

Moving the Needle on Nutrient and Sediment Loss in OWC

Manure Education Meeting September 2nd

The Huron Soil and Water Conservation District in collaboration with Erie Soil and Water Conservation District, Heidelberg University, Winrock International, and Old Woman Creek are beginning to administer a Pay For Performance Grant in the Old Woman Creek Watershed. The three year project will cover the 2017 and 2018 crop years. The purpose of the project is to improve water quality in the Old Woman Creek watershed by applying performance based incentives at the farm and watershed levels to motivate farmers to use their knowledge and skills to reduce nutrient and sediment loss.

Project Goals:

- Increase farmer understanding of nutrient and sediment loss on water quality and cost effective ways to reduce losses
- Achieve widespread adoption of cost effective conservation actions in the watershed
- Demonstrate watershed level response to increased conservation
- Enroll 60% of 11,300 acres of ag land
- Reduce phosphorus by .5 lbs/acre/year
- Reduce soil loss by .3 tons/acre/year
- Reduce N loss by 8 lbs/acre/year

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Cover Crop Interseeding

We can create contour maps of any interval between 0 and 100 feet using a digital elevation model derived from LIDAR data. The maps are 2014 high resolution imagery maps. We can also calculate the size of a watershed area to a specific point.



Huron and Erie Soil and Water Conservation Districts in collaboration with Erie and Huron County Farm Bureau will host Manure and Soil Health Education days on Thursday, September 1st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Daniels Farm on Burr Road and Friday, September 2nd from 8 a.m. to noon at the Tri-Community (Greenwich, Ohio) Fire Department Hall. The cost of the meetings are \$10.00 each payable in advance to Farm Bureau by August 25th. Lunch will be available on the 1st, while breakfast is available on the 2nd. Please contact the Erie, Huron, and Lorain County Farm Bureau office at 440-877-0706 for advance registration and to pay with a credit card, or make check payable to Erie or Lorain County Farm Bureau, 8460 Ridge Road, North Royalton, OH 44133 with memo September 1st or 2nd Manure Education Meeting.

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From the Desk of Ditch Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Robinson

From the Desk of Planning Commission Administrator Lori Liles



Pictured above is Ditch Maintenance Supervisor Aaron Robinson in the District owned Kubota rigged with a sprayer. In the past, spray contractors bid per mile on spraying 45 of the ditches one year, 45 of the ditches the following year, and then no spray the third year. Aaron's goal is to spray 100% of the ditches each spray year, weather permitting.

Aaron and staff completed all 90 ditch inspections between January and March. From the Ditch Maintenance Inspection Report, Aaron determines maintenance needs and assessments per Ohio Revised Code.

Currently, Aaron and staff are spraying, weather permitting. Aaron Robinson and Mitch Otto are commercially licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to spray.

By Ohio Revised Code 6131, there is a 20 foot right of way on both sides of the ditch for ditch maintenance purpose, and a 75 foot emergency right of way. Huron County Ditch Maintenance will not be responsible for crop damage within the right of way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Aaron Monday through Thursday between 7:00 a.m and 4:30 p.m. at 419-668-4113 #111.

Also, please log onto www.huronswcd.com and select the Ditch Maintenance tab for expense reports and forms. You may qualify for ditch maintenance reductions per parcel for tile, own work, and filter strips through the application process!

In 2014, Lori Liles became Huron County Planning Commission Administrator for the Huron County Subdivision Regulations and Amendments adopted November 2013.



The best advice prior to splitting any lot, is to check with respective Townships for zoning restrictions. Zoning Inspectors are listed on the Affidavits for Subdivision of Land forms which are on the Planning Commission tab of www.huronswcd.com. Depending on whether the lot split is 5 acres or less, or between 5 to 20 acres, determines the correct Affidavit.

Secondly, make an appointment with Lori prior to surveying. She can walk you through the process and help identify the correct forms and fees needed to make the process more efficient for both.

For more information or an appointment, call Lori at 419-668-4113 ext. 112.

APPLICATION TYPE	FEE
Lot Split: Minor & Major	\$160.00 for 1st lot & \$40.00 for each additional lot (minor subdivision) \$160.00 for 1st lot & \$40.00 for each additional lot (Large Lot Divisions)
Lot Split, Simple: Lot splits reviewed for drainage concerns only, no report prepared	\$80.00
Exempted Lot Split: Minor & Large Lot division sale or exchange between adjoining property owners; agricultural/recreational exemption	\$80.00
MAJOR SUBDIVISION: Major subdivision review consists of completing the following (3) steps in order:	This process also involves submittal of plans to other agencies for approval. There may be fees in addition to those listed below.
1) Concept plan & conference	\$0.00
2) Preliminary Plat	\$500.00 plus \$50.00 per proposed lot
3) Final Plat Review	\$500.00 plus \$50.00 per proposed lot
VARIANCE REQUEST:	\$100.00 Lot splits (minor & large lot divisions) \$300.00 per lot (Major Subdivision & Major Development)
EXTENSION:	\$500.00 - Preliminary Plan \$300.00 - Final Plat