

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

State and Federal Cost Share Programs

Through partnerships between USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, ODNR, Division of Soil and Water, Ohio Public Works Commission, Heart of Ohio RC&D, and the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, State and Federal cost share programs have distributed over 2.5 million dollars to cooperators in Pickaway County in 2008 for installed Best Management Practices (BMPs). The programs include Conservation Reserve Program, Scioto River Watershed Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program, Conservation Easement, and annual conservation program rental payments.

Educational Program

The District's Education Coordinator provided hands-on activities demonstrating 112 conservation education presentations and contacting 2250 youth.

Other programs were provided for, Cub Scouts, 4-H, home schools, Science Clubs, and other special events reaching an additional 1576 youth and adult. The District sponsors the annual Area 5 Envirothon, an outdoor natural resource education competition. The District also provides a three-day Experience Earth Day Camp for seventy-two 3rd and 4th grade youth in the summer. A total of 49,270 pieces of educational material such as booklets, pamphlets, magazines, soil survey books, and the like were distributed to area youth and adults.

The District provides natural resource materials through its lending program including a Forestry Trunk, a Stream Quality Monitoring Trunk, Stream Table Model, Groundwater Model, the Enviroscope Model, and the Soil Tunnel. The District's web site, www.pickawayswcd.org, provides a portal to the internet through educational links.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 through December 31, 2008

(This is not an official report)

District Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$49,130.35
Receipts	\$32,787.51
Distributions	\$32,245.07
Ending Balance	\$49,672.79

Special Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$39,483.53
Receipts	\$338,401.00
Distributions	\$330,343.09
Ending Balance	\$47,541.44



The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District was organized under Ohio law, December 9, 1944. On April 14, 1945, the district was approved by referendum vote of the people and became the 32nd Soil and Water Conservation District in Ohio.



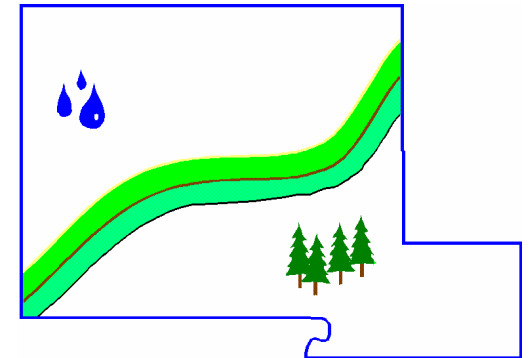
The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, is managed by five supervisors, who are elected by Pickaway County landowners. Supervisors serve without pay and are responsible for developing the local programs, obtaining and disbursing funds, and setting priorities. They also have the authority to hire district staff and to oversee all district activities.



All District programs are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, marital or familial status, or handicap.

Annual Report

January 1, 2008
to
December 31, 2008



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Conservation District**

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VISION

A professional team leading the community in the conservation of natural resources.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to encourage and assist the people of Pickaway County in applying conservation practices, which conserve, preserve, and protect our natural resources for present and future generations.

Supervisors

Donald Minor Sr.....Chair
Brad Zwyer.....Vice Chair
Vickie Sheets.....Secretary
Bill Black.....Fiscal Agent/Treasurer
C. Randall Metzger.....Member

SWCD Staff

Lloyd McManus, Jr.....District Technician
Doug Kohli.....District Technician
Aaron Mosley.....District Technician
Sue Lumley.....Office Admin/Urban Tech
Karen Halley.....Education Coordinator
Tawn Seimer.....Administrative Assistant

NRCS Staff

Dan E. Garver.....District Conservationist
Rob Skidmore.....Civil Engineering Tech

The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to thank County Commissioners Ula Jean Metzler, Glenn Reeser, and Jay Wippel for their continued support and dedication to our local conservation efforts. Their financial support at the county level draws matching funds from the state enabling the SWCD to provide conservation assistance, information, and education to all Pickaway County residents.



Conservation Priorities

Stormwater Management:
Agricultural and Urban

Water Quality

Landuse Planning

Education -
Youth & Adult

**Conservation Accomplishments
January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008**

- * Customer Contacts 13,520
- * Urban Sites Evaluated.....24
- * Grassed Waterways Designed 93,658 feet
- * Grassed Waterways Installed..... 93,041 feet
- * Subsurface Drain Tile Installed..... 341,770 feet
- * Erosion Control Structures..... 32
- * Conservation Easement Established..... 14 acres
- * No-Till Drill Use..... 445 acres
- * Pastureland Fence Installed..... 54,685
- * Wetland Restoration.....47 acres
- * Wildlife Habitat Management Planned.... 3,380 acres
- * Field Borders Planned..... 478 acres
- * Conservation Cover Established.....670 acres

**2008
Programs and Services**

- ↺ Tree Seedlings Sold — 8,315
- ↺ Fish Fingerling Sold — 15,720
- ↺ Marking Flags, USGS Topo Map Sales
- ↺ Best Management Practice Engineering Assistance - Agricultural & Urban
- ↺ Agricultural Pollution Abatement State Cost Share Program
- ↺ Equipment Rental Program
- ↺ County Ditch Maintenance Program
- ↺ Conservation Easement Program
- ↺ Conservation Reserve Program
- ↺ Wetland Reserve Program
- ↺ Experience Earth 3-Day Camp — 72 County 3 & 4 Graders
- ↺ Soil Stewardship Material Sponsor
- ↺ Conservation Education Youth — 112 Presentations
- ↺ Conservation Education Field Days
- ↺ “Conservation News” Quarterly Newsletter—3600 per Issue
- ↺ County Ditch Maintenance Bi-Annual Newsletter — 640 per Issue
- ↺ Weekly Articles Published in The Circleville Herald Newspaper
- ↺ Web Site (www.pickawayswcd.org)
- ↺ Chamber of Commerce Member
- ↺ Heart of Ohio RC&D Member
- ↺ Watershed Technical & Educational Activities
- ↺ Pickaway County Regional Planning Commission Advisor
- ↺ Subdivision Technical Review Committee
- ↺ 4H Natural Resources Program Sponsor
- ↺ Area, State, & National Envirothon Competition Sponsor
- ↺ Material Distributed — 49,270
- ↺ Hands-On Educational Models & Trunks
- ↺ Education Lending Library