

Darby Watershed News

The Darby Watershed project is currently looking for projects that will enhance and maintain water quality in Big and Little Darby Creeks and their tributaries. Projects may include items such as widening stream buffers, addressing stream bank erosion, stream restoration or restoring wetlands. These are a sample of potential projects. There may be other projects out there that will also help to address water quality. If you know of any projects that you would like to see implemented, please contact the watershed coordinator. There may be grant funding available from Ohio EPA or other sources for projects.

The Darby Watershed also offers a low-interest loan program funded by Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF). This program offers landowners below-market interest rate loans for agricultural equipment and practices that improve water quality of local streams specifically located in the Darby watershed. More information can be found on the Darby Watershed project's website, www.darbywatershed.com. Click on the landowner information tab. Landowners may also contact the watershed coordinator for more details.

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Contractors Workshop



2009

Fairfield and Pickaway SWCD's are hosting a contractor's workshop on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at the Fairfield Agricultural Center. The workshop will start at 9:00 AM and last till Noon.

This will be a technical workshop that should benefit excavation contractors and do-it-yourself landowners involved in constructing conservation practices.

Some topics of discussion will include: trench safety, streambank regulations, soils, pond construction and repair, and REX pipeline tile issues.

There will be no charge for the workshop but an RSVP to Pickaway SWCD at 740-477-1693 or Fairfield SWCD at 740-653-8154 is requested by February 13.

Learn How To Protect Your Family's Land

Thursday, February 12, 5:30-8:00
Logan High School, 14470 St. Rt. 328,
Logan, Ohio



This regional education initiative is brought to you by Farm Bureau, Appalachia Ohio Alliance, Fairfield Land Preservation Association, Licking Land Trust, and a collaborative of southeast Ohio agencies and supporters of farmland preservation.

Mark Forni and Kristen Jensen, Ohio Department of Agriculture Office of Farmland Preservation, will speak about the 2009 Clean Ohio Agriculture Easement Purchase Program. There will be testimonials from Howard Smith (Fairfield County) and Omie Warner (Hocking County) who have protected their farms through easements. Steve Goodwin from the Appalachia Ohio Alliance will speak about local Land Trust Organizations. Jim Leonard from Wright Law will speak about Estate Planning and Tax Incentives. Roger Wolfe from Fairfield County Farm Bureau will present "What do we lose when farmland is lost?"

Please reserve your seat by calling Farm Bureau at 1-800-992-3276.

If you have questions, call Jonathan Ferbrache at Fairfield SWCD, 740-653-8154 extension 33.