

## 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, and the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District, State and Federal cost share programs have distributed over 2.9 million dollars to cooperators in Pickaway County during 2015 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 Program provided hands-on presentations to over 2,600 youth demonstrating environmental issues and conservation of natural resources .

Other programs provided were: Cub Scouts, 4-H, home schools, Science Clubs, and other special events reaching additional youth and adult. The District sponsors the annual Area Five Envirothon, an outdoor natural resource education competition for High School students.

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](http://www.pickawayswcd.org), provides a portal to the internet through educational links.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 through December 31, 2015  
*(This is not an official report)*

### District Fund:

Beginning Balance.....	\$92,677.98
Receipts.....	\$30,914.22
Distributions.....	\$19,388.67
Ending Balance .....	\$104,203.53

### Special Fund:

Beginning Balance.....	\$105,107.28
Receipts.....	\$312,089.38
Distributions.....	\$261,453.02
Ending Balance.....	\$155,743.64



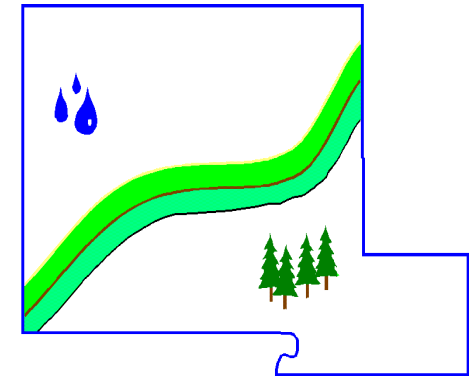
The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District was organized under Ohio law, December 9, 1944. On April 14, 1945, the district was approved by referendum vote of the people and became the 32nd Soil and Water Conservation District in Ohio.

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, 2015  
to  
December 31, 2015



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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**

Belinda Aukeman.....Chair  
Devin Weller.....Vice Chair  
Barbara Martindale .....Secretary  
Bill Black.....Fiscal Agent/Treasurer  
Steve Hawkins .....Member

**SWCD Staff**

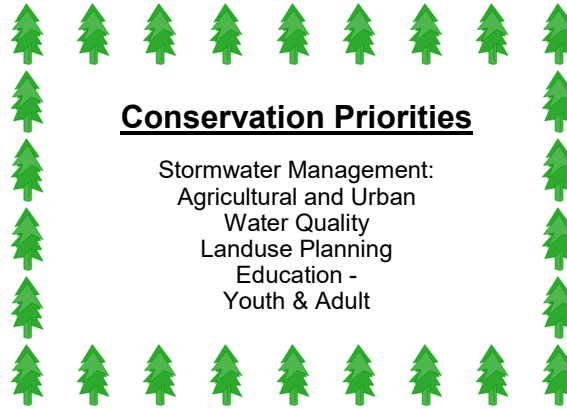
Aaron Mosley..... District Technician  
Ashley Clark.....Education Specialist  
Tawn Seimer.....District Administrator  
Lindsey Shaffer.....District Technician

**NRCS Staff**

Justin Armintrout..... District Conservationist  
Rob Skidmore ..... Civil Engineering Tech  
Phil Roe..... Ag Conservationist  
Seth Rankin.....Farm Bill Biologist

*The Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors would like to thank County Commissioners Harold Henson, Brian S. Stewart, 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.*

*The Board would also like to thank the Governor and the Legislature of the State of Ohio for their continued acknowledgement and support of the conservation of our natural resources.*



**Conservation Priorities**

Stormwater Management:  
Agricultural and Urban  
Water Quality  
Landuse Planning  
Education -  
Youth & Adult

**Conservation Accomplishments  
January 1, 2015- December 31, 2015**

- \* Customer Contacts ..... 6,000
- \* Subsurface Tile Designed ..... 312,069 feet
- \* Subsurface Tile Installed ..... 226,023 feet
- \* Grassed Waterways Designed ..... 26,553 feet
- \* Grassed Waterways Installed.....41,797 feet
- \* Grass Waterways Re-Enrolled..35,249 feet
- \* Rental Equipment Use ..... 341.4 acres
- \* CRP Dollars Obligated.....\$639,987
- \* EQIP Dollars Obligated ..... \$324,945
- \* CSP Dollars Obligated.....\$614,314
- \* Cover Crops Planted.....1,773.4 acres
- \* Forest Stand Improvement..... 50 acres
- \* Pastureland Fence Installed.....31,076 feet
- \* Pastureland Access  
Roads Installed .....1,241 feet
- \* Pastureland Watering Facility  
Pipeline Installed.....7,398 feet
- \* Wetland Restoration.....42 Acres
- \* Drainage Water Management.....55.7 Acres

**2015 Programs and Services**

- ↔ Tree Seedlings Sold — 7,200
- ↔ Fish Fingerling Sold — 18,000
- ↔ Marking Flags, Rain Barrel andUSGS Topo Map Sales
- ↔ Best Management Practice Engineering Assistance - Agricultural & Urban
- ↔ Agricultural Pollution Abatement State Cost Share Program
- ↔ Equipment Rental Program
- ↔ Conservation Easement Program
- ↔ Conservation Reserve Program
- ↔ Wetland Reserve Program
- ↔ Soil Stewardship Material Sponsor
- ↔ Conservation Youth & Adult Education — 100 Presentations for an audience total of 2,167
- ↔ Ag Day — 504 4th Graders Countywide
- ↔ Conservation Education Field Days
- ↔ “Conservation News” Quarterly Newsletter—2,500 per Issue
- ↔ Articles Submitted to  
The Circleville Herald Newspaper
- ↔ Chamber of Commerce Member
- ↔ Watershed Technical & Educational Activities
- ↔ Pickaway County 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
- ↔ Affiliate Member Program - Current:  
Pickaway Farms, Farm Credit Services, C. Randall & Cindy Metzger , The Savings Bank, Pro-Milk Dairy LLC, Pickaway County Banking Center, Drummond General Partnership, Wiseheart Farms, A. Gabriel Farms, Hartsock Ag and Shaw Farms
- ↔ Conservation Easement Monitor
- ↔ OSU/PSWCD Farm Field Day
- ↔ 86 Volunteers with over 766 Hours of volunteer service time