



THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR

HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 8 FAIR ROAD
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SPRING 2023

PRACTICE REVISIONS TO LAKE ERIE CREP

The USDA and the State of Ohio are continuing a partnership through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

CREP is offered by USDA, the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), until the 67,000 acre goal is reached or September 30, 2037, whichever comes first.

The purpose of the program is to improve water quality by reducing sediments and nutrients, from entering targeted streams and rivers, and enhancing wild-

life habitat.

Through the Lake Erie (LE) CREP agreement, eligible participants voluntarily enroll in 15 year contracts at FSA to convert cropland from agricultural production to approved grasses, trees, and wetlands.

Interested farmers may consult their local FSA/NRCS office to see if they qualify for annual rental payments and incentives SIP and PIP. Landowners participating in LE CREP also qualify for one-time state incentive payments made available by Governor Mike DeWines's H2Ohio Program.

To begin the process, producers need to make an appointment at the FSA office. Producer offered acres will be submitted to the FSA State Office on a first come, first serve basis. The producer will be contacted by ODA, ODNR, or SWCD with information regarding the state incentive payments.

NEW: The New process is that landowners must register for an Ohio Payee ID to receive the state incentive payment.

<https://ohiopays.ohio.gov/>

	CP1 Filter & recharge areas or escarpment areas (CSG)		CP2 Filter & recharge areas or escarpment areas (WSG)		CP5A Field Windbreak		CP21 Filter Strip		CP21S Saturated Filter Strips		CP22 Riparian Buffer		CP23 Wetland Restoration & CP23A Non Floodplain	
	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll	New	Re-enroll
State Incentives	ODA \$500	ODA \$250	\$ODA 500	ODA \$250	\$0	\$0	ODA \$500	ODA \$250	ODA \$500***	ODA \$250	ODNR \$2,000	\$0	ODNR \$2,000	ODA \$250
Soil Rental Rate (SRR) Incentive %	0	50%	75%	50%	100%	75%	75%	50%	75%	50%	100%	75%	100%	75%
*SIP					yes		yes		yes		yes		yes	
**PIP					yes		yes		yes		yes		yes	

*SIP is equal to 32.5% of the 1st full year (12 months) annual payment. SIP is considered an annual payment and is subject to \$50,000 payment limitation. Not available on re-enrolls.

**PIP is a one-time incentive payment. PIP is authorized for acres under infeasible to farm. PIP is not available on re-enrolls. PIP is equal to 40% of the total eligible reimbursable cost of practice not to exceed 100% out of pocket.

***Saturated buffers will also receive a \$1,000 management incentive payment for each system installed

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2023 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BOARD MEETINGS

On September 8, 2022, Huron S.W.C.D. held its 77th Annual Meeting Election and Picnic in the pole barn. Dan Stevens and Don Sweeting were re-elected to 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2023. The pair join 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 17, 2023, meeting. The board will retain their 2022 seats: 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 2023 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.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES will remain the same as 2022. 7.25% sales tax is applicable to all equipment rentals, unless the office has a valid exemption on file.

The John Deere 15' drill and the 6-Row Remlinger Strip Till are \$15.00/acre. The minimum rate in county is \$120.00 and surrounding counties \$150.00. There is \$50.00 delivery fee outside a 20 mile radius of the office and no delivery outside a 40 mile radius of the office. A \$100.00 cleanout fee will be charged, if the office has to clean out the drill.

The Land Pride 10' drill is \$15.00/acre for annual and perennial crops. The minimum rate is \$75.00. There is \$50.00 delivery fee outside a 20 mile radius of the office and no delivery outside a 40 mile radius of the office. A \$100.00 cleanout fee will be charged, if the office has to clean out the drill.

2023 SALES & EVENTS

The spring fish and tree seedling sales are underway. The spring prepaid fish for pond stocking order deadline is April 4th and pickup is April 11th 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 21, 2023 in our pole barn.

We will be at the Huron County Fair August 14th to the 18th. Come see us in the Agronomy Building.

In September, we will also have a fall fish sale for pond stocking with pickup scheduled September 21st.

We will host our 78th Annual Meeting Election and Picnic on September 6th. Please join this family event.

We are planning on hosting our Annual Fall Fun Fest on the second Saturday in October-October 14th- from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in and around the Wilson Building at the fairgrounds.

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 2023 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 8, 2023.
- Applications are available on www.huronswcd.com

2022 Scholarship Recipient

Ethan Nolan \$1,000.00

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

2022 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 2022, we completed the following:

- 90 Inspections
- 90 group parcel updates in GIS
- 3 bottom cleanouts
- Spoil leveled on 4 groups
- Steel pipes cut and flappers replaced on 1 project
- 1 Stone structure repair
- 2 large log jams removed
- 10 projects mowed
- 1 tile jetted
- 1 new right of way established
- 12 monthly board reports completed

Annual Inspection and Assessment Schedule completed
Annual Report completed

Review financials on 90 projects

Attend monthly board meetings as needed

Fill public records requests

Fall Fun Fest

The Annual Fall Fun Fest was cancelled due to staffing and volunteer conflicts.

Annual Meeting and Banquet

We held our 2nd and 77th Annual Election and Family Picnic on September 8th in our pole barn with approximately 30 attending. Staff smoked pulled pork for the buffet dinner.

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 68 lots.

Drainage Site Investigations

Six were completed as needed.

Group Drainage

There were no new applications in 2022.

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	10.3 hours
15' John Deere No Till Drill	1,320.0 acres
10' Land Pride No Till Drill	332.1 acres
6 Row Remlinger Strip Till	376.85 acres

EDUCATION & EVENTS . . .

Annual Seedling Sale

On April 22nd, 31 people picked up 789 Fraser Fir, White Pine, River Birch, Pin Oak, American Elderberry, American Plum, and Juneberry Serviceberry seedlings.

Spring and Fall Fish for Pond Stocking Sale

A Spring and Fall fish sale pickup was held on April 12th and September 22nd. Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Catfish, Minnows, Amur, Redear Sunfish, Crappies and Japanese Koi were sold to 26 people in the spring and 23 people in the fall.

2nd Grade Arbor Day Program and Poster Contest

The program was held April 25th. 798 students received a Red Bud seedling and an informational/educational video. 287 students participated in the poster contest themed "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life". A tree was planted at Pleasant Elementary in honor of Alexandria Carroll's 1st place poster. Her poster also placed 1st at the state competition.

Area II Envirothon

An Area II Envirothon was hosted by Columbiana and Mahoning on April 28th at Kent State Salem. Huron SWCD staff assisted the hosts. One Western Reserve team participated.

4th Grade Conservation Day

Due to COVID, this program was cancelled.

Huron S.W.C.D. Memorial Scholarship

Four scholarship applications were received. Ethan Nolan was the 2022 \$1,000.00 Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Huron County Fair

Five FFA's participated in the Conservation Booth contest at the Huron County Fair on August 15th. New London FFA had the 1st place Conservation Booth.

Local Soils Judging Contest

The Local Soils Judging Contest was held on September 20th in Erie County at Steve and Kathy Deehr Farm. South Central FFA placed 1st in both the Urban and Rural Soils contest.

H2OHIO

We continued to administer Phase I of the H2Ohio Project paying on VNMP development and overwintering cover crops. Additionally, we had 84 of the active 85 contracts enroll in Phase II of the project encumbering \$9,337,383.45 for years 2022 to 2025.

Paid in 2022:

	Acres	Dollars
VNMP Development	82,650.53	\$826,505.30
Cover Crops	13,310.60	\$332,765.00

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2023 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