

# CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



## 2017 Tree Seedling Sale



Clark SWCD is ready to kick off our conservation tree seedling sale for 2017. This is an opportunity to purchase native tree species for landscaping, establishing a windbreak, enhancing wildlife habitat or for planting future timber harvest.

**We are only having a ONE DAY pick up on THURSDAY, APRIL 20.**

We will be offering over 20 different species of trees and shrubs. As a reminder, these are bare-root tree seedlings ranging from sizes of 8 to 20 inches and the best chance for survival is to plant them as soon as possible and in a suitable location

**Tree species descriptions and order forms can be found inside!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tree Pre-Order Deadline:**

Friday, March 31st

**Tree Pick up Date:**

Thursday, April 20th



### PLEASE NOTE

*Surplus seedlings will be available at regular prices, but supplies will be limited.*

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## Bird Boxes & Feeders

### NEST BOXES

Bluebird and Wren nest boxes are available for sale this year. Other nest boxes are also available for special order through the Clark SWCD. These nest boxes are constructed from kiln dried cedar. They feature an overhanging roof with ventilation, bottom slots for drainage, and easy open front for monitoring and cleaning.



### HANGING BIRD FEEDERS

Feeders hold approximately 3 lbs. of mixed bird seed. Features include a removable screen bottom, aluminum hinges, metal chain for hanging and handcrafted quality.



## Anniversary



# Wildflower Seeds

## WILDFLOWER SEED MIX

Wildflower Seed mix: This year Clark SWCD will be offering wildflower seed packets. Each one ounce packet will cover approximately 250 sq. ft. The wildflower mix is an excellent way to establish wildlife buffer for hummingbirds, butterflies and other wildlife. The wildflower seed mix contains such flowers as coreopsis, coneflower, snapdragons, black eyed Susan and yarrow. For a complete list of the seed mix please contact our office at 937-521-3880.



# Fish Fingerling Sale

Fish fingerlings will be available this year to stock farm ponds. The species available include: Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Channel Catfish, White Amur, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Jumbo Yellow Perch, and Minnows. **Order form and pick up information can be found on page 5.**



# Scholarship to be Offered

Attention high school seniors and college students of Clark County. The Clark SWCD will be taking applications for students who will be enrolled at a college or university for the fall of 2017. Current college students are eligible. Clark SWCD will award **two \$1,000 scholarships**. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in natural resources, agriculture or related field. For more information and to request an application, call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880 or download at [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com)



# Clark SWCD to Celebrate 75 Years of Local Conservation

## SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

To recognize 75 years of conserving Clark County's natural resources, the Clark SWCD will be highlighting historical achievements during 2017!

The Dust Bowl era of the 1930's opened the eyes of many to the catastrophic effects of soil erosion on our Nation. On April 27, 1935, the Soil Conservation Act was passed by Congress and signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Congress knew that a vast majority of the United States is privately owned and only voluntary support from private landowners would bring success to the conservation movement. In 1937, President Roosevelt empowered the states to create soil & water conservation districts to act as a liaison between the Federal entities and local landowners.

Clark SWCD was the second soil and water conservation district commissioned in the State of Ohio in March of 1942. Clark County landowners were a driving force in the conservation movement here at home and throughout Ohio. Districts would enter into agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide conservation technical assistance to cooperating landowners on a voluntary basis.



1942 CLARK SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Front row: Fred Ridder, Allen Craig, Robert Grieser  
Back row: Guy Tuttle, Ross Greenwalt



2017 CLARK SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Front row: Brent Pence, Brian Funderburgh  
Back row: Brenna Cross, Jason Bishop, Dale Stewart

Today, the Ohio Conservation Partnership is still working for landowners of Clark County by providing technical assistance to address natural resource concerns. Over the past 75 years many things have changed but our mission has remained the same to voluntarily work hand in hand with local landowners to conserve our soil and water resources for future generations.

# Tree Species Descriptions

**Wind Break Packet:** Contains 60 seedlings consisting of 20 White Pine, 20 Norway Spruce and 20 Scotch Pine.

**White Pine:** A fast growing evergreen with long, soft needles. This makes an excellent tree to be used as a windbreak or for screening.

**Scotch Pine:** A medium to slow growing evergreen tree with bluish-green needles. This tree makes a good windbreak when the tree is young, as the tree ages the lower branches die out.

**Norway Spruce:** A fast growing evergreen with short, dark green needles and can reach 40'-60' in height. Tree makes an excellent windbreak and Christmas tree.

**Colorado Spruce:** A slow to medium growing evergreen with short silvery-blue needles and can reach 30'-60' in height. This tree prefers rich, moist soils however it is more drought tolerant than other spruces. Makes an attractive windbreak or Christmas tree.

**American Arborvitae:** A medium growing upright evergreen shrub which grows about 20' tall and makes an excellent windbreak.

**Douglas Fir:** A fast growing evergreen with green to blue-green 1" needles with good needle retention. This tree makes a good wind break, Christmas tree and can be used for timber production.

**Dawn Redwood:** Fast growing deciduous tree that resembles a Sequoia both in growth and foliage. The soft, bright green needle foliage turns to a bronze in the fall. The Dawn Redwood likes moist well drained soils and should be planted in an area that is protected from the winter winds. An excellent tree when placed on the banks of a stream.

**Ohio Buckeye:** A medium growing tree found native in Ohio. This tree can grow 20'-40' in height and produce the most beautiful nut. Please be advised, the nut produced is poisonous and have been known to make some wildlife ill and often kills wolverines in the fall. Tree prefers deep, rich soils and makes an excellent addition to a naturalized area.

**Red Oak:** Faster growing oak with dark green leaves that turn to red in the fall. Likes acidic well drained soils and is insect and disease resistant. Makes an excellent shade tree.

**Northern Pecan:** A medium growing tree native to Ohio that produces an edible nut. This tree prefers rich, moist soils and will grow 70' – 100' in height.

**Red Maple:** A fast to medium growing native tree that has bright red flowers in early spring, however its known more for its brilliant red fall color. This popular shade tree tolerates wet soil conditions and grows 40' to 60' at mature height.

**Tulip Poplar:** A large sized tree that can reach a height of 100 feet when mature. The leaves are similar to the shape of a maple leaf. This tree produces a greenish white color flower in mid June. The tree is commonly found in established forests throughout Ohio.

**White Dogwood:** A slower growing species that is mostly found in established forests as an under story tree. This tree which grows to a mature height of 25' has excellent white flowers in the spring and red fruit in September to October which birds love to eat.

**Redbud:** A medium growing under story tree which is found native in established forest across Ohio. This tree which grows 20' to 30' tall has edible purple flowers in the early spring and dark green leaves throughout the summer.

**River Birch:** A medium to fast growing tree excellent for low swampy areas and along streams. This pyramidal shaped tree grows 40' to 70' tall, likes acidic soils, has beautiful exfoliating bark and a yellow fall color.

**Sweet Gum:** A medium growing pyramidal in shape tree that will reach heights of 80' to 120' in height. The tree has a glossy, star shaped leaf with a deep purple fall color. This tree grows on moist to wet, acidic soils and is commonly found in swamps and near ponds and streams.

**Shadblow Serviceberry:** A medium growing small tree found native in established forests across Ohio has white flowers in the spring, glossy and dark green leaves in the summer changing to an orange/red fall color. The service berry has red fruit in early June which is edible and taste similar to a blueberry. Excellent tree for wildlife!

**Common Persimmon Tree:** A medium sized tree that can reach a mature height of 50-60 feet tall. This tree will produce fragrant flowers in the summer and produce a tasty eatable fruit in the fall. This plant needs a male and a female plant to produce any fruit.

**Butterfly Bush (flower color will vary):** A wide spreading shrub with handsome lilac flowers that bloom all summer long. Shrub is adaptable to many soils as long as its planted in full sun. Shrub attracts many types of insects and birds, especially humming birds.

Ordering information  
& form on pg 4.

# 2017 Tree Sale Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45505 - Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Description	No. per Packet.	Pre-Order Price per Pkt.	No. of Packets	TOTAL
Windbreak Packet (White Pine, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine)	60 seedlings	\$35.00		
White Pine	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
Scotch Pine	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
Norway Spruce	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
Colorado Spruce	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
American Arborvitae	10 seedlings	\$7.00		
Douglas Fir	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Dawn Redwood	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Ohio Buckeye	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Red Oak	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Northern Pecan	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Red Maple	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Tulip Popular	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
White Dogwood	3 seedlings	\$ 7.00		
Red Bud	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
River Birch	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Sweet Gum	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Shadblow Serviceberry	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Common Persimmon	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Butterfly Bush	3 seedlings	\$7.00		
Wildflower Seed Packet	1.0 oz	\$ 4.00		
Hanging Bird Feeder	3 lbs.	\$ 25.00		
Wren Nesting Box	1 each	\$ 20.00		
Bluebird Nesting Box	1 each	\$ 20.00		

**TOTAL** (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use ONLY** Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

## Complete & mail to:

Clark SWCD  
3130 E. Main St.  
Springfield, Ohio 45505

by **Friday, March 31**

Make checks payable to:  
**Clark SWCD**

Items **MUST** be picked up at the Clark SWCD office on:

Thursday, April 20, 2017:  
7:00am - 7:00pm

**ONE DAY PICK UP**

**ALL SALES ARE FINAL**

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED**



## PLEASE NOTE

These trees are bare-root seedlings, and the best chance for survival is to place them in the ground as soon as you take the delivery.



# 2017 Fish Fingerling Order Form

Complete and mail payment to: Clark SWCD, 3130 East Main St., Springfield, Ohio 45505

Phone: 937-521-3880

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fish Species	Size	Quantity per unit	Cost	Units Ordered	TOTAL
Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Hybrid Bluegill	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Red Ear Shellcracker	2" - 4"	25	\$25.00		
Large Mouth Bass	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Black Crappie	2" - 4"	25	\$30.00		
Channel Catfish	4" - 6"	25	\$25.00		
Jumbo Yellow Perch	4" - 6"	25	\$40.00		
White Amur	8" - 12"	2	\$30.00		
Black Fathead Minnows	1" - 3"	500	\$40.00		
<b>TOTAL</b> (make checks payable to: Clark SWCD) \$					_____

## Items to bring when picking up your fish:

Fish orders are taken on a per unit basis and will be pre-boxed and ready for stocking upon pick up. This will eliminate the daunting task of hauling water from your pond along with waiting for your order to be filled.

*If you have any questions regarding fish, pond maintenance, or stocking recommendations, please feel free to call the Clark SWCD at 937-521-3880.*



## IMPORTANT DATES

Fish Order Deadline:  
Friday - April 28 @ 4:30pm

Fish Pick up Date & Time:  
Thursday - May 4 @ 2:30pm

**Items MUST be picked up at the Springview Government Center.**



# Annual Meeting Highlights

The Clark SWCD held the 74th annual meeting and election for the Board of Supervisors at the Union Club of Springfield Park on the evening of September 14th. Our guest speaker for the evening was **Ty Higgins** of Ohio's Country Journal - Ohio Ag Net. He delivered a great talk on the results of Pro Farmer Midwest Crop Tour and his life experiences of living on the family farm. The **Feds, Feed Families** food drive again collected over 80 pounds of non-perishable food items which were donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield. Attendees also participated in the always popular **Clark County Conservation Trivia contest**.



2016 Clark SWCD Cooperator of the Year, Dave Baird, receives his award from Jerome Best of Clark SWCD.



Retiring Clark County Commissioner, John Detrick, delivers the oath of office to reelected Supervisors Brenna Cross & Brian Funderburgh



Ty Higgins of Ohio Country Journal-Ohio Ag Net was the guest speaker for the evening.



**Over 80 pounds of food was collected at the Annual Meeting and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank.**

**Plat books are available for \$20.**  
If you are interested please stop by the office or contact the Clark SWCD @ 937-521-3880.

## Welcome William Cook & Mike Rakes to Clark County

Clark SWCD would like to welcome two new USDA-NRCS staff members to our conservation partnership. **William Cook** was recently hired by the USDA-NRCS as the new Resource Conservationist covering both Clark and Madison Counties. William is originally from Rochester, New York and received his degree in Water and Natural Resources Management from Central State University with a minor in Crop and Animal management from Wilmington College.

William has worked for NRCS for that past 6 years in various locations across the nation and is looking forward to joining the great team at Clark SWCD

Clark SWCD would also like to welcome **Mike Rakes** as the new Soil Conservation Technician for Clark & Madison Counties. Mike originates from Lincoln County West Virginia and earned his degree in Natural Resource and Recreational Management from Marshall University. Mike is looking forward to beginning his career and providing technical assistance to Clark County landowners.



**William Cook**  
Resource Conservationist



**Mike Rakes**  
Soil Conservation Technician

## FFA Soils Judging

The 2016 FFA land judging competition was held on September 17th, at a farm owned by Emily & Leonard Bishop in German Twp. Students were tested on properties of soil for suitable uses in rural and urban settings. Congratulations to all FFA students representing Clark County High Schools!

### RURAL RESULTS

- Team Scores:**  
1st Southeastern  
2nd Northeastern  
3rd Tecumseh  
4th Greenon  
5th Global STEM Academy  
6th Northwestern



### URBAN RESULTS

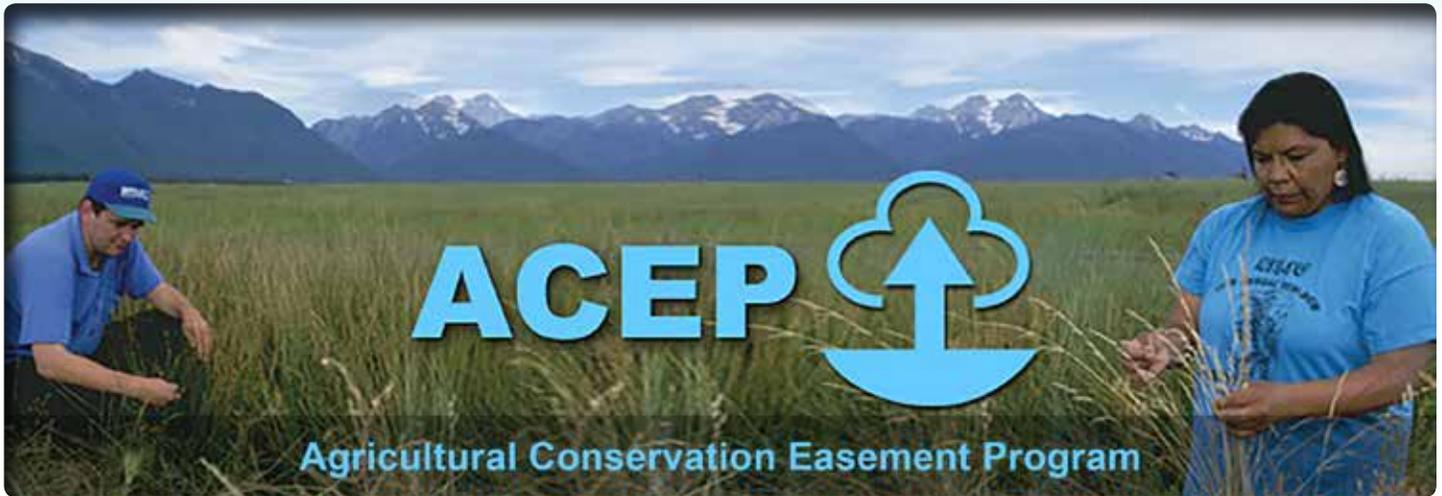
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### SPECIAL THANKS TO: Rod & Jason Bishop



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be held at 7:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Unless otherwise advertised, all meetings will be held at the Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main St. Springfield, Ohio. Please go to [www.clarkswcd.com](http://www.clarkswcd.com) to verify changes to meeting time and date. Serving on The Board of Supervisors for 2017 are Brent Pence (Chairman), Brenna Cross (Vice-Chairman), Brian Funderburgh (Fiscal Agent), Jason R. Bishop (Secretary) and Dale Stewart (Treasurer).



## Restore Wetlands and Preserve Agricultural Land

*Wildlife immediately benefit from new habitat*

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has \$3.9 million available to help Ohio landowners restore wetlands and \$4 million available for easements to protect agricultural land from conversion to non-agricultural uses. The funding is part of a \$350 million national effort by USDA to protect and restore key farmlands, grasslands, and wetlands through NRCS' Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

Last year, Ohio landowners restored 1,033 acres of wetlands through ACEP. Landowners received between \$1,375 and \$6,600 per acre in exchange for permanent easements to protect wetlands, depending on the location of the wetland. They can also choose a 30-year easement option at a reduced rate.

Wetlands are areas saturated by water all or most of the year. Often called "nature's kidneys," wetlands naturally filter contaminants out of water. Wetlands also recharge groundwater; reduce flooding and soil erosion; support diverse populations of wildlife, plants, and fish; improve aesthetics; and offer recreational opportunities. Since 2005, NRCS assisted Ohio landowners in restoring more than 25,000 acres of wetlands.

Agriculture land easements are designed to protect active working farms through an agreement with NRCS and a cooperating entity, such as your local Soil and Water Conservation District or Land Trust. Landowners work directly with the entity to secure easements, forever preventing development and subdivision while preserving agriculture use for future generations.

ACEP applications are accepted year around. Interested landowners should schedule an appointment with the NRCS office in their county's USDA Service Center.

To learn about ACEP and other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit [Get Started with NRCS](#) or your local [USDA Service Center](#).

Deba Mohler  
District Conservationist  
Clark/Madison Counties  
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Dale Stewart



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