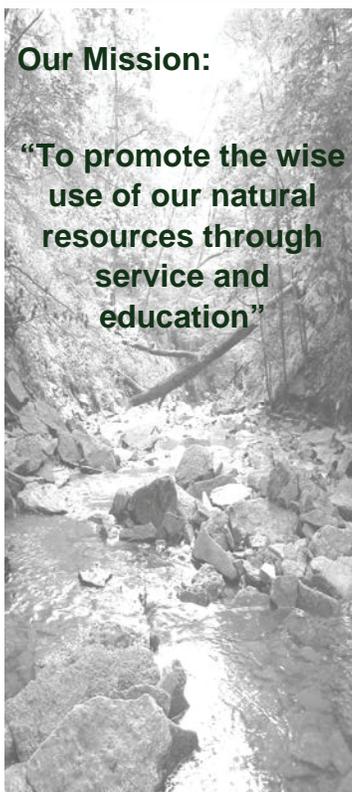


Spring 2013

**Our Mission:**

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



## The 1, 2, 3's of Cover Crops

Friday March 22nd, 2013 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Brad Barber Farms

17127 Minnick Road, Mt. Orab OH

### Agenda

- 8:00 Donuts and registration
- 8:30 Why cover crops? – George Derringer
- 9:00 How to Cover Crop Here – Dave Brandt
- 9:30 1, 2, 3's of Cover Crops
  - Soils Pit #1 – Matt Deaton, ODNR
  - Step Pit #2– Steve Baker, NRCS
  - Soil Quality Demos – George Derringer
- 11:30 Lunch with vendors and displays
- 12:15 Talk to your neighbors

**Admission: \$10.00  
\$15 at door**

**Includes Lunch and Cover  
Crop Management Book**

**Complete and return  
registration form (on back  
cover) by March 18**

**J**oin us for an informative field day focused on utilizing winter cover crops in Clermont, Brown, Highland, and Clinton Counties. The workshop includes a brief presentation on soil quality by NRCS soil scientist **George**

**Derringer**, followed by **David Brandt** who shares his knowledge and enthusiasm for utilizing cover crops.

Participants will have experts available to answer questions regarding cover crops, including seed vendors and local cover crop farmers. Venture into soil pits to see the soil quality of ground with cover crops. To conclude the event, local farmers will hold an open discussion on the benefits and challenges of using cover crops in their operations.



**Bring 2 fist-sized, solid clods of soil from the upper 3 to 4 inches of your field (please allow to air dry for at least 4 days) to the field day for a visual demonstration of your soil health.**

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## Clermont SWCD Conservation Plant Sale Cancelled for 2013

Due to a decrease in participation and other factors, Clermont SWCD will not be holding their Conservation Plant Sale this Spring. Please contact our neighboring districts for their sale information. Clermont SWCD will be sponsoring other programs this year and would like your input on future event/program offerings. Check back next year for our sale information.

- ◆ Butler County  
<http://www.butlerswcd.org/>  
513-887-3720  
Order Deadline March 22nd
- ◆ Highland County  
937-393-1922  
Pickup April 5th
- ◆ Warren County  
<http://www.co.warren.oh.us/>  
513-695-1337  
Order Deadline March 15th

## Clermont SWCD Welcomes New Administrator

**John McManus** has been hired as the new District Administrator for the district. John previously held the position of Storm Water Program Manager for the Clermont County Water Resources Department since 2004. He was responsible for administering programs and activities that reduce the amount of pollutants entering local rivers, streams and lakes through storm water runoff, and helping Clermont townships and municipalities meet Ohio EPA's Phase II storm water requirements.

Prior to this, he worked four years as a Project Manager for the County's Office of Environmental Quality, where he was responsible for monitoring and assessing the quality of the County's streams and rivers, and developing management strategies for the East Fork Little Miami River watershed.

Before joining the county, John served seven years as an environmental specialist for ORSANCO, investigating water quality problems on the Ohio River. John is a graduate of the Miami University Institute of Environmental Sciences, earning his Master's Degree in 1993 with a focus on water resources.

The Board and staff welcome John and all the expertise he brings to the district.



Welcome John McManus

## Farewell, Paul Berringer

Clermont SWCD bids a fond farewell to Paul Berringer, District Administrator. Paul retired from his position December 31<sup>st</sup> after 15 years of service to the District. A Northern Kentucky native, Paul headed north and served 18 years as General Curator for Kings Island Wild Animal Park and 2 years at Clermont College developing their environmental program before taking on the Clermont SWCD position.

Paul was one of the founding members in 2001 of the East Fork Watershed Collaborative, a multi-government agency that studies the water quality and methods of improvement in the East Fork Watershed, which includes Harsha Lake. Paul was an instrumental partner in many local projects, including the Avey's Run stream restoration project. He devoted much time serving on various project committees and worked regularly with landowners to provide technical assistance and conservation education. Paul also spent a lot of time and effort developing outreach programs for public education. A willing advisor and diplomatic negotiator, Paul always encouraged innovative ideas and supported his staff in their quests for knowledge. So good bye, Paul – you will be missed. You may retire knowing your staff will continue their conservation efforts with passion and humor.



Paul enjoying a day in the field

## Free Pond Clinic to be Held April 16th

If you own or are planning to build a pond, plan on attending the Clermont SWCD's annual pond clinic on **Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** The clinic is free and there will be door prizes!

Last year's drought plagued much of Ohio, causing the lowest pond levels seen in many years. Find out what to look for on drought damaged ponds and learn about the new information available about pond health and maintenance.

The clinic will be held in the 4-H Hall on the Clermont County Fairgrounds. The meeting will begin with



some light refreshments at 6 p.m. Pond management experts will be presenting on various pond topics. The evening should wrap up around 8:30 with a question and answer session. Registration required-please call: 732-7075 to register.

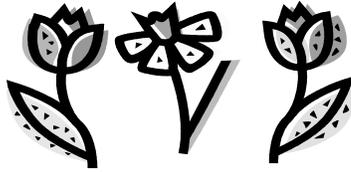
### Subjects to be discussed:

- pond construction
- aquatic weed control
- fish stocking
- aeration
- Nuisance wildlife control
- Urban Stormwater Basins



## Grants for Rain Gardens Available

There are \$200 grants available for anyone interested in constructing a rain garden. Rain gardens are beautiful landscape features filled with deep rooting native plants. They often attract various kinds of wildlife. Rain gardens collect stormwater from rooftops, driveways, and roads. The native plants help filter and slow down stormwater, which in turn keep our streams and lakes clean.



Contact the district office if you are interested in constructing a rain garden and receiving a grant, at 732-7075. An application can also be found on our website:

[www.clermontswcd.org/raingardengrantapp.pdf](http://www.clermontswcd.org/raingardengrantapp.pdf)



## 2013 Spring Clean-up

Over 2,000 volunteers are needed to help Mother Nature with a little spring cleaning in Clermont County. The East Fork Little Miami River Sweep and Clermont Clean and Green Collaborative have joined forces again to coordinate the event, set for Saturday, April 20, 2013 from 9 a.m. until noon at numerous locations across the county. Volunteers will be provided with gloves, trash bags, a light picnic lunch, and a thank you gift.

Those wishing to participate in the East Fork River Sweep will be provided with a free canoe (while canoes last). Anyone interested in helping with the River Sweep can register online at <http://clermontswcd.org/cleanup.aspx>. Contact Clermont SWCD office at 513-732-7075 with any questions. All volunteers must sign a waiver form. To register for the Clean and Green sites, visit the website [www.ValleyViewCampus.org](http://www.ValleyViewCampus.org) or call (513) 218-1098.

**To watch an interview about the East Fork River Sweep and Clean and Green Collaborative, go to**

**[www.clermontcountyohio.gov/video0412river.aspx](http://www.clermontcountyohio.gov/video0412river.aspx)**



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### Calendar of Events

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| SWCD Board Meeting                 | Mar. 14 |
| Soil Quality & Cover Crop Workshop | Mar. 22 |
| SWCD Board Meeting                 | Apr. 10 |
| Pond Clinic                        | Apr. 16 |
| East Fork River Sweep              | Apr. 20 |
| SWCD Board Meeting                 | May 8   |
| Office Closed (Memorial Day)       | May 27  |

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## 1, 2, 3's of Cover Crops Registration Form

# Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

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