners Melanie Flax Wilt, Lowell McGlothlin, and Sash Rittenhouse** for their continued support. Funding for the SWCD begins at the local level where county appropriations are matched by State funds.

## Seeking Candidates for Board of Supervisors

The Clark SWCD Nominating Committee, for the Election of the Board of Supervisors, is seeking candidates to run for the 2023 election. Contact our office for further details.

The Board of Supervisors consists of 5 members and is elected to a 3-year term. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly and actively participates in district-sponsored events. It is their duty to carry out the mission of the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District.



Please sign-up for our monthly emails for all the most up to date news and information by going to our website [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com).



# 80th Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the 80th annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of September 13th.

## Re-Elected Board Members:

**Brenna Cross and Brian Funderburgh** were re-elected as members of the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and will serve until December 31, 2026. Congratulations Brenna and Brian!!



Brenna Cross



Brian Funderburgh



Supervisor Brent Pence, delivers the Oath of Office to Brian Funderburgh and Brenna Cross.

**Darcie Brown and Luke Spracklen** are the winners of the 11th Annual Dale Stewart Conservation Scholarship. Congratulations Darcie and Luke!!

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



Roger Wright of Green Township was awarded the 2022 Cooperator of the Year Award 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. Roger was nominated for the award by the Clark Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff. Roger will go on to compete for the state title at the Soil and Water Conservation annual conference. Congratulations Roger Wright!!!

## Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

The Clark SWCD held the 80th annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Clark State Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center on the evening of September 13th. The Keynote Speaker for the evening was **Dr. Stacy Porter**. Dr. Porter joined Wittenberg University in 2021 teaching courses on the causes and impacts of the climate crisis and has also continued as a postdoctoral scholar in the Ice Core Paleoclimatology Group and the Education and Outreach Group at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center. Dr. Porter spoke about Earth's climate history and the countless ways in which human-caused climate change affects our daily lives.



## 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](http://www.clarkswcd.com)** to verify changes to meeting time and date.

Serving on The Board of Supervisors for 2023 are Brenna Cross (Chairman), Brent Pence (Vice Chairman), Kevin Mattinson (Fiscal Agent), John Ritter (Secretary) and Brian Funderburgh (Treasurer). 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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The 2023 Plat books are **NOW** available for \$25 sales tax included (plat book \$23.31 + \$1.69 sales tax = \$25.00). If you are interested please stop by the office or contact the Clark SWCD @ 937-521-3880.

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### **District Staff**

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Carrie Perkins  
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### **NRCS Staff**

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Brianna Matthies

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Brenna Cross  
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Kevin Mattinson



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