

HURON SWCD MISSION

The mission of the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District is to help landowners with the development and protection of the county's natural resources to enhance the quality of life in Huron County. We will provide the best quality soil and water technical assistance to help landowners use our natural resources while protecting the environment against degradation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman	Don Sweeting
Vice Chairman	Brad Harris
Secretary	John Ganz
Treasurer	Zachary Irons
Special Projects	Dan Stevens

"And I dream of the vast deserts, the forests, and all of the wilderness of our continent, wild places that we should protect as a precious heritage for our children and for our children's children. We must never forget that it is our duty to protect this environment." — Nelson Mandela.

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CASH BASIS			
January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023			
District Fund			
Balance 1/1/23			\$926,877
INCOME			
	Local Government		
	State Income		
	Equipment Rental Income	\$39,486	
	Building Rental Income	\$79,841	
	Sale of Products & Materials	\$20,248	
	Gifts, Contributions, Bequests	\$4,437	
	All Other Income	19,501	
Total Receipts			\$163,513
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries		
	Supplies	\$776	
	Equipment	\$64,922	
	Contract Services/Cost Share	\$1,929	
	Service Fees		
	Information/Education	\$25,066	
	Travel & Expenses	\$915	
	Advertising & Printing	\$50	
	Building Expenses & Other	\$55,387	
Total Disbursements			\$149,045
Balance 12/31/23			\$941,345
Special Fund			
Balance 1/1/23			\$232,140
INCOME			
	Local Government	\$180,000	
	State Grant	\$170,001	
	Other	\$318	
Total Receipts			\$350,319
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries	191,181.00	
	Supplies	1,371.00	
	Equipment		
	Capital Improvement		
	Contracts: Service	7,417.00	
	Rent	14,812.00	
	Service fees	2,493.00	
	Information Education	1,399.00	
	Travel & Expenses	12,626.00	
	Advertising & Printing	4,465.00	
	OPERS	25,954.00	
	Workers Comp	662.00	
	Unemployment Compensations		
	Hospitalization	49,454.00	
	Medicare	2,690.00	
	Other	4,269.00	
Total Disbursements			\$318,793.00
Balance 12/31/23			\$263,666
H2Ohio Combined District & Fund 168			
Balance 1/1/23			\$2,639,815.00
INCOME			
	State Government		
	Other	\$20,000.00	
Total Income			\$20,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
	Salaries	\$34,376.00	
	Materials		
	Equipment		
	Contracts Service/Cost Share	\$1,837,375.00	
	Advertising & Printing		
	OPERS	\$4,633.00	
	Workers Compensation	\$148.00	
	Medicare	\$490.00	
	Hospitalization & life insurance	\$5,110.00	
	Other	\$20,000.00	
Total Disbursements			\$1,902,132.00
Balance 12/31/23			\$757,683.00

"An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer"

*Serving stewards of
the land in Huron
County since 1945.*

HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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EDUCATION & EVENTS . . .

Annual Seedling Sale

On April 21st, 40 people picked up Fraser Fir, White Pine, Forsythia, Swamp White Oak, American Sycamore, and Eastern Redcedar tree seedlings.

Spring and Fall Fish for Pond Stocking Sale

A Spring and Fall fish sale pickup was held on April 11th and September 21st. Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Catfish, Minnows, Amur, Redear Sunfish, Crappies and Japanese Koi were sold to 29 people in the spring and 22 people in the fall.

2nd Grade Arbor Day Program and Poster Contest

The program was held April 21st. 806 students received a Red Bud seedling and an informational/educational video. 244 students participated in the poster contest themed "One Water". A Snow Cherry tree was planted at Immaculate Conception School in honor of Aubrey Foes 1st place poster. Her poster also placed 1st at the state competition.

Area II Envirothon

An Area II Envirothon was hosted by Huron S.W.C.D. on April 26th at Bronson Conservation League. 39 teams of five participated. Lunch was provided and plaques were awarded to the top four teams.

4th Grade Conservation Day

On May 16th, 486 4th grade students from seven schools participated in the 4th Grade Conservation Day hosted by Huron S. W.C.D. at the Huron County Fairgrounds. There were 21 educational stations.

Huron S.W.C.D. Memorial Scholarship

Five scholarship applications were received. Holden Nuhn was the 2023 \$1,000.00 Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Huron County Fair

Four FFA's participated in the Conservation Booth contest at the Huron County Fair on August 14th. South Central FFA had the 1st place Conservation Booth.

Local Soils Judging Contest

The Local Soils Judging Contest was held on September 26th at Rich Ruess Farm. South Central FFA placed 1st in

both the Urban and Rural Soils contest.

Fall Fun Fest

The Annual Fall Fun Fest was held for the 1st time since COVID on October 14th. New participants were Burrer Farms, Norwalk Fire Department, and Fitchville Conservation League. Hot dogs, chili, coffee, cider, donuts, caramel apples, wagon rides, smoke trailer, archery, bug headbands, face painting, native seed bombs, toilet paper roll mummies, and a leaf booklet were provided for the public.

Annual Supervisor Election

We held our 1st only Supervisor Election between August 8th and September 6th. Brad Harris and Zachary Irons were re-elected to 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2024. 46 votes were cast by 25 validated voters.

POLLUTION ABATEMENT . . .

We responded to three NPS calls.

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 66 lots. In 2023.

Drainage Site Investigations

Four were completed as needed.

Group Drainage

One H2Ohio Over Wide ditch is in the process. It will be completed in 2024

Flood Plain Coordinator

The District fills the county role of Flood Plain Administrator enabling residents to received reduced Flood Plain rates. Five permits were approved.

MISC . . .

Rental Equipment

Straw blower	10.9 hours
15' John Deere No Till Drill	961.4 acres
10' Land Pride No Till Drill	253.0 acres
6 Row Remlinger Strip Till	188.7 acres

2023 DITCH MAINTENANCE . . .

Through a 3-Way Agreement, we administer the Huron County Ditch Maintenance Program. The program is fully funded by landowner special assessments. We inspect, spray, repair, and maintain over 100 mile of open ditch and subdivisions. In 2023, we completed the following:

- 1 Project moved and reconstructed
- 3 rip rap structures constructed
- Multiple beaver dams removed
- 2 large log jams removed
- 2 bottom cleanouts completed
- 1 tile jetted
- Multiple project tree removal
- 41 groups sprayed
- Filled public records request
- Attend monthly board meetings as needed
- 12 monthly board reports created
- Annual inspection and assessment schedule completed
- Annual report completed
- Review financials on all 90 projects
- Update parcels on 90 groups



Phase II commenced with the 2022 Conservation Crop Rotation Small Grains and 2022 Overwinter Cover Crop practices. Phase II of the H2Ohio Project paid on Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Implementation, Variable Rate Phosphorus Application, Subsurface Phosphorus Placement, and Manure Incorporation.

	Acres	Dollars
'21 Small Grains	18,395.18	\$533,830.85
'22 Cover Crop	17,924.67	\$400, 59.80
VNMP Implement	76,416.17	\$764,161.30
VRT	33,607.94	\$168,042.40
Phosphorus Placement	32,084.89	\$628,631.96
Manure Incorporation	26,118.58	\$479,755.70