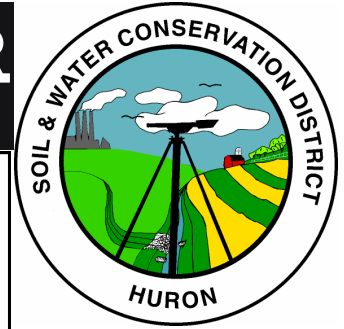


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THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR



**HURON SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
8 FAIR ROAD
NORWALK, OH 44857 419-668-4113#3**

2023 in REVIEW

SPRING 2024

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 Foos 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

H2Ohio

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

2024 BOARD: Dan Stevens, Chairman—Brad Harris, Vice Chairman—Zachary Irons, Treasurer—John Ganz, Secretary—Don Sweeting, Special Projects Member

2024 STAFF: Chad Stang, Manager—Aaron Robinson, Ditch Maintenance Supervisor—Alisa Highlander, Administrative Assistant—Lori Liles, Planning Commission Administrator—Nathan Watt, Technician—VACANT H2Ohio Technician

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2023 RAINFALL COLLECTOR DATA

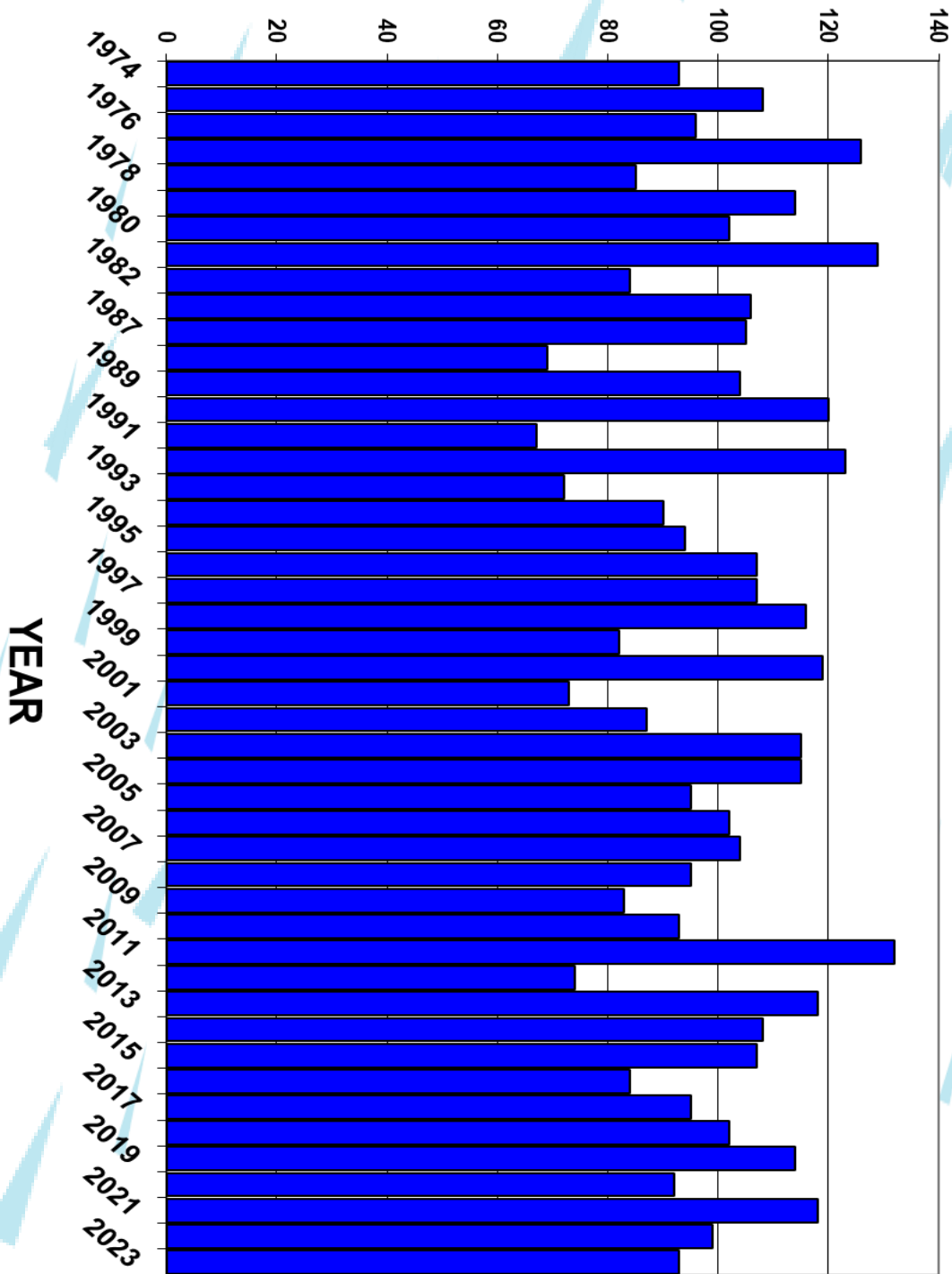
Township	Section	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Wakeman	3	3.0	2.5	4.6	6.1	10.4	2.4	29.0
New London	4	2.5	2.4	6.2	6.3	8.1	1.7	27.2
Ridgefield	3	2.6	1.7	6.3	4.7	7.8	1.2	24.3
Bronson	4	2.3	1.3	5.4	7.7	5.3	1.9	23.9
Hartland	1	2.4	2.1	4.9	4.5	8.1	1.6	23.6
Townsend	3	2.2	1.8	4.5	3.8	8.6	2.7	23.6
Clarksfield	2	2.5	1.6	3.6	5.1	9.1	1.5	23.4
Townsend	1	1.9	1.1	4.7	5.1	8.7	1.7	23.2
Bronson	2	2.3	1.8	5.7	5.5	6.2	1.5	23.0
Ridgefield	2	2.0	1.5	5.1	5.0	8.1	1.0	22.7
Norwalk	4	2.4	1.3	4.9	4.9	7.2	1.9	22.6
Norwich	1	2.0	1.4	5.3	6.1	7.0	0.6	22.4
Lyme	1	1.7	1.7	5.3	4.8	7.2	1.0	21.7
Greenwich	2	2.2	1.8	5.7	4.7	6.9	0.4	21.7
Sherman	1	1.4	1.6	4.5	6.1	6.2	1.1	20.9
Norwich	1	2.0	1.7	4.8	5.1	6.2	0.7	20.5
Ridgefield	2	2.0	1.5	4.4	4.2	7.1	1.1	20.3
Norwich	2	1.9	1.2	4.3	4.6	7.6	0.4	20.0
New Haven	1	2.4	1.6	4.9	2.4	7.2	1.4	19.9
New Haven	4	2.0	1.9	4.2	3.1	7.7	0.8	19.7
Richmond	2	1.8	1.3	4.5	4.3	7.1	0.4	19.4
Norwalk	4	0.9	1.5	6.3	4.6	5.1	0.8	19.2
Norwalk City	4	1.7	1.1	5.3	3.8	6.4	0.9	19.2
Sherman	4	2.2	1.4	4.3	3.7	6.5	0.6	18.7
Richmond	2	1.3	1.5	4.4	4.0	6.9	0.4	18.5
Fitchville	4	2.1	1.3	5.4	2.8	5.5	1.0	18.1
Monthly Average		2.1	1.6	5.0	4.7	7.2	1.2	
Monthly Highs		3.0	2.5	6.3	7.7	10.4	2.7	
Monthly Lows		0.9	1.1	3.6	2.4	5.1	0.4	

RAINFALL COLLECTORS NEEDED

Season High	29.0
Season Low	18.1
Season Average	21.8

RAINFALL AVERAGES BY YEAR 1974—'82 1986-2023

% OF AVERAGE: 1974 - '82, 1986 - 2023



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H2OHIO TECHNICIAN POSITION IS VACANT

Alyson Holzworth terminated her position as the H2Ohio Technician effective February 2nd for employment with Ashland County Health Department.

We will be posting a position description on www.huronswcd.com after the February 20, 2024, 8:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting. Once the position has been posted on our website, we will accept resumes together with the Huron County Application of Employment through March 11, 2024, by 4:30 p.m. deadline for submission.

Interviews will be conducted the week of March 11, 2024.

Individual resumes with an application can be mailed to Chad Stang, Huron SWCD, 8 Fair Road, Norwalk, OH 44857 or emailed chad.stang@oh.nacdnet.net

The H2Ohio Technician is responsible for administering the H2Ohio Program under the direction of the Manager, including field verifications, collecting receipts, seed tags, and as applied maps, assisting producers with providing documentation of completed Best Management Practices, and keeping Projects up to date in Beehive. A background check will be required to access the USDA computer network.