



Autumn 2018

Our Mission:

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

Join us for our 75th Anniversary!!

In August 1943, Clermont County held a referendum where an extraordinary 97 percent of the voters supported the creation of a soil conservation district. This year, we are celebrating 75 years of conservation with a diamond anniversary open house and dinner banquet on **Thursday, September 13th at Shaw Farms**, located at 1737 SR 131 in Miami Township.



District and NRCS staff 30 years ago L to R: Don Ungethuem, Michelle Lostroh, Steve Rismiller, Dennis Cook, Anna Lee Remley

programs, and in the 1990s and 2000s, Clermont SWCD initiated and strengthened water quality protection efforts in the East Fork Little Miami River watershed. Today, Clermont SWCD’s efforts place an emphasis on both building soil quality and reducing nutrient runoff from agricultural fields, managing storm water runoff in urban areas to reduce drainage problems and to protect stream quality, and working with members of the East Fork Watershed Cooperative to help curb harmful algal blooms on East Fork Lake.

The diamond anniversary festivities begin at 5 p.m. and will include music from Full Moon Ranch, a mobile aquarium from the Newport Aquarium, hayrides, children’s activities with area naturalists, and displays looking back at 75 years of conservation in Clermont County.

The banquet dinner and meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be provided by Taste of the Good Life catering and local beer from Old Firehouse Brewery and wine from O’Bannon Creek Vineyards will be served.

Admission to the pre-dinner activities is free. Preregistration is required for the diamond anniversary dinner. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$4 for children between the ages of 5 and 12, and may be purchased online at www.clermontswcd.org. For more information, contact Susie Steffensen at (513) 732-7075 ext. 2 or at ssteffensen@clermontcountyohio.gov.

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Soil Conservation Districts rose throughout the United States following the Dust Bowl era in the 1930s. In 1943, Clermont was the 13th district created in Ohio. Early efforts in Clermont County focused on drainage, erosion control, terracing, strip cropping and assistance with pond building.

In 1961, the District’s mission expanded to include water quality, as its name was changed to the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District. Following changes to the Clean Water Act in 1987, a greater emphasis was placed on storm water

2018 Supervisor Candidates

Jim Gibson

Jim Gibson grew up in rural NE Indiana where he gained an appreciation for soil and water conservation while working on both of his grandparents' farms. In 1993, Jim earned his BS in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from Purdue University.

In 1994, Jim moved to the Cincinnati area and was employed for six years with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission. He joined SD1, a regional wastewater/storm water utility serving Northern Kentucky, in 2000 and was appointed Director of Water Resources in 2007. He oversees a department that implements Northern Kentucky's storm water quality management plan including compliance with U.S. EPA's storm water permit.

His department conducts comprehensive watershed assessments including water quality, biological, flow monitoring, and streambank stability surveys, as well as watershed model development.

In 2003, Jim was recognized as the "Young Scientist of the Year" by Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati. Currently Jim serves on Water Environment Federation's Storm Water Institute Advisory Committee, which provides insight and leadership in addressing storm water management at the national level. Jim and his wife Isabel live in Union Township where they are raising three children and have been actively involved with youth programs and sports. Jim wants to share his knowledge with SWCD to serve the local property owners.



Joe Glassmeyer

Joe owns and operate Glassmeyer Family Farms in Franklin Township. Their farm encompasses 510 acres of corn, soybeans, hay and pasture for Polled Hereford cattle and Shetland ponies. The cropland has been 100 percent no till for the past six years.

Joe became a board member in 1986 and is now in his 33rd year as a supervisor. He has held all positions on the district board, and various offices for the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD), including Area 4 Director from 2000 to 2008, Vice President from 2011-12, and OFSWCD President from 2013-14.



Joe has served as Clermont SWCD's delegate to the annual OFSWCD legislative session on 16 separate occasions. He has served as the district's representative to the OKI Regional Council of Government's Regional Conservation Council for many years and has served as Chair of the organization for three terms.

Joe regularly attends area and state OFSWCD Supervisor meetings as well as National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) North Central regional meetings. He has completed the Ohio Conservation Leadership Training Program. Joe has served as an OFSWCD delegate to the Washington D.C. Legislative Conference on eight separate occasions. He was also an alternate board member from Ohio on the NACD board of directors.

Todd Winemiller

Todd Winemiller grew up working on his family farm in Batavia and has been a resident of Clermont County for over 50 years. Todd and his wife Deborah live on Taylor Pike outside of Newtonsville with their three children, Lexie, Madison and son Ryan. Along with Todd's cousin, the family farms approximately 3,500 acres. The farm includes about 1,200 acres of corn with the remainder in soybeans. The farm has been 100% no-till for 21 years.

Todd is currently completing his second term as District Supervisor. He has also played an active role with the Farm Service Agency in Owensville, serving for 10 years on the FSA County Committee, six of those as chairman. Todd also serves as a member of the Ohio State University Extension Office's advisory committee. He has helped establish policy and conduct interviews with potential applicants seeking staff positions with OSU. Prior to his term as Supervisor, Todd participated in a special project with NRCS, Clermont SWCD and Miami University.



Todd is a pilot and very active in local aviation chapters, where he has served as President, Vice President and board member. Todd wants to continue to use his experience to help SWCD better serve local landowners in the county.

Board of Supervisors Election Procedures

County residents and property owners attending our annual meeting this year will find the voting procedures for SWCD board members to be very similar to voting in the general election. Upon arrival at the annual meeting, attendees will be directed to the election registration table where election officials will have them sign their name in the voter registry. Voters will then be given a ballot and proceed to a voting booth where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. Meeting attendance is not required to vote.

We will be electing two board members to a 3 year

term commencing January 1, 2019. County residents and landowners have an additional option for voting for SWCD board members if they cannot attend the annual meeting. Residents may mail the enclosed request form, stop by the District office to request an absentee ballot, or cast their vote at the District Office beginning August 23rd through 4:00 pm September 13th, 2018. Absentee ballot requests by mail must be received in the District Office by 4:00 pm on September 6, 2018.

There are special requirements for non-resident landowners and corporations. A notarized affidavit must be presented or on file prior to absentee ballot request. For more election and affidavit information call us at 513-732-7075 ext. 2.



An unknown Clermont County farmer sharing a little of his life with the future generation.

Calendar

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| Holiday (Office Closed) | Sept. 3 |
| Monthly Board Meeting | Sept. 12 8am |
| Annual Meeting | Sept. 13 |
| Stormwater Field Day | Sept. 27 |
| Great Outdoor Weekend | Sept. 29 |
| Holiday (Office Closed) | Oct. 8 |
| Monthly Board Meeting | Oct. 10 8am |
| Holiday (Office Closed) | Nov. 12 |
| Monthly Board Meeting | Nov. 14 8am |

All NRCS / SWCD programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

Mark your Calendars for the Great East Fork River Canoe Adventure

Come join us for a forty-five minute naturalist guided canoe adventure down the East Fork of the Little Miami River to search for beaver, wood ducks, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife. We'll make a brief stop on the Wilson Nature Preserve island before ending at Sycamore Park in Batavia. After the trip, grab a kick net and help us collect aquatic insects to determine the quality of the water in the river. Participants will be given a brief safety demonstration before entering the water.

Saturday September 29, 2018

2 time slots for canoe trips:

9:15 am or 11:45 am

Meet at Sycamore Park, 4082 State Route 132 Batavia
***Preregistration is required. Call 513-240-2615 or email**
jmarshall@clermoncountyohio.gov **to**
register before September 29th, spots limited.

Participants must sign a waiver prior to the program. (Children must be 5 and above to ride in canoe).

Canoe Adventure program is co-hosted by the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District, the Clermont County Park District and the Clermont County Office of Environmental Quality. The program is part of the Great Outdoor Weekend. Visit this website to learn more about this event.

<http://meetmeoutdoors.org/events/east-fork-canoe-adventure-3/>



If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075.

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Request for Absentee Ballot

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District

Please send an absentee ballot for the Clermont SWCD Supervisor Election that will be held at Shaw Farms on Thursday, September 13, 2018.

**Please note non-resident landowners and corporations must have a notarized affidavit on file before requesting absentee ballot.*

Name (print) _____

Address/City/State/Zip (print) _____

*By signing this request, I confirm I am over 18 years of age and a resident of the county.

Signature

Date

***This form must arrive at our office by 4:00 pm September 6, 2018.

Request for Annual Meeting Tickets

September 13, 2018 Shaw Farms, 1737 State Route 131, Milford, OH

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. Attending _____ Telephone No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

| Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$4.00 |
| for ages 5 to 12. Please mail check |
| and order form to: |
| Clermont SWCD |
| PO Box 549 |
| Owensville, OH 45160 |
