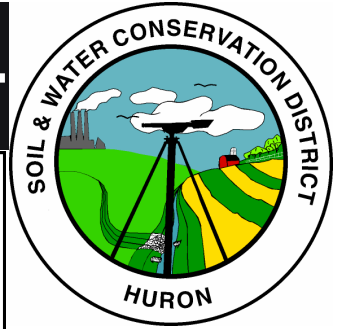


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THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR



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

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

SPRING 2025

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

2025 BOARD: Sean Nolan, Chairman—Don Sweeting, Vice Chairman—Zachary Irons, Treasurer—Brad Harris, Secretary, and Dan Stevens, Special Projects Member

2025 STAFF: Chad Stang, Manager—Aaron Robinson, Ditch Maintenance Supervisor—Alisa Highlander, Administrative Assistant—Lori Liles, Planning Commission Administrator—Nathan Watt, Technician—Amanda Kramer, H2Ohio Technician

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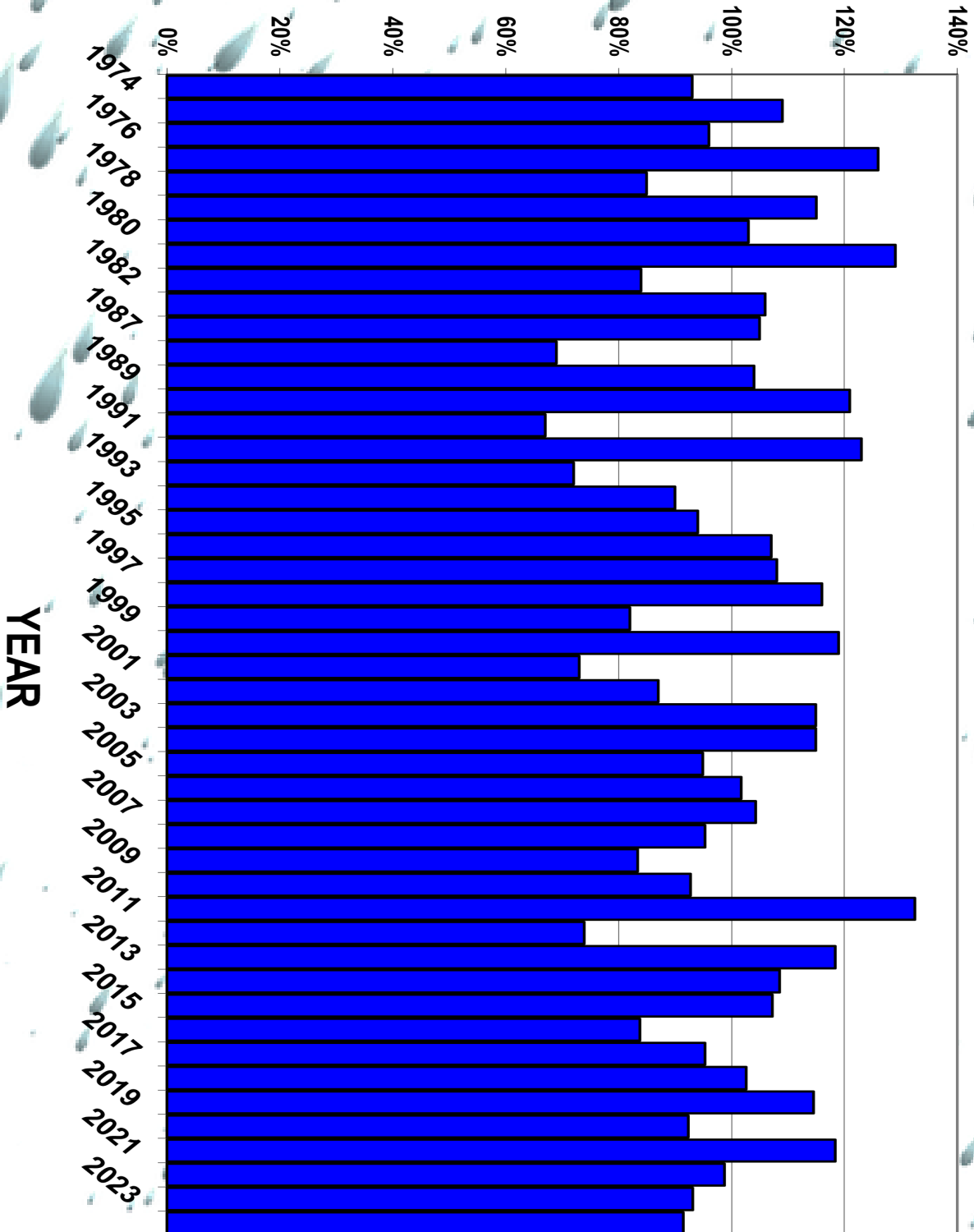
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2024 RAINFALL COLLECTOR DATA

Name	Township	Section	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Total
Pat Johannsen	Townsend	1	4.3	3.7	2.4	2.1	6.7	9.9	29.1
Bonnie Stein	Townsend	3	6.5	4.0	3.6	3.0	5.2	4.4	26.7
Jan Tkach	Wakeman	3	6.1	3.6	2.8	1.8	4.9	5.9	25.1
Robert Markel	Norwalk	4	6.7	4.0	4.0	2.2	3.3	3.9	24.1
Rich Benich	New Haven	4	5.7	4.8	3.2	1.3	4.3	3.5	22.8
Esther Schnellinger	Richmond	2	5.9	5.3	2.7	1.5	3.3	4.0	22.7
Charles Stone Jr.	Clarksfield	2	4.3	4.8	4.6	1.3	3.9	3.5	22.4
Marc Ruggles	Ridgefield	2	5.5	3.9	3.8	3.5	2.6	3.0	22.3
Richard Whetstone	Norwich	1	5.4	4.9	4.3	1.1	3.0	3.4	22.1
Robert Shade	Richmond	2	5.1	3.7	2.6	2.0	4.3	4.4	22.1
Locust Knoll Farms	Lyme	1	6.2	3.7	2.2	3.2	3.5	3.2	22.0
Kathy Smith	Bronson	2	5.1	3.2	4.3	1.8	2.9	4.6	21.9
Huron SWCD	Norwalk City	4	6.2	3.3	2.9	2.2	3.0	4.0	21.6
Enterprise Hill Farm	Ridgefield	2	5.3	4.0	3.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	21.5
Eric Echelbarger	New Haven	1	5.9	5.5	1.9	1.2	3.5	2.7	20.7
Gerald Daniel	Norwich	1	5.1	5.0	2.5	1.4	2.8	3.7	20.5
Mary Bauer	Norwalk	4	5.6	5.1	2.7	1.6	2.0	3.5	20.5
Monroeville Water	Ridgefield	3	5.4	4.3	2.6	1.4	3.2	3.1	20.0
Dave Kamm	Hartland	1	5.8	4.3	3.3	1.4	2.2	2.9	19.9
Don Ruffing	Sherman	4	6.5	4.1	2.2	2.3	1.4	2.8	19.3
Mark Prack	Bronson	4	2.3	3.6	4.9	1.5	2.7	4.2	19.2
Susie Fishbaugh	New London	4	5.9	3.2	2.6	2.1	2.0	3.1	18.9
Sharon Smith	Sherman	1	5.0	4.1	3.3	1.1	1.8	3.2	18.5
Tim Moss	Greenwich	2	4.4	3.8	2.6	0.6	3.0	2.8	17.2
Tim Putt	Fitchville	4	3.9	3.4	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.7	15.8
Monthly Average			5.4	4.1	3.1	1.8	3.2	3.8	
Monthly Highs			6.7	5.5	4.9	3.5	6.7	9.9	
Monthly Lows			2.3	3.2	1.9	0.6	1.4	2.7	
							Season High	29.1	
							Season Low	15.8	
							Season Average	21.4	

RAINFALL AVERAGES BY YEAR 1974—'82 1986-2024

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H2OHIO 2026 and 2027

The Huron S.W.C.D. staff will be training on My Farms and new contracts for crop years 2026 and 2027 in March. Enrollment will begin sometime this summer.

Any WLEB producer in the 10 county Expansion area that is interested in enrollment in 2026 and 2027 contracts need soil tests 2022 or newer for all fields to be enrolled in the program, have field boundaries in shape files, and have crop rotations. This is your homework to be ready for potential rollout of H2Ohio for crop years 2026 and 2027.

Unfortunately, we do not have more specific information on best management practices or the cost share associated. Everything is contingent on the Governor's Budget.

Contact Amanda, Huron County H2Ohio Technician, at the office with questions regarding new enrollment or existing acres at 419-660-5556 or email Amanda.kramer2@oh.nacdnet.net