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# FOCUS ON CONSERVATION LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

"It is the goal of Logan Soil & Water Conservation District to promote stewardship of soil, water and other natural resources."

SUMMER 2009



## LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 66TH ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for the 66th Logan Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting, August 13, 2009 at the Logan SWCD office, 324 Co. Rd. 11, Bellefontaine, Ohio. The meeting will be from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM where there will be an election for two Logan SWCD Supervisor positions for a three year term commencing January 1, 2010 (Please see newsletter insert for supervisor candidates' bios). Voting will close at 5:00 PM.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Logan County and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm or corporation must provide a notarized affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Logan SWCD office, 324 Co. Rd. 11, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 and must be received by 12:00 PM, August 13th.

In appreciation to Logan County residents and landowners, cookies and punch will be served, along with a presentation of practices and accomplishments.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts, located in all 88 counties, are legal subdivisions of state government that provide natural resource management assistance to county landowners and other units of government. The district is funded by the Logan County Commissioners, and county funds are supplemented by funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The district is governed by a five-member, elected board of county residents. The soil and water conservation district board members are a volunteer board and are not paid for serving on the district boards.

## THANK YOU TO OUR COMMISSIONERS

The Supervisors and Staff of Logan SWCD would like to express their appreciation for the support for local conservation provided by Logan County Commissioners David Knight, John Bayliss and Tony Core. County financial contributions draw matching funds from the State of Ohio. Logan SWCD uses these monies to provide technical assistance and information to all Logan County residents and landowners.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 21 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-  
7:00 PM -LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

AUGUST 13 LOGAN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING-  
2:00 - 6:00 PM LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

AUGUST 18 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-  
7:00 PM-LOGAN SWCD

JULY 15 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING-  
7:00 PM -LOGAN SWCD OFFICE

SEPT 7 LABOR DAY-  
LOGAN SWCD OFFICE CLOSED

SEPT 15 LOGAN SWCD BOARD MEETING -  
7:00 PM- LOGAN SWCD OFFICE



## FOCUS ON CONSERVATION

# WATER QUALITY CREDIT TRADING PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Logan Soil and Water Conservation District and the Miami Conservancy District are announcing the accepting of applications for the sixth round of funding for the Miami River Water Quality Trading Program.

Up to \$250,000 is available to agricultural producers in the Great Miami River, Stillwater, and Mad River watersheds who implement projects that reduce phosphorus and nitrogen from running off land into area streams.

The application deadline for this program is July 31st.

An advisory committee will review and select projects, which are ranked by the lowest cost per pound of nutrient reduction.

Farmers upstream of participating wastewater treatment plants who are interested in the Water Quality Credit Trading Program will submit their project applications through the Logan SWCD office. The applications describe the scope and cost of a new voluntary practice they would like to implement along with the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen the practice will keep out of local streams. These projects will generate credits that wastewater treatment plants can use to meet regulatory requirements. Wastewater treatment plants and state or federal grant dollars pay for the projects.

Forty-nine projects in nine counties have been approved and funded by the Water Quality Credit Trading program. These projects will reduce the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen making their way to local waterways by more than 325 tons over the next 20 years.

The program was developed by the Miami Conservancy District in partnership with the Ohio Farm Bureau, agricultural producers, wastewater treatment plants, local soil and water conservation districts, Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For additional information, please contact Dusty Hall at the Miami Conservancy District (937)223-1271 or the Logan Soil and Water Conservation District at (937) 593-2946.

## THANK YOU!

We would like to recognize the following individuals for their generous monetary donations toward conservation planning, conservation education and scholarships with Logan Soil & Water Conservation District and for their concern for our natural resources:

TIM DAVIDSON	DON MOFFITT	RON SMITH
CHARLES & CAROL SIEBENECK	MAX MCGOWAN	STEVE SCHLUMBOHM
RICHARD KINNEY	BRUCE SMITH	WELDON & BARBARA STOLL

Your donations and generosity is greatly appreciated!

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Passport to Fishing Program

Forty-five kids and their parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles enjoyed a fun morning learning how to fish. The event was held at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio: Camp Myeerah on June 17, 2009. The program offered through the ODNR Division of Wildlife provides a free pole to each child after they complete four learning stations.



Dominick Patton and McKinzie Jones won two of the tackle boxes donated by Wal-Mart for catching the largest fish.

Each station is designed to teach the child techniques and facts about fishing. Ten volunteers and Logan SWCD staff helped teach at each station. We've all seen a tackle box full of fascinating colorful do-dads however, we really only need a few basic pieces to be able to catch a fish. Worms, ten pound test line, small hook, bobber, splitshot weight and a good rod are really all that is needed for a child learning to fish. Knowing how to rig your rod is a must for the beginner. There are many types of knots but a Clinch or Palomar will do the trick.

Casting is a

technique that is learned over time and keeping the line out of the trees, grass, and algae can be a challenge for the beginner.

Learning about the watershed and habitat helps the beginner know where the fish may be hiding in the water. Finally, it is important to know the laws of fishing and what type of fish may be kept or what needs to be released.



Randy Smith, Logan County Pheasants Forever member and local land landowner volunteers his morning to help teach proper knotting.

Fishing was a bit slow and anticipation was high. The first fish caught was the biggest catch of the day and weighed in just over 15 ounces.

This event was sponsored by: Logan SWCD, ODNR Division of Wildlife, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio: Camp Myeerah, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Wal-Mart and Kroger also donated door prizes and snacks for the event.



Local Bellefontaine Examiner reporter and avid fisherman Doug Loehr also offers help to some of the children.