

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

"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.

2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CASH BASIS		
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024		
District Fund		
Balance 1/1/24		\$941,345
INCOME		
	Local Government	
	State Income	
	Equipment Rental Income	\$91,171
	Bldg. Rental Income & reimbursement	\$144,186
	Sale of Products & Materials	\$22,830
	Gifts, Contributions, Bequests	\$254
	All Other income and interest	33,904
Total Receipts		\$292,345
DISBURSEMENTS		
	Salaries	\$3,790
	Supplies	\$74,436
	Equipment	
	Contract Services/Cost Share	\$2,712
	Service Fees	
	Information/Education	\$16,910
	Travel & Expenses	\$9,698
	Advertising & Printing	\$372
	Products for resale	\$427
	Other	\$249,681
Total Disbursements		\$358,026
Balance 12/31/24		\$875,664
Special Fund		
Balance 1/1/24		\$263,665
INCOME		
	Local Government	\$180,000
	State Grant	\$168,738
	Other	\$2,582
Total Receipts		\$351,320
DISBURSEMENTS		
	Salaries	206,634.00
	Supplies	3,345.00
	Equipment	
	Capital Improvement	70,044.00
	Contracts: Service	7,393.00
	Rentals	14,812.00
	Service fees	2,456.00
	Information Education	2,438.00
	Travel & Expenses	7,135.00
	Advertising & Printing	6,015.00
	OPERS	29,139.00
	Workers Comp	987.00
	Unemployment Compensations	
	Hospitalization	52,650.00
	Medicare	2,906.00
	Other	5,580.00
Total Disbursements		411,534.00
Balance 12/31/24		\$203,451
H2Ohio Combined District & Fund 168		
Balance 1/1/24		\$757,683.00
INCOME		
	State Government	\$7,253,411.00
	Other income and interest	\$133,166.00
Total Income		\$7,386,577.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
	Salaries	\$33,896.00
	Materials	
	Equipment	
	Contracts Service/Cost Share	\$1,901,498.00
	Advertising & Printing	
	OPERS	\$4,562.00
	Workers Compensation	\$100.00
	Medicare	\$486.00
	Hospitalization & life insurance	\$13,209.00
	Other	\$60,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$2,013,751.00
Balance 12/31/24		\$6,130,509.00

"An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer"

Serving stewards of the land in Huron County since 1945.

HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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EDUCATION & EVENTS . . .

Annual Seedling Sale

On April 19th, 45 people picked up Fraser Fir, Norway Spruce, Nannyberry, Redbud, Lilac, Whitespire Birch, and Dawn Redwood.

Spring and Fall Fish for Pond Stocking Sale

A Spring and Fall fish sale pickup was held on April 9th and September 19th. Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Catfish, Minnows, Amur, Redear Sunfish, Crappies and Japanese Koi were sold to 44 people in the spring and 15 people in the fall.

2nd Grade Arbor Day Program and Poster Contest

The program was held April 22nd through the 24th. 803 students received a Red Bud seedling. Nine elementaries participated in an in-school program. 315 students participated in the poster contest themed "May the Forest Be With You Always". A Maple Red Sunset was planted at New London Elementary in honor of 1st place poster winner Charlee Riley. Her poster also placed 1st at the state competition.

Area II Envirothon

An Area II Envirothon was hosted by Wayne SWCD on April 24th. Three teams from Huron County participated. South Central FFA Blue placed 10th out of 43 teams.

4th Grade Conservation Day

On May 14th, 508 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 19 educational stations. Wesley Madison was the 2024 \$1,000.00 Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Huron County Fair

Six FFA's participated in the Conservation Booth contest at the Huron County Fair on August 12th. South Central FFA had the 1st place Conservation Booth.

Local Soils Judging Contest

The Local Soils Judging Contest was held on September 17th at Phil Bischoff Farm. South Central FFA placed 1st in both the Urban, while Monroeville FFA placed 1st in the Rural Soils contest.

Fall Fun Fest

The Annual Fall Fun Fest was held for the 2nd time since COVID on October 12th. New participant Cory Myers provided Belgium horse and wagon rides. Hot dogs, chili, coffee, cider, donuts, and caramel apples were served. Chief Strayer was there with a fire engine. Dare cop Cameron Lloyd was on hand with a cruise. Archery, spider suckers, face painting, native seed bombs, toilet paper roll mummies, and a leaf booklet were all hosted free for the public.

Annual Supervisor Election

We held our 2nd Supervisor Election only between August 6th and September 4th. Nominees were Andrew Daniel, William Hanko, Sean Nolan, and Brandon Sparks. Sean Nolan was elected, while John Ganz retired after 15 years of service. 44 votes were cast by 44 validated voters.

POLLUTION ABATEMENT . . .

We responded to 2 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 79 lots. In 2024.

Drainage Site Investigations

Eleven site investigations were completed.

Group Drainage

The 3,300' Weirs Overwide Ditch Project was completed through H2Ohio Funds by Mark Haynes Construction using Prevailing Wage Rates.

Flood Plain Coordinator

The District fills the county role of Flood Plain Administrator enabling residents to received reduced Flood Plain rates. No permits were approved.

MISC . . .

Rental Equipment

Straw blower	9.4 hours
15' John Deere No Till Drill	1,309.7 acres
10' Land Pride No Till Drill	309.8 acres

6 Row Remlinger Strip Till

161.7 acres

2024 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 2024, we completed the following:

- 3 Ditch dip outs
- 1 Ditch spoil spread
- 2 Rip rap structure
- 3 Bottom cleanouts
- 4 Tile jetted
- Multiple tree removal
- 48 Groups sprayed
- Attend Board meetings as needed
- Annual Inspection & Assessment Schedule completed
- Annual Report completed
- Update Parcel Splits on 90 Groups
- Completed Pesticide Training



Amanda Kramer was hired in May of 2024 as the new H2Ohio Technician. \$1,834,280.75 dollars was paid in 2024 to H2Ohio Projects for the following best management practices.

	Acres	Dollars
'23 Inner-seed bonus	6,001.02	\$60,010.20
'23 Cover crops	14,883.91	\$372,097.75
'23 Forage	2,237.00	\$78,295.00
'23 Small grains	5,960.56	\$208,619.60
VNMP Implement	74,225.91	\$742,259.10
VRT	33,635.29	\$168,176.45
Phosphorus Placement	7,972.48	\$199,312.00
Manure Incorporation	1,130.65	\$67,839.00
Poultry liter	433.82	\$15,183.70