



# Conservation Comments

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## Local Conservation Events and Information for the Cooperators of Greene SWCD

Greene SWCD  
1336 Burnett Drive  
Xenia, OH 45385  
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### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday  
7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

“I never before knew the full value of trees. Under them I breakfast, dine, write and receive my company.” - Thomas Jefferson

“The best friend on earth of man is the tree. When we use the tree respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on earth.” - Frank Lloyd Wright

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## Tree Seedling Sale 2020

There will be a major change to our 2020 Tree Seedling Sale as we can no longer get trees from our previous supplier.

We are happy to announce that we will be partnering with **Warren and Butler SWCDs** and **all orders will now be placed on-line**.

We know this is a big change and want to serve our customers, if you have difficulty with the online system you can come to our office and we will assist you with the process. If payment of your trees online is not possible for you, please call the office or stop by and we can figure something out for you.

## What will be new?

This partnership will change a few items relating to the tree sale:

- There will be more species available.
- Native Species
- A wide range of small to large trees and bushes
- The packet sizes will be smaller than in past years, so read all descriptions carefully when ordering.
- You will pay online using card or electronic check through PayPal
- We will not have as many extra packets to sell during pick-up.

## What are the varieties?

There are over 30 different trees and shrubs to pick from and there is a variety of options for multiple landscapes. These seedlings have an average height of 18” at time of purchase. Available species: American Beech, Blue Spruce, Nannyberry, Ninebark, Norway Spruce, Ohio Buckeye, White Pine, Winterberry, Arrowood Viburnum, Bald Cypress, Blackwillow, Bur Oak, Butternut White Walnut, Common Lilac, Eastern Redbud, Elderberry, Hazelnut, Northern Red Oak, PawPaw, PeeGee Hydrangea, Persimmon, Sassafras, Shadow Serviceberry, Shagbark Hickory, Silky Dogwood, Spice Bush, Swamp White Oak, Sycamore American Planetree, Tulip Poplar, White Dogwood, Willow Oak and Witchhazel.

### *How to place orders?*

Orders will be taken now until March 11, 2020

Go to Warren SWCDs Website:

[www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html](http://www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html)

Click on the product catalog to learn more about each species available in full color.

Click on the Place order Here button to add trees to your cart.

At Check Out, please remember to select Greene County as your pick-up location

Payment can be made with card on the site or electronic check through PayPal

If you need help, we can assist you in our office at anytime during business hours.

“Each generation takes the earth as trustees. We ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed.” - J. Sterling Morton

“Acts of creation are ordinarily reserved for gods and poets. To plant a pine, one only needs his own shovel.” - Aldo Leopold

“To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees.” - Theodore Roosevelt

“The time is always ripe to do right.” - Martin Luther King

### *About the tree sale*

As in the past years, we can neither alter the contents of packets, nor deliver them to your home, if conditions exist beyond our control, we reserve the right to substitute species in the packets. The plants are nursery inspected to be disease free. Greene SWCD cannot be responsible for their survival after they are picked up by the customer, it is advisable to pick them as early as possible when they arrive at our office. Our seedling program is an effort in soil conservation and reforestation. We are not a nursery but are excited to

leverage our cost saving ability as a nonprofit government agency and pass it along to homeowners in the area. We love the fact that we get to continue this annual tradition centered around Arbor Day and that some of our seedlings have been planted at historic sites in Greene County like Huffman Prairie.

For more information, please call our office Monday through Friday 7:00-4:30, at (937)372-4478 or visit [www.co.greene.oh.us/soils](http://www.co.greene.oh.us/soils) or find us on our Facebook page at Greene Soil and Water Conservation District.

### *Greene SWCD 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*

*In recognition of the Greene Soil and Water Conservation District's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a plaque was presented to the district by a representative of the State Conservationist. Pictured left to right is: David Quallen, Matthew Lawson, Rob Hamilton, Ohio Department of Agriculture Assistant Chief of SWCDs, Chairwoman Kim Snyder and Rod Kuykendall, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations, Ohio Area IV.*



The Greene Soil & Water Conservation District (GSWCD) celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> year of assistance to Greene County landowners at its Annual Meeting, Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at Caesar Creek Vineyards. Anita Lewis, Doug Anderson and Scott Harner ran for the two open seats for the GSWCD Board of Supervisors. Anderson and Harner won the election and will start 3-year terms commencing January 1, 2020. In the early 1940s residents of Greene County concerned with conservation petitioned to organize a local Soil and Water Conservation District and in

1944, the Greene SWCD was established. A subdivision of the State of Ohio, the District is funded in part by the Greene County Commissioners with a state match from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation. From the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, considered the worst ecological manmade disaster in our nation's history has arose this conservation moment that we are so proud to be a part of. We celebrated our District's history by reminiscing over past newsletters celebrating our many accomplishments and milestones.

## 2019 Envirothon News



### The goals of Envirothon

1. To promote greater awareness of natural resources and environmental issues.
2. To heighten awareness of the interrelationships between plants, animals, humans and the environment they share.
3. To increase student interest in further environmental and natural history study.
4. To celebrate the spirit of competition and excellence.
5. To encourage young people to become action members of society.
6. To interest students to explore natural resource environmental careers.

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature—the assurance that dawn comes after light, and spring after winter.” - Rachel Carson

A whirlwind of activity this year from the Local Montgomery/Greene County competition at the new Montgomery County Fairgrounds on April 16 to hosting the Area IV competition at Caesar Ford Park with the tremendous help of Greene County Parks & Trails on April 16th. Greene County was represented by 2 teams each from Beaver Creek High School, Cedarville High School and Legacy Christian Academy! Ultimately Centerville High School after qualifying from Area IV won the state competition at Franciscan University in Steubenville, the week of June 9th. They proceeded to the NCF - Envirothon National Competition held in Raleigh, North Carolina at North Carolina State University during the week of July 28th. Pictured below are all the teams that participated in the National competition included multiple teams from Canada and China as well as all 50 states in the U.S.

The Envirothon is a good example of an ongoing partnership with conservation districts and cooperating state, provincial and federal natural resource agencies. The program boasts a successful history of providing hands-on environmental and natural resource management education to high school students and

empowering young people with the competencies and motivation vital to achieving and maintaining a natural balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment. Pictured at left is Cedarville Team #2 at the Area IV competition at Caesar Ford. Each year the Envirothon touches and positively influences the lives of more than 50,000 young people across the country. Its inception dates to 1979 in Pennsylvania. Five member teams work together and test on the disciplines of Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and the Current Environmental Issue. This past year the CEI was:

**“Agriculture and the Environment: Knowledge and Technology to Feed the World.”** The Envirothon program has been recognized by leading corporations and organizations nationwide.

The 2020 Area IV competition will be held at Chenoweth Trails in Darke County on April 28th, the State Competition will be at Lake Erie College in Lake County during the week of June 7th and the NCF - Envirothon National Competition will be at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln the week of July 26th. The State of Ohio will be the host site for the National competition in 2022.

The CEI for 2020 is **“Water Resource Management: Local Control and Local Solutions.”**



Please visit us online:

<https://co.greene.oh.us>Soil-Water-Conservation> or our



Facebook Page

*Long before we celebrated Arbor Day, before anyone came up with the term ecology or the idea of an Earth Day, even before most people would have guessed that we should pay attention to the environment, there was Julius Sterling Morton. If you ever doubted that one person can have a major positive influence on the Earth, you should know his story and how his belief in beauty and the necessity of trees has literally changed the landscape for over 100 years. This year the official Arbor Day is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## *District Information*

### **The Greene Soil & Water Conservation Board of Supervisors**

will meet the fourth Thursday of each month, at the GSWCD District office located at 1363 Burnett Drive, Xenia, Ohio. Meetings are open to the public and normally start at 6:30 p.m. Please call the office at (937) 372-4478 or check the website to confirm time. Funding to the Greene SWCD is provided by the Greene County Commissioners and Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Division of Soil and Water Conservation provide assistance. Programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis. All services of Greene SWCD and NRCS are free to the public.

### *Greene SWCD Staff*

Amanda McKay - District Administrator  
Brandon Corry - Ditch Maintenance  
Warren McCarren - District Technician  
Ken Middleton - Urban Technician  
Lee Eltzroth - Education Specialist

### *Greene SWCD Supervisors*

Kim Snyder - Chairman  
Doug Anderson - Vice Chairman  
David Harner - Fiscal Agent/Treasurer  
Matthew Lawson - Secretary  
Scott Harner - At-Large Member

### *Associate Supervisors*

Don Wolf, Glenn Harner, Anita Lewis,  
Austin Rohrback

### *Greene NRCS Staff*

Layne Garringer- District Conservationist

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