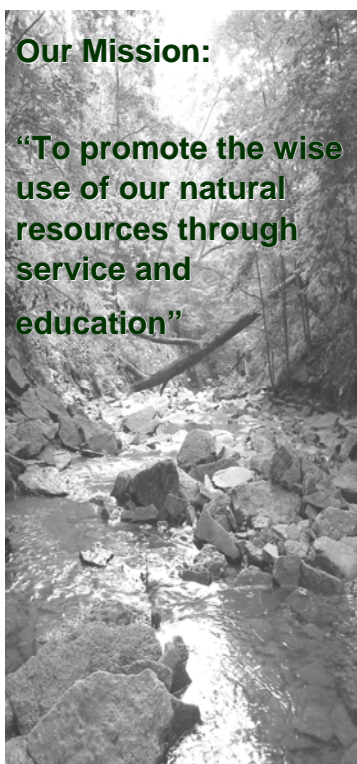




December 2008

## Season's Greetings



### Our Mission:

**“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”**

## District and Partners Celebrate Successful Year of Conservation!

Clermont residents and supporters of the conservation district showed up at the Fairgrounds on October 23rd for the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District's 65th Annual Meeting.



*Weatherman Rich Apuzzo Talks Tornadoes & Droughts*

During the meeting, several partners were recognized, including Carlos and Alice Hamilton of Franklin Township (pictured at right), who were honored as the SWCD Conservation Cooperator of the Year.



Another highlight of the evening's program was a special presentation by meteorologist Rich Apuzzo, former Channel 19 Weatherman. Mr. Apuzzo spoke about the many bizarre weather events we have witnessed over the last several years, including drought, record tornadoes, and the Sept. 2008 wind storm. Apuzzo also gave his opinions on global warming, but forecasts colder than normal winters for the immediate future, due to decreased sun spot activity this year.

## Anspach, Phillips Elected to Board of Supervisors

Dave Anspach (left) of Owensville and Steve Phillips (below) of Bethel were elected to serve as SWCD Supervisors for the term 2009-11.



Anspach, in his 2nd term as supervisor, will serve as Chairman in 2009. Phillips is beginning his first term as a supervisor. Both will

be sworn in by an Ohio Supreme Court Justice in January at the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting in Columbus.



Congratulations to both gentlemen and thanks for serving your conservation district and County!

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## ALL ABOUT RAIN GARDENS

The Clermont SWCD provided **technical assistance and \$100 mini grants** to 9 land-owners in 2008, helping them install rain gardens in their landscapes. The District will continue to offer the mini-grant program again in 2009. Contact the District office (732-7075) if you are interested in applying for a grant or need help with your rain garden.



Demo Rain Garden Installed at Pattison Park

The District also partnered with the Clermont County Storm Water Dept., Greenacres Foundation and Marvin's Organic Gardens to receive a **\$50,000 grant from Ohio EPA**. The partnership will install rain gardens on 10 high school and vocational school campuses in 2009. A student curricula will also be developed to educate students and communities about the many storm water benefits provided by rain gardens.

## John Brown Hired to Fill John Hardin Internship Position



John Brown of Wayne Twp. has joined the Clermont SWCD staff as a seasonal intern and recipient of the John Hardin Memorial Internship. John is attending Cincinnati State University majoring in Environmental Engineering. John's duties will include helping the Clermont County Storm Water Dept. complete an inventory of the storm sewer system. This inventory is required under Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Program. The program is a provision of the Clean Water Act, and intended to help communities protect and restore water quality by minimizing nonpoint pollution in surface water runoff.

## Thanks to All Our Cooperators for the Conservation Best Mngt. Practices Installed This Year!

Jack Barker	Prescribed Grazing	
Kimberly P Becker	Fence, Prescribed Grazing	
Roger V Bedinghaus	Pasture Planting, Prescribed Grazing	
Roger Benter	Habitat Restoration & Mngt.	
Cheryl Burkholder	Prescribed Grazing	
Clermont Co. Park District	Rain Garden	
Donald W Burroughs	Prescribed Grazing	
Timothy Callahan	Prescribed Grazing	
Cincinnati Nature Center	Nutrient Mngt., Pest Mngt., Brush Mngt.	
Matt Crozier	Prescribed Grazing	
Russell Durbin	Fence (2)	
Lee R Eubanks	PG, Stream Crossing, Wat. Facility, Pipeline, HUP	
Charles Forman	Spring Dev., Diversion, Pasture Planting	
Virgil Foster	Watering Facility	
James G Glass	Fencing, Watering Facility, HUP	
Donald Graves	PG, Pasture Planting, Nutrient Mngt (2), HUP (2)	
Carlos D Hamilton	Pasture Planting	
Billy B Hazelbaker	Prescribed Grazing	
William Hehman	Fence	KEY
Greg Hensley	Prescribed Grazing	PG = Prescribed Grazing; HUP = Heavy Use Pad; WW = Grassed Waterway; Habitat = Habitat Restoration & Mngt. Pasture Planting = Pasture and Hay Planting
Greg Holman	Prescribed Grazing	
William Huneck	Pipeline	
John K Jarman	Prescribed Grazing	
Buck Jarman	Prescribed Grazing	
Tim Jarman	Fence, Pasture Planting	
Michael A Jemison	Fence	
Scott Jennings	Fence	
Karen Johnson	Fence, Nutrient Mngt., Prescribed Grazing	
L & L Farm Holdings LLC	Pasture Planting, HUP, Access Road	
Mary and Tom Lucas	Rain Garden	
Donald Larrison	Prescribed Grazing	
James Lockey	Forrest Stand Improvement (2)	
Donna J McCann	Watering Facility	
Meadow Springs Farm LLC	Prescribed Grazing	
Elaine Miller	Prescribed Grazing	
Marry Ann Napier	Prescribed Grazing	
James L Napier	Prescribed Grazing	
Ken & Krista Nutter	Rain Garden	
Terry Pell	Prescribed Grazing, HUP, Pasture Planting	
Emogene Posey	Pipeline, Watering Facility	
Jeff & Beth Pulliam	Rain Garden	
James M Rouse	Fence, Prescribed Grazing	
Bernard Schultian	Fence (3)	
Kirk R Schulz	Fence(4), Pipeline(2), Pump/Watering Fac(2), PG	
David H Uible	Spring Dev, Wat. Fac, PG, Nutrient/Pest Mngt.	
Charles Voluse	Rain Garden	
Greg C Wahl	Pasture Planting, Fence, Access Road	
Roy Weatherspoon	Prescribed Grazing	
Daniel J Weber	Prescribed Grazing	
James David Woodall	Watering Facility	
Ed Worsham	HUP, Waste Storage Facility, Access Road,	
Donna & Don Wright	Rain Garden	
Robert A Yeager	Prescribed Grazing, Fence (2)	



## Family, Farm and Environment Day To Grow Into Fun Annual Event

As part of the Cincinnati Great Outdoor Weekend, the Clermont County Agricultural Center and Partners (Clermont SWCD, NRCS, FSA, OSU Extension) held the first Family, Farm and Environment Day on Sept. 27th. There were activities and educational displays for the entire family including crops of Clermont County displays, hay rides, stream monitoring classes, composting and rain gardening classes, rain barrel demos, farm animal demos, and canning and preserving workshops. About 200 people enjoyed the sunny day and many fun and educational activities, showing promise for a much larger event at the Fairgrounds next fall!



## SWCD & County Engineer Take to the Air to Assess Damage from Sept. Wind Storm

On Oct. 22nd, Administrator Paul Berringer and Dennis McGuire of the County Engineer's Office flew over the County to assess debris and logjam potential from the Sept. 14th wind storm that swept through the Tri-State. Berringer said that "The Office of Emergency Planning arranged for the Civil Air Patrol to pilot the single engine Cessna for the 4 hr. flight. Given the number of downed trees throughout the area, we were pleasantly surprised at how little debris was actually seen in area streams. We might see more effect next spring when major rains flush the debris into tributaries and major channels." The Clermont County Engineer maintains over 700 bridges in the County and keeps a close watch for debris that could cause flooding or damage to these structures.



## Calendar of Events

SWCD Office Closed (Holidays)	Dec. 25, 26, Jan. 1, Jan. 19, Feb. 16
SWCD Board Meetings (2nd Wed.)	Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, (6 pm)
OFSWCD Annual Meeting (Columbus)	Jan. 20-21
Spring Plant Sale Newsletter	Mid-February

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## Clermont Latest County to Become Quarantined

The Emerald Ash Borer remains a large problem in Southwestern Ohio, and Clermont County became the latest to join the quarantined list. Hamilton and Warren Counties remain quarantined as well as the entire state of Ohio.



You **may not move** any ash or wood materials (including firewood) from a quarantined county into a non-quarantined county. Ash and other wood materials can be moved from a quarantined area to an adjoining quarantined area (i.e.—Clermont to Hamilton County). A state-wide quarantine remains in effect, where you cannot take any wood from Ohio, regardless of county, beyond state lines. For more information, visit [www.oeq.net/eab.aspx](http://www.oeq.net/eab.aspx) or call Cindy Bursky at OSU Extension Office at 513-732-7070.

## Avey's Run Stream Restoration Project Receives National Award

Clermont SWCD and its restoration contractors (Bluegrass Streams, FMSSM Engineers - Stantec, and JF New) received an honor award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for its stream restoration project along Avey's Run at the Cincinnati Nature Center Rowe Woods facility.



The project was funded through an Ohio EPA 319 Grant and was a demonstration of how human impacted streams can be restored to near natural conditions using a technology referred to as "natural channel design." The project and several unique graphic exhibits can be viewed along hiking trails and at the