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Board of Supervisors

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Board Meetings:

second Thursday of month

SWCD Staff

Eileen Kuenzli: Office Manager/Secretary 419-731-2557

Jeff Hohman: Ditch Maintenance/Tech. Supervisor 419-731-2565

Jeremiah Logsdon: Technician 419-731-2567

Todd Karg: Technician 419-731-2566

Lynn Shuman: Technician 419-731-2576

Katie Rumschlag: Conservation Program Manager 419-731-2580

Hannah Ziegler: Nutrient Management Technician 419-569-5281

76th ANNUAL BANQUET

August 20, 2024

Meal starting at 6:30 pm

Catered by 101 Smokehouse

Tickets \$10.00

Trinity Evangelical Church



Guest speaker—Emily Mullen of Mullen Dairy & Creamery

SUPERVISOR ELECTION

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Wyandot Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within Wyandot County and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

The 30-day voting period begins August 20, 2024 and ends on September 18, 2024.

SWCD supervisors are elected by county residents and landowners to represent them in soil and water conservation and natural resource management decisions. One (1) supervisor will be elected for a term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Ryan Swinehart is running unopposed.

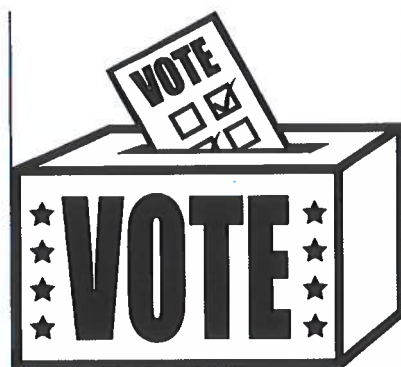
There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the SWCD office Monday—Friday during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning August 20, 2024 until September 18, 2024.
2. At the SWCD annual meeting at Trinity Evangelical Church, 108 Malabar Drive, Upper Sandusky, on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 from 5:45 until 6:45 p.m.
3. By requesting the application and election ballot by mail from the SWCD office at 97 Houpt Drive, Suite A, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, by calling (419)731-2557 or by e-mailing eileen.kuenzli@oh.nacdnet.net. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 4:00 p.m. on September 18, 2024.

At the annual meeting, you may vote before the meal without purchasing a meal ticket.

Meal tickets can be purchased at the SWCD office.

The caterer needs a count prior to the banquet, so please purchase your tickets by August 9.



CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR

Ryan Swinehart grew up farming and lives in Crane Township. He raises corn, beans, wheat and hay in Crane, Eden, Antrim, and Pitt townships. He also raises freezer beef with family members. Ryan graduated from Upper Sandusky High School where he participated in FFA, and he then received diesel and ag mechanic certification from UNOH. Ryan is a Farm Bureau member and is running for his second term on the SWCD board.



Current Board of Supervisors

Left to right:

Andy Welly

Ryan Swinehart

Jeff Fox

Brian Frisch

Shane Coppler

Welcome New SWCD Employees

Conservation Program Manager

Katie Rumschlag

Katie Rumschlag is handling the H2Ohio Program at the Wyandot County SWCD office. She is a recent graduate from the Ohio State Wooster ATI campus and is currently finishing out her bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business through Texas A&M. Katie was involved with 4-H at New Riegel High School, showing feeder calves at the Seneca County Fair and bringing them back home to raise. She also helps her family farm in Wyandot County and enjoys hauling grain to the elevator. In her free time, she likes spending time with friends, playing card games, and she recently ran a 1/2 marathon. Katie is excited to create new opportunities and is looking forward to working with the H2Ohio community. Please reach out with any questions and she will be happy to help. She can be reached at 419-731-2580 or krumschlag@co.wyandot.oh.us.



Drainage Technician

Lynn Shuman

Lynn Shuman started April 29th as the new Drainage Technician. Lynn is a lifelong resident of Wyandot County, currently residing in Ridge Township with his wife, Sarah, and they eagerly await the birth of their first child later this summer. When not at the SWCD, Lynn is heavily involved in the family farm operation and assisting his father on landscaping projects. He enjoys a good campfire with his wife and friends on the weekends and volunteering his time around the community. Lynn looks forward to working within the district to help steward the natural resources of northwest Ohio. You can reach Lynn at lynn.shuman@oh.nacdnet.net or 419-731-2576.



H2Ohio Program Update


In 2024, there are six Wyandot County producers that have joined the H2Ohio program, enrolling over 4,000 more acres.

In Wyandot County, nine producers enrolled existing hay buffers that were adjacent to a ditch, stream, or river in the 2-year H2Ohio Working Lands Buffer Program, with eleven contracts totaling 51.47 acres.

The new H2Ohio Working Lands Buffer Program provides a buffer to filter surface water before it enters into streams and other water sources that contribute to nutrient runoff to Lake Erie. Harvesting the buffer area is encouraged.


During the first half of 2024, Wyandot County producers were paid a total of \$225,312.03 for implementing practices in the H2Ohio program listed below:

Conservation Crop Rotation Small Grains	\$75,029.13
Overwintering Cover Crops	\$69,371.25
Subsurface Phosphorus Placement	\$38,275.00
Manure Incorporation	\$24,348.00
Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Implementation	\$11,483.10
Early Seeding Bonus	\$ 2,993.60
Conservation Crop Rotation Forages	\$ 2,679.95
Variable Rate Phosphorus Application	\$ 1,132.00

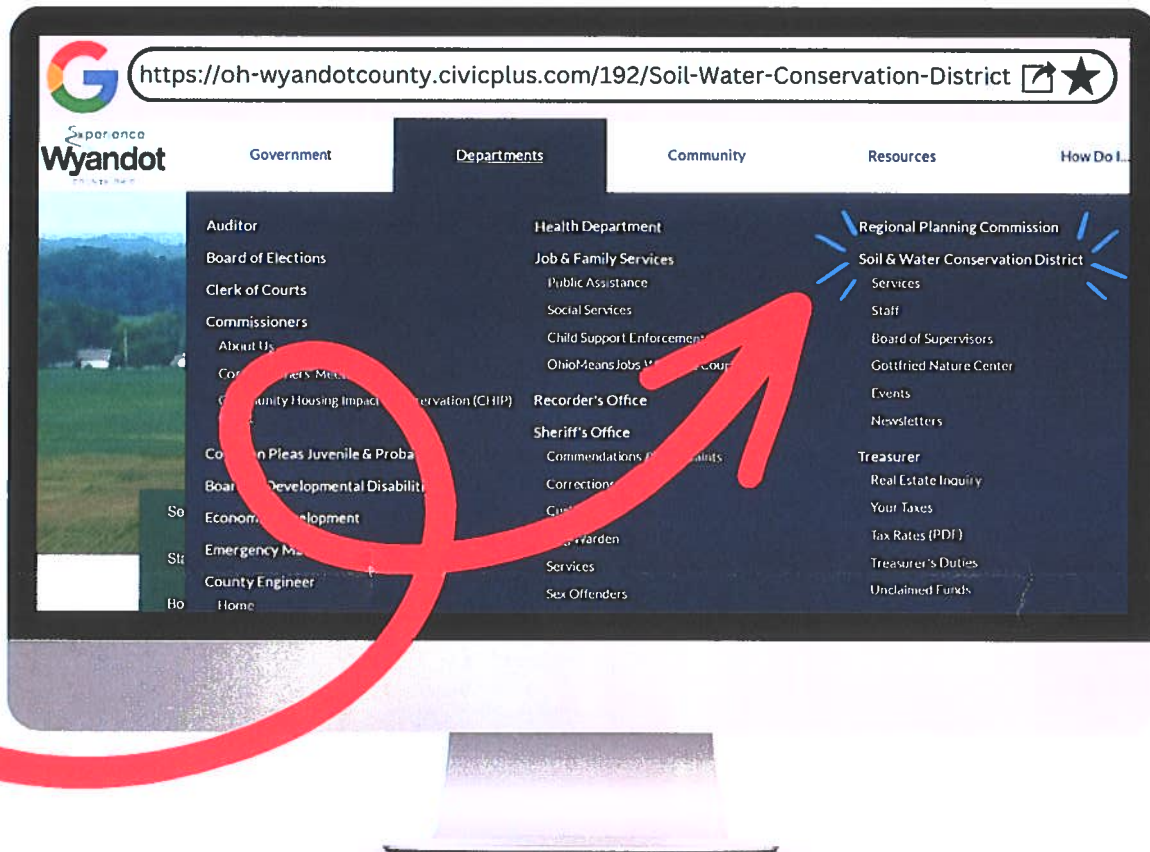


Join us on our journey to enhance the trails at the Gottfried Nature Center with our new Story Stroll. Together, let's create an outdoor learning experience for all ages. Visitors to the trail will be able to enjoy time in nature while reading along with a story while they walk. Your support and generosity will help make a difference in the Wyandot County community.

Donations are accepted via mail or in person at our office, located at 97 Houpt Drive, Suite A, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.



CHECK IT OUT!



Visit the Wyandot SWCD page on the county website for information and services

Newsletters can be viewed on the Soil & Water Conservation District page of the Wyandot County website. If you would rather see them online and not receive a paper copy, please contact the office at 419-731-2557 and we will revise our mailing list. You can also follow us on Facebook for current information.

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