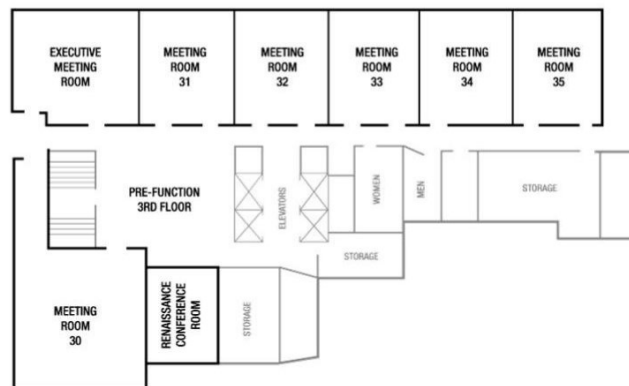


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76th Annual Conservation Partnership Meeting

Columbus Renaissance Hotel

February 24-26, 2019



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Sunday, February 24, 2019

4:00PM - 6:00PM Director's Board Meeting, *Hayes A*

Monday, February 25, 2019

8:00AM - 12:00PM Registration, *Pre-Function East*

9:00AM Welcome Reception and Coffee, *Pre-Function Area*
Sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

9:00AM - 5:00PM Envirothon Silent Auction, *Pre-Function South*

9:30AM - 10:55AM Opening Session, *Hayes BCDE*
Pledge of Allegiance
Welcome: President Harold Neuenschwander, OFSWCD
Special Guest Speaker: Jon Petz
Sponsored by Ohio Soybean Association

11:00AM - 12:00PM Conservation Training Workshops I

12:00PM Partnership Networking Lunch, *Hayes BCDE*
Sponsored by Nancy's Blankets

1:15PM - 2:15PM OFSWCD Auxiliary Meeting, *Executive Meeting Room*

1:15PM - 2:15PM Conservation Training Workshops II

2:35PM - 3:35PM Conservation Training Workshops III

3:30PM - 4:00PM Official Time-Out Break with Vendors, *Pre-Function Area*
Sponsored by Ohio Corn & Wheat Association

3:45PM-4:45PM Conservation Roundtables
Supervisors and DPAs - *Hayes A*
Administrative Assistants, *Meeting Room 20*
Ag Technicians & Ditch Maintenance, *Meeting Room 21*
Education Specialists, *Meeting Room 32*
Wildlife & Forestry Specialists, *Meeting Room 33*
Urban Specialists, *Meeting Room 34*
Watershed Coordinators, *Meeting Room 35*

7:00PM-9:00PM OASWCDE Social Event @ Pins Mechanical

**Workshops Sponsored by Ag Credit, Scotts Miracle-Gro and Seed Consultants*

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Tuesday Crusader Awards Lunch

Ohio Beef Council

Ohio Dairy Association

Ohio Pork Council

Ohio Poultry Association

Ohio Cooperator of the Year

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Tuesday Afternoon Break

Ohio Corn and Wheat Growers Association

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Welcome Reception

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Keynote Speaker

Ohio Soybean Council

Monday Luncheon

Nancy's Blankets

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Tuesday, February 28, 2017

7:00AM - 12:15PM

Registration, *Pre-Function East*

7:30AM - 8:30AM

New Supervisor & Board Chair Breakfast, *Meeting Room 30*
****Registration Required,***

8:00AM - 9:00AM

Coffee Hour, *Pre-Function Area*

8AM-11:30AM

Envirothon Silent Auction, *Pre-Function South*

9:00AM - 10:30AM

General Session, *Hayes BCDE*
Meet and Greet, Agency Leadership
Celebration of SWCD's turning 75!

10:45AM-11:45AM

OFSWCD Delegate Session, *Hayes A*

10:45AM - 11:45AM

Conservation Training Workshops IV

12:00PM - 1:30PM

"Crusaders" Awards Luncheon: *Hayes BCDE*
Sponsored by Ohio Beef Council, Ohio Dairy Association,
Ohio Pork Council and Ohio Poultry Association

1:45PM - 2:45PM

Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, *Hayes A*

1:45PM - 2:45PM

Conservation Training Workshops V

3:00PM - 4:00PM

Conservation Training Workshops VI

5:00PM—7:00PM

Legislative Reception, *Statehouse Atrium*
****Registration Required***



Conservation Crusaders An Evening at the Statehouse

Supervisors, staff and partners representing the OFSWCD and Ohio's 88 SWCDs who registered for the Legislative Reception are encouraged to head over to the Ohio Statehouse Tuesday evening from 5pm-7pm to discuss the impact and importance of

Ohio's conservation districts with Ohio's legislators and aides! Materials will be provided in advance to share with these special guests. This is a great opportunity to share district successes and the importance of the work you do daily to make a positive difference! Also get to know the member and aides better. Encourage these individuals to visit the SWCD(s), offer a field day to show valuable projects and programs and try to snap a picture with these individuals to share in a positive manner to your local media, social media and newsletters!

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Please welcome our
Special Guest Speaker

Today's very special guest is Jon Petz, CSP! Jon brings the perfect trifecta of education, inspiration along with hysterical entertainment. He has hosted and performed at over 1,200 events for clients including FFA, Society of Human Resources Management, Associations (across many industries), General Electric, and Marriott, to name a few as well as appeared on NBC, CBS, FOX and ESPN. He's also

an accomplished author of three books and has been featured by The USA Today, Wall Street Journal, CNBC, ABC News, Success Magazine and many other media outlets. American Business Journals named him a top 40 business professional under the age of 40.

Jon Petz is the founder of **Bore No More™**, an idea lab for increasing personal and employee engagement. Drawing on his diverse experience as a corporate executive, business magician and professional speaker, his pertinent content is delivered masterfully with the engagement and relevance that is uniquely and unequivocally the Jon Petz Experience.

A Special Thanks to our fellow Crusaders - our Vendors!

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Ohio Clean Marinas	ODNR Division of Forestry
Ohio Farm Bureau	OEFFA (Oh. Ecological Food and Farm Association)
OSWCD Auxiliary	OOGEEP (Ohio Oil & Gas Env. Education Program)
OPHI	OSU Farm Science Review
Ohio Storm Water Association	Pheasants Forever
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Conservation Training Workshops, V, 1:45PM-2:45PM

- 1. Professional Development Opportunities for District Staff and Supervisors.** Join Ohio Department of Agriculture Staff to learn about the various training programs offered by DSWC for SWCD staff and supervisors. Learn about what is being planned in 2019 and beyond. *Speakers: Jocelyn Henderson & Jarrod Hittle, DSWC, Room 34*
- 2. Understanding Food Security Act Compliance for USDA Programs.** Join NRCS staff as they explain how Farm Bill Compliance for soil erosion and wetlands works. During the session hear a brief history of compliance standards, how to be sure you're in compliance, an overview of what documentation is involved and how to interpret it. Plus a few minutes for Q&A! *Speakers: Steven Baker and Nick Schell, NRCS, Room 21*
- 3. 9-Element Watershed Implementation Plan.** Come learn more about Ohio's 9-Element Plans and how these provide opportunities for funding, collaboration and more in the efforts to improve water quality. *Speaker: Rick Wilson, Ohio EPA, Room 33*
- 4. Plant it and they will come.** Creating educational and outreach opportunities from an unexpected invasion. Programming with Monarchs. *Speakers: Rebecca Miller, Hocking SWCD & Jenna Balazs, Ameri-corps, Room 32*
- 5. Reaching non-farming landowners to promote conservation practices.** Lack of communication between a producer and their landowners can be a barrier to adoption of conservation practices over a large percentage of a watershed. Learn how Ohio districts have partnered with American Farmland Trust to reach and educate women landowners and tenant farmers. *Guest Speakers: Jen Filipiak, AFT; Beth Landers, Wood SWCD; and, Kathy Bash, Hardin SWCD, Room 22*
- 6. Manure Separation/Treatment Research.** Mercer County's Ag Solutions Coordinator will review her research and manure pilot project data collected over the last three years. She will review all concepts explored and which technologies hold the most promise for successful and affordable manure nutrient removal. *Speaker: Theresa Dirksen, Mercer County, Room 20*

Conservation Training Workshops, Session VI: 3pm-4pm

- 1. Parliamentary Procedures/ Roberts Rules / Executive Session.** Want to learn how to effectively run a board meeting? Come and learn how parliamentary procedure can be used as a tool to run board meetings smoothly and save time. *Speaker: Clark Hutson, DSWC, Room 34*
- 2. Livestock and Typical Nutrient Production through Manure.** Learn how to estimate cropland needed to utilize nutrients produced from typical livestock production systems. This presentation will be based on experiences from manure and nutrient management efforts in the Grand Lake St. Marys watershed. *Speaker: Terry Mescher, DSWC, Room 20*
- 3. Assisting Communities with Small MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance.** Ohio EPA will present on Small MS4 Permit Compliance and how SWCD's can play a role in assisting communities with compliance. Cuyahoga SWCD will highlight work they have done to assist communities in managing stormwater runoff from development sites for the long-term through their post construction program. *Speakers: John Mathews, Ohio EPA & Carla Regener, Cuyahoga SWCD, Room 22*
- 4. Dam Safety and Floodplain Management.** Hear the latest information on dam safety requirements and floodplain management. *Speakers: Dena Barnhouse and Alicia Silverio, ODNR Division of Water Resources, Room 33*
- 5. H2Know and Digging Thru the Layers of Soil Science.** Healthy soil and clean water are essential to healthy living. This hands-on workshop will look at the relationship between healthy soil, clean water and sustainable practices in agriculture. This will include exploring it through a Digital Case study on the algae bloom in Lake Erie. *Speaker: Katie Nainiger, Geauga SWCD & Nutrients for Life Ambassador, Room 21*
- 6. Rural or Urban - Accurate Elevation Data Matters.** This session will focus on Remote Sensing Technology and the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program (OSIP). *Speakers: Sean Logan and Brian Stevens, Woolpert, Room 32*

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Conservation Training Workshops III, 2:35pm-3:35pm:

1. **Forming Public-Private Partnerships to Identify & Manage Ag Fields with Elevated P in the WLEB.** Ag production can lead to significant nutrient loss that diminishes surface water quality & impacts downstream eutrophication and harmful algal bloom development. Learn about data, modeling efforts and partnering in water quality issues while supporting ag. *Speaker: Mike Booker, Ohio State University, Room 20*
2. **Gaging the Health of Your District and Planning for Success.** Designed for board & staff to learn techniques to evaluate their district; Determine & understand a district's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and plan for the future to ensure long-term success. *Speakers: Cody Hacker and Liz Cline, DSWC, Room 32*
3. **Tailor Your Message: How to Improve Adoption of Conservation Practices, Part 2.** *Room 21*
4. **Wildland and Prescribed Fire partnership, Fire MOU.** Learn about this partnership between the Division of Forestry and Vinton SWCD that allowed the district to lend technical services to the state for monetary compensation on prescribed and wildfire details. Not only a financial benefit but it also aides in training and knowledge on a very effective land management tool. *Speaker: David Runkle, Vinton SWCD, Room 33*
5. **Muskingum SWCD / College Partnership.** Knowledge is powerful, from a stockroom meeting to addressing local issues with local resources. Learn how Muskingum SWCD partnered w/ Muskingum University to create a win-win-win partnership to leverage additional resources to address water quality concerns. *Speakers: Dr. Lois Zook, MU & Emily Hoffmann, MU Student and Van Slack, MSWCD, Room 22*
6. **Contamination of Soil.** What causes soils to become contaminated? What sorts of prior uses of a site should clue you in to potential issues? When looking at a soil test result, what should we be looking for? What problems do these contaminants cause plants? Which contaminants get absorbed by plants? What are our remediation options? *Speaker: Kaitlyn Benson, Room 34*
7. **Urban Networking.** Discuss legislative proposals, initiatives and other urban programs designed to further conservation efforts throughout Ohio. *Moderator: Jennifer Fish, Franklin SWCD, Room 35*

Conservation Training Workshops, Session IV, 10:45AM-11:45AM:

1. **Results of 4 Year Cover Crop Study- Lessons Learned.** Hear about Hamilton SWCD's study using 4 farms throughout the county. Learn about the results impacting erosion, soil health and water quality! *Speaker: Holly Utrata-Halcomb, Hamilton SWCD, Room 32*
2. **The Power of Positive Partnerships and Proactive Planning.** Learn strategies to get creative w/ annual programming, out-of-the-box thinking and collaboration. By working with partners, districts can open doors to new ideas, improve customer base satisfaction and participation in educ. workshops, & spread effective conservation planning, BMPs and more! *Speaker: Kim Vance, Carroll SWCD, Room 33*
3. **Sharing the Envirothon Experience.** Come hear about the journey of this past year's State Envirothon winner, Fort Jennings HS. They will discuss the program, how they prepared for both the State and National Competitions, & how this program has impacted the students. *Speakers: Fort Jennings Envirothon Team, Room 20*
4. **Sediment Studies of Environmental Change in NE Ohio: Implications for Watershed Management.** Sediment influences environmental restoration efforts, affects benthic habitat, and influences the fate of contaminants. Learn of natural & anthropogenic controls on watershed/stream erosion and sediment transport, lake & dam pool sediment pollution profiles, and stream response to a pronounced increase in precipitation and flood frequency since 2003. *Speaker: Dr. Peck, University of Akron, Room 21*
5. **Understanding Nutrient Consumption of Common Crop Rotations.** Am I starving the crop or building the soil? A proper understanding of nutrient removal is integral to farm economics, protecting water quality and crop health. Look at nutrient management and tools available for your farm or helping assist farmers w/ nutrient planning. *Speaker: Kip Studer, DSWC, Room 22*
6. **Implementation of Field-Edge Prairie Strips to Prevent Harmful Algal Blooms.** Learn how proper, wide-spread planting of native Ohio tallgrass prairie vegetation along the downslope edges of row-crop fields will efficiently capture & retain majority concentrations of algal nutrients and sediments. The unique tallgrass prairie ecosystem also provides pollinator resources for favorable insects, increasing soybean seed set in adjacent fields. *Speakers: John Blakeman, Meadow Environment & Wil Hemker, University of Akron, Room 34*

Envirothon and Auxilliary Support Needed

Please take a few minutes to visit the Envirothon Silent Auction, located in the Pre-Function South Foyer. There's some great things to purchase so let's make this the biggest and best auction ever to support our Envirothon Program!

Also, stop by the Auxilliary Table to buy 50-50 raffle tickets, participate in the basket auction and/or learn more about the Auxilliary Scholarship program, supported by the raffle and basket auction proceeds!

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The OASWCDE is hosting a fun-filled evening!
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Conservation Training Workshops, Session I: 11am-12pm

1. Integrating mobile GIS products to make our jobs easier. We've taken the bull by the horns working to eliminate paper forms and build spatial databases to create efficiencies and better communication. Today we're sharing how Arc Online, Collector, and Survey123 can help make life easier for data collection and reporting.

Speaker: Melissa Feliciano & Breann Hohman, Erie SWCD, Room 32

2. How do I make sense of all these numbers? Basic Interpretation of Soil Tests. Do you know what all the numbers on a soil test mean? With the increasing focus on nutrient management across the state, reading and understanding a soil test is a must for all SWCD staff and Board members. This session will provide you with the basic information on interpretation and economics of soil tests. *Speaker: Kip Studer, DSWC, Room 21*

3. Conservation in the new Farm Bill. Come hear about the changes in the Farm Bill which provides more opportunities towards soil health, water quality, and wildlife initiatives. *Speakers: Jim Inglis, Pheasants Forever and Jack Irvin, Farm Bureau, Room 22*

4. Converting your District Website into an Online Storefront: An Introduction to Using E-Commerce in the Soil & Water World. In the world of online shopping and on demand online trainings, SWCDs have an opportunity to keep up with technology. Slight modifications to your websites & policies could open and expand the reach of your services, programs and products. Learn how you can be in the forefront of the e-commerce revolution. *Speakers: John Nelson & Susan Juriga, Hamilton SWCD, Room 33*

5. Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels and more: Hear about Athens SWCD's partnership with the City of Athens on rain gardens, bio-retention boxes, stream restoration and rain barrel construction events. Also, hear about Franklin SWCD's rain garden programming in that includes demonstration rain gardens, outreach thru local nurseries, landowner rain garden assistance & cost-share. *Speakers: Teresa Caldwell, Athens SWCD & Sara Ernst, Franklin SWCD, Room 34*

6. Diversity in People, Programs and Projects: One SWCD's Challenges & Successes of Urban Conservation. Learn how one district has developed, adjusted and marketed programs to increase delivery to and participation of diverse audiences, which has provided greater visibility for the District. This session will focus on both urban education and agriculture programs. *Speaker: Whitney Long & Jan Rybka Cuyahoga SWCD, Room 35*

7. Water Quality and Harmful Algal Bloom Research at BGSU. Did you know Bowling Green State University has two Centers focused on water quality? They have the Center for Fresh Waters and Human Health that examine factors contributing to HABs and another Center for Great Lakes and Watershed Studies that establishes a research-based academic program which examines land-lake linkages in water quality. Come learn more about what they are doing! *Speaker: Dr. George Bullerjahn, BGSU, Room 20*

Conservation Training Workshops, Session II, 1:15pm-2:15pm

1. EPA Grants / Project WET. Interested in environmental education grant opportunities? Come hear more about what's out there! *Speaker: Dennis Clement, OEPA, Room 34*

2. BeeHive Question and Answer Session: Launched in October 2018 as the SWCDs new reporting system, come learn what Beehive is about and what future improvements are planned. Learn more about what kind of information and reports are available and how SWCDs can use Beehive for planning and tracking progress. *Speakers: Martin Joyce and Chad Amos, DSWC, Room 22*

3. Working w/ your local health dept. on mapping & addressing Home Sewage Treatment Systems for Water Quality. Franklin SWCD and Franklin Co. Public Health will discuss a partnership related to the County's stormwater permit and household sewage treatment systems (HSTS). Learn the current state and local regulations, as well as their successes and challenges. Then hear about GIS-based assistance provided and other ways they've leveraged GIS to provide natural resources assistance in Franklin County. *Speakers: Josh Garver, Franklin SWCD & Niki Lemin, Franklin County Public Health, Room 33*

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4. Promoting Conservation Differently: NTT and Pay for Performance Project. The last few years we have been working on a GLRI project that allowed us to work directly with farmers to help identify where on the farm would provide the best opportunities to reduce nutrients. Using the Nutrient Tracking Tool and a Cost Analysis Tool, we also were able to "test" different conservation changes to find out what were the most economically viable options. *Speakers: Eric Dodrill & Breann Hohman, Erie SWCD, Room 32*

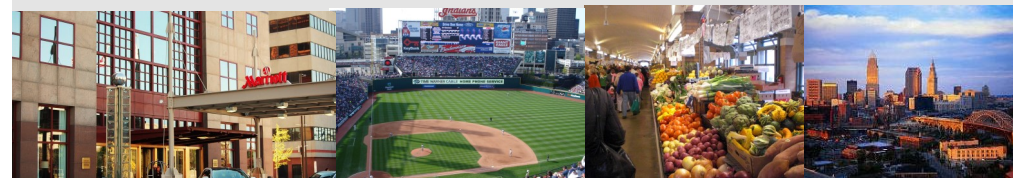
5. Soil Health & Clean Water: broadening support w/ participatory data entry & mapping. When only a few people or a few organizations have a positive and practical interest in soil health and watershed function, it can be difficult to create positive motion. Learn how to get started with practical and participatory mapping, using open frameworks and the human assets in your community, the most powerful geologic force: carbon and water cycling. *Speaker: Peter Donovan, Soil Carbon Coalition, Room 20*

6. Tailor Your Message: How to Improve Adoption of Conservation Practices, Part I. To better reach farmers about adopting soil health & conservation practices, it is important to understand how landowners make decisions. In this session, learn how to specifically communicate to address decision-making factors and better convince farmers to adopt conservation and soil health practices. *Speakers: Dr. Ryan Stockwell, Director of Sustainable Agriculture & Jess Espenshade, Cover Crop Coordinator, National Wildlife Federation; Beth Diesch, Seneca CD, Room 21*

7. Do Districts' Sales Have a Negative Impact on Our Environment? Many districts offer plants, trees and fish to the public, but these sales can have a negative impact on our resources and ecosystems. Learn how tree and plant sales can be designed to maximize the benefit to local ecology as well as supporting more traditional environmental conditions. *Speakers: Marty Hilovsky, Envirosience Inc. and Rob Curtis, Summit Metro Parks, Room 35*



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Save the Date: *ALL-STAR CONSERVATION!

Hit a Home Run this summer by attending Summer Supervisor School 2019! This special event will take place July 26th-28th at the Marriott Key Hotel in Cleveland. Be prepared to score with amazing tours, MVP workshops and activities being planned by Area 2 for Supervisors, Staff, Auxiliary and the whole family!