



THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR

**HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
8 FAIR ROAD
NORWALK, OH 44857**

SPRING 2022

2021 IN REVIEW

EDUCATION & EVENTS ...

Annual Seedling Sale

On April 23rd, 42 people picked up 774 Fraser Fir, American Arborvitae, Northern Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Kousa Dogwood, and Nannyberry seedlings.

Spring and Fall Fish for Pond Stocking Sale

A Spring and Fall fish sale was held on April 13th and September 23rd. Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Catfish, Perch, Minnows, Amur, Redear Sunfish, Crappies and Japanese Koi were sold to 50 people in the spring and 18 people in the fall.

2nd Grade Arbor Day Program and Poster Contest

The program was held April 26th through April 28th. 760 students received a Red Bud seedling and an informational/educational video. 287 students participated in the poster contest theme "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities".



A Japanese Maple tree was planted at Pleasant Elementary in honor of Phoenix Hale's 1st place poster.

Area II Envirothon

A virtual Envirothon was held from March 15th to March 19th where two Western Reserve teams participated and placed 5th and 6th.

4th Grade Conservation Day

Due to COVID, this program was cancelled.

Huron S.W.C.D. Memorial Scholarship

Three applications were received—Morgan Baxter, Lane Wetzel, and Alexandra Burton. They will receive \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 each respectively in 2022.

Huron County Fair

Five FFA's participated in the Conservation Booth contest at the Huron County Fair on August 16th. New London FFA had the 1st place Conservation Booth.

Local Soils Judging Contest

The Local Soils Judging Contest was held on September 21st at Deppen's Farm. Huron S.W.C.D. South Central FFA placed 1st in both the Urban and Rural Soils contest.

Fall Fun Fest

The Annual Fall Fun Fest was cancelled due to COVID.

Annual Meeting and Banquet

We held our inaugural fall Annual Election and Family Picnic on September 29th in our pole barn with approximate-

ly 30 attending. Staff smoked pulled pork for the buffet dinner.

DRAINAGE ...

Planning Commission

The Huron S.W.C.D. serves as the Huron County Planning Commission Administrator, administering the Subdivision Regulations and reviewing major, minor, and exempt lot splits. We reviewed 60 lots.

Flood Plain Coordinator

The District fills the county role of Flood Plain Administrator enabling residents to receive reduced Flood Plain rates. One permit was approved.

MISC ...

Rental Equipment

Straw blower	4.9 hours
15' JD No Till Drill	1,204.4 acres
10' Land Pride No Till Drill	161.2 acres
6 Row Remlinger Strip Till	283.5 acres

We purchased a 2021 Chevy 2500 Silverado to replace the F250 for District use.



contracts:	85 active	
	Acres	Dollars
VNMP	84,244.9	\$842,449.00
Small Grains	12,104.48	\$423,656.80
Cover Crops	13,606.9	\$340,172.50

2022 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BOARD MEETINGS

On September 29, 2021, at the Huron S.W.C.D.'s 76th Annual Meeting and Picnic, John Ganz was re-elected to a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2022. He joins other board members in determining programs and policies for the Huron S.W.C.D.

The Huron S.W.C.D. Board of Supervisors re-organized recently at the January 18, 2022, meeting. Don Sweeting will serve as the Chairman, while Brad Harris will serve as the Vice Chairman. Other board members John Ganz, Zachary Irons, and Dan Stevens will serve as Secretary, Treasurer, and Special Projects respectively.

Board meetings for 2022 will be held on the third Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Agricultural Service Center located at 8 Fair Road in Norwalk. If the 3rd Monday is a recognized Federal Holiday, the board meeting will be held the next day (Tuesday) at the same time and location.

As the COVID pandemic persists, it may become necessary to have teleconference board meetings in lieu of in-person meetings to protect the board and staff. The public may call the office for the number and passcode in the event of a teleconference.

Our building is still closed to the public except by appointment. Paperwork may be dropped in the black mailbox on the brick column in front of our building.

2022 SALES & EVENTS

The spring fish and tree seedling sales are underway. The spring prepaid fish for pond stocking order deadline is April 5th and pickup is April 12th between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. We will continue to take prepaid tree seedling orders while supplies last. We started advertising these events prior to the holidays, so we encourage you to order now. Seedling pickup is one day on April 22, 2022 in our pole barn.

We will be at the Huron County Fair August 15th to the 19th. Come see us in the Agronomy Building.

In September, we will also have a fall fish sale for pond stocking.

We will host our 77th Annual Meeting & Election again in early September. Please join us.

We are planning on hosting our Annual Fall Fun Fest on the first Saturday in October-October 1st - from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in and around the Wilson Building at the fairgrounds.

NEW . . . In 2021, we were forced to apply for a vendor's license and begin collection of sales tax on sales and rental equipment at a rate of 7.25% unless we have a valid exemption on file.

The 2022 No Till Drill rental rate is \$15.00 per metered acre.

HURON SOIL & WATER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The memorial scholarship was created in loving memory of Carol Proctor and Chase Heyman by the Huron County Soil and Water Conservation District. The scholarship was created to assist students who are pursuing a career in a Agricultural or Natural Resource course of study.

CRITERIA:

- Applicant must be pursuing an Agricultural or Natural Resource course of study.
- Applicant and parents/guardians must be a resident of Huron County.
- Must be enrolled for the 2022 fall quarter/semester at a two or four year college as a full time student in an agricultural or natural resource related field.
- Must provide current college financing plan.
- Must provide a transcript of past and current grades and attach to the application form. Applicant must be willing to provide an official transcript if requested by the committee.
- A minimum of 2.5 average on a 4.0 scale is required for consideration.
- Applications must be current, completed in full and returned to our office located at 8 Fair Road in Norwalk by September 9, 2022.

2021 Scholarship Recipients

\$1,000.00	Morgan Baxter
\$500.00	Alexandra Burton
\$500.00	Lane Wetzel

H2Ohio REMINDERS

OCT. 15th – MARCH 15th

- Cover crop fields must remain undisturbed.
- No full-width tillage or fertilizer applications during this time.

UPCOMING DATES

VNMPs DUE—MARCH

- Sooner is better!
- Submit by email or in person

OACI—MARCH 30th

- Online enrollment must be completed before payment!

NEXT H2OH SIGN UP— Deadline APRIL 30th

- VNMPs must be submitted and complete before you can sign up

We look forward to making another appointment with you soon and assisting with your next application for H2Ohio!

YOUR TO-DO LIST

- ◇ Complete soil sampling—any tests older than 2018 must be resampled for developing the VNMP
- ◇ Work with your ag retailer, agronomist, or CCA to have your VNMP developed
- ◇ Submit your VNMP to the Huron SWCD office as soon as possible for review
- ◇ Finish submitting required cover crop and small grain paperwork for fall verification
- ◇ Complete OACI online enrollment at ohioaci.org

QUESTIONS—CONTACT US

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2021 DITCH MAINTENANCE

In 2021, ditch maintenance had a beginning balance of \$132,927.63, and an ending balance of \$121,563.04. We collected \$77,731.06, and we expended \$89,986.56. The cost per acre for the year was \$1.59 per acre, while the cost per acre over the lifetime was \$1.61. The cost per mile for the year was \$790.95, while the cost per mile over the lifetime was \$795.19.

In 2021, we completed 90 annual inspections, updated parcels on all 90 groups, leveled spoil on 4 groups, completed 3 bottom cleanouts, surveyed for a new right of way, repaired or replaced 9 outlets, sprayed brush and cattail on 40 projects, and completed tree removal on 2 ditches.

For Ditch Maintenance questions or concerns, please contact the Aaron Robinson at 419-660-5546 or email at aaron.m.robinson@oh.nacdnet.net

Latham County Ditch #76



2022 BOARD: Don Sweeting, Chairman—Brad Harris, Vice Chairman—Zachary Irons, Treasurer—John Ganz, Secretary—Dan Stevens, Special Projects Member

2022 STAFF: Chad Stang, Manager—Aaron Robinson, Ditch Maintenance Supervisor—Alisa Highlander, Administrative Assistant—Lori Liles, Planning Commission Administrator—Nathan Watt, Technician—Veronica Hardy, H2Ohio Technician