

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 2.0 million dollars to cooperators in Pickaway County during 2011 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, and annual conservation program rental payments.

Educational Program

The District's Education Coordinator provided 355 hands-on presentations to 2518 youth demonstrating environmental issues and conservation of natural resources .

Other programs provided were for, Cub Scouts, 4-H, home schools, Science Clubs, and other special events reaching an additional 5679 youth and adult. The District sponsors the annual Area Five Envirothon, an outdoor natural resource education competition for High School students. The District also provides a three-day Experience Earth Day Camp for 3rd and 4th grade youth in the summer, with adult and teen volunteers assisting.

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 Envirocape 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, 2011
(This is not an official report)

District Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$71,536.24
Receipts	\$40,387.99
Distributions	\$20,114.25
Ending Balance	\$91,809.98

Special Fund:

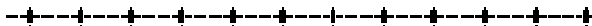
Beginning Balance	\$ 46,906.36
Receipts	\$286,156.00
Distributions	\$275,380.18
Ending Balance	\$ 57,682.08



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.



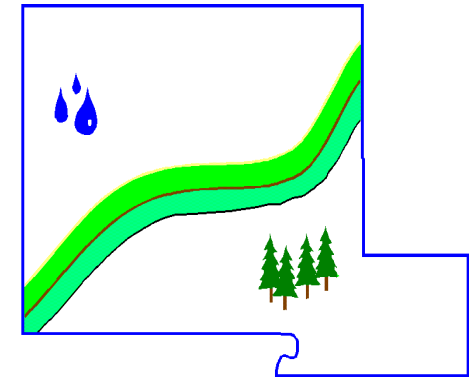
The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, is managed by five supervisors, who are elected by Pickaway County landowners. Supervisors serve without pay and are responsible for developing the local programs, obtaining and disbursing funds, and setting 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, 2011
to
December 31, 2011



**Pickaway Soil and Water
Conservation District**

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VISION

A professional team leading the community in the conservation of our 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

Bill Black.....Chair/Fiscal Agent
Randy Metzger..... Vice Chair
Don Lowry.....Secretary
Belinda Aukeman..... Treasurer
James Lands..... Member

SWCD Staff

Doug Kohli..... District Technician
Aaron Mosley..... District Technician
Sue Lumley..... District Program Administrator
Karen Halley..... Education Coordinator
Tawn Seimer..... Administrative Assistant

NRCS Staff

Dan E. Garver..... District Conservationist
Rob Skidmore..... Civil Engineering Tech
Justin Armintrout..... Soil Conservationist
Phil Roe..... Ag Conservationist

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, 2011 - December 31, 2011

- * Customer Contacts 17,628
- * Subsurface Tile Designed221,188 feet
- * Subsurface Tile Installed419,758 feet
- * Grassed Waterways Designed 60,729 feet
- * Grassed Waterways Installed25,462 feet
- * Rental Equipment Use..... 298 acres
- * Pastureland Fence Installed 20,941 feet
- * Pastureland Access
Roads Installed..... 1,070 feet
- * Pastureland Watering Facility
Pipeline Installed..... 2,839 feet
- * Wetland Restoration..... 56 acres
- * Forest Stand Improvement..... 287 acres
- * Prescribed Grazing908 acres
- * Upland Wildlife Habitat 1,050 acres

**2011
Programs and Services**

- ↗ Tree Seedlings Sold — 8,060
- ↗ Fish Fingerling Sold — 15,725
- ↗ 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 — County 3 & 4 Graders Adult & Teen Volunteers
- ↗ Soil Stewardship Material Sponsor
- ↗ Conservation Education Youth — 355 Presentations
- ↗ Conservation Education Field Days
- ↗ “Conservation News” Quarterly Newsletter—2550 per Issue
- ↗ County Ditch Maintenance Bi-Annual Newsletter — 600 per Issue
- ↗ Weekly Articles Published in The Circleville Herald Newspaper
- ↗ 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
- ↗ Science Fair Judging
- ↗ Poster Contest; Winner on Billboard Area, State, & National Envirothon Competition Sponsor
- ↗ Hands-On Educational Models & Trunks
- ↗ Education Lending Library