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# PERRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Ohio NRCS FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) continues to accept applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program Wetland Reserve Easement Program (ACEP-WRE). The program provides financial and technical assistance to Ohio landowners wishing to protect and restore critical wetlands by enrolling property into conservation easements. Applicants for ACEP-WRE are taken on a continuous basis, however, landowners are encouraged to contact the NRCS office prior to February 18, 2022 deadline for fiscal year 2022 funding.

Many of Ohio's landowners can take advantage of this program, as eligible lands include farmed or converted wetlands that can successfully be restored; croplands or grasslands subject to flooding; and previously restored wetlands and riparian areas that connect protected wetland areas.

"Restored wetlands help to improve water quality downstream, enhance wildlife habitat, reduce impacts from flooding and provide recreational opportunities," said Barbara Baker, Assistant State Conservationist for Natural Resources in Ohio. "The Wetland Reserve Easement program offers landowners a great opportunity to turn unproductive agricultural land into a vibrant ecosystem with many ecological and economic benefits."

### Wetland Reserve Easements

In the 1700s, wetlands covered 5 million acres of Ohio, primarily in the northwestern part of the state, referred to as the "Great Black Swamp." Competing land uses resulted in 90% loss of wetlands by the late 1900s. Since 2005, NRCS has assisted landowners in restoring more than 28,000 acres of wetlands in Ohio.

Ron Weisenburger, a private landowner in Putnam County, worked with NRCS to convert some of his old farmland into a wetland, prairie and wooded area using the ACEP-WRE program.

"Enrolling my land into the program made economic and environmental sense to me," Weisenburger said. "The fields weren't producing enough crops and I wanted to get an actual investment from the land. My family loves to hunt, and by restoring wetlands, I'm creating wildlife corridors and a place for my family to enjoy."

ACEP-WRE enrollment options include permanent easements, 30-year easements, and 30-year contracts. NRCS staff are available to help landowners plan and implement individual projects and the agency will pay a percent of the purchase value as well as restoration costs for each easement option.

Please call (740) 743-1616 to talk to Perry County NRCS staff to answer and assist you with this program.

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Bass - Bluegill - Catfish	100	500	0	100
Bass - Redear	100	0	500	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear	100	350	150	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear - Catfish	100	350	150	100

**SALES TAX**

The Perry SWCD will add sales tax (7.25%) on all sale items (flags, topo maps, fish, and trees) starting on January 1, 2022. The sales tax will also be added on to the lime spreader rental unless an exemption certificate is filed with the SWCD. This exemption certificate is good for one year.

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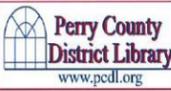
**Celebrate Earth Day!**  
Monday, April 25, 2022  
Mt. Aloysius 5375 Tile Plant Rd. New Lexington

**10:00 a.m. Interactive Stations Open**  
**11:15 a.m. Awards & Presentations**  
**11:45 a.m. Pack & Bring a Zero Waste Lunch**  
**12:30 p.m. Tom Noll Trash To Treasure Book Series Author**  
**12:45 p.m. Concert featuring all the way from California**  
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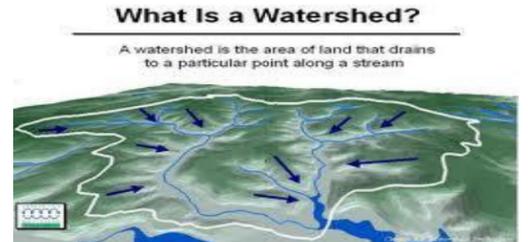








**WATER QUALITY IN OHIO GETS A BOOST FROM NEW FUNDS**

On November 15<sup>th</sup> of last year, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed into law, opening up over one trillion dollars of federal funds for infrastructure improvements across the nation. As part of the Act, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) was granted funding to utilize in three key areas of water quality: Emergency Watershed Protection (which protects lives and property from floods, drought, and erosion issues which cause a sudden impairment of the watershed), Watershed and Flood Prevention (which provides technical assistance for planning and installing watershed projects), and Watershed Rehabilitation (which provides financial and technical assistance to rehabilitate dams). Organizations that are planning projects that fall under one of these categories are asked to apply as project Sponsors, submitting formal requests to NRCS. NRCS will then assess project feasibility through a variety of methods, including surveys and data-driven reports. Although NRCS is providing the funding, local entities are still critical for driving project development and gathering any support necessary for that development, such as raising the 35% matching funds required for this grant. Because the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act just passed, 2022 will be the first year to see this new funding source in action. As the program gets underway, what is considered an eligible project may be adjusted and could even include land improvement projects should they have a positive impact on local watersheds. In any case, these new funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will be just one additional cost-sharing option through NRCS, which continues to provide incentives with EQIP and CSP.



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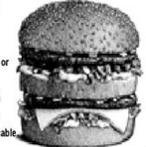
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## 2022 CONSERVATION ART POSTER CONTEST

It is that time of the year to celebrate the Earth's natural resources by illustration. The Perry SWCD is once again sponsoring the Conservation Art Poster Contest. The 2022 theme is "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life". What is the definition of soil health, you might ask? The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) defines it as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. The students of Perry County will have an opportunity to show their skills in illustrating how important soil is to our daily lives. Students Kindergarten through 12th are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Cox at [penny.cox@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:penny.cox@oh.nacdnet.net) or (740) 743-1325.



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**2022 FISH SALE**

Perry SWCD will hold their 34th Annual Fish Sale on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To order fish, simply complete this order form and return it with your payment by Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to Perry SWCD, 212 S. Main Street, New Lexington, OH 43764. All fish are sold pre-order and no late orders will be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-3" Largemouth Bass @ \$1.05 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4" Bluegill @ \$0.95 = \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4-5" Channel Catfish @ \$0.90 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-3" Red Ear Shellcrackers @ \$0.95 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-4" Black Crappies @ \$1.05 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Minnows @ \$8.00 per 100 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8-10" White Amurs @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-8" Japanese Koi @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Nature's Pond Conditioner - \_\_\_\_\_ 1 gallon @ \$90 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 gallon @ \$375 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 40 lb. Optimal Fish Food (40% protein, small pellet) @ \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fenders Pond Management Book @ \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Add 7.25% Perry County Sales Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

----- Clip the bottom portion and keep the date/time handy on the fridge -----  
**Fish Sale Date – Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. -11 a.m.**

The fish pick-up will be held at the Somerset NRCS office at 109 East Gay Street in Somerset.

Note: we do not have the ability to hold fish for later pick up.

**You MUST bring enough containers , unscented poly liners (trash bags) and water to transport your fish.**

A general rule of thumb is 1 container per 100 small fish, 1 container per 1,000 minnows, and 1 container per 4-5 large fish. 5 gallon buckets or plastic totes work well. please bring twine or string to close the bags. Each bucket or tote should be about 1/3 full of your pond water.

If you do not bring containers, bags, and pond water to pick up your fish your order will be refunded. There will be NO buckets, boxes, bags or extra water available.

Any questions, please call the office at 740-743-1325

# Perry SWCD 2022 Seedling Tree Sale

Please indicate quantity of saplings or packs in area provided for each variety.

Native Shrubs, Small and Fruit Tree Species	Sapling (3'-4')	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (12"-18")	Total # of Packets x price
Arrowwood Viburnum	N/A			
Eastern Red Cedar	N/A			
Elderberry				
Persimmon				
Red Bud				
Silky Dogwood				
Native Large Broadleaf Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of Packets x price
Bur Oak				
Kentucky Coffeetree				
Northern Pecan				
Shagbark Hickory				
Sugar Maple				
White Oak				
Native Large Conifer Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of Packets x price
Eastern White Pine				
Additional Items	Qty.	Cost each		Qty x price
Wildflower Seeds		\$5.00		

\*Starting 2022 the State Auditor requires Soil & Water to collect tax. Non-profits and farms must provide tax exempt form with order.

**Order Deadline: March 21st**

*Please print:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Sub-Total:</b>	
<b>Tax 7.25%</b>	
<b>Total due:</b>	

**Remit order form with payment to:**

**Perry SWCD, 212 S. Main Street Lower Level, New Lexington, OH 43764**

**Please call the office at 740-743-1325 with any questions**

**\*\* PICK UP WILL BE AT 109 E. GAY STREET, SOMERSET  
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND FROM 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. \*\***

## 2022 Seedling Tree Descriptions

Native Conifer Species							
Native Conifer Species	Height	Width	Growth Rate	Sunlight	Soil Moisture	Soil pH	Comments/Uses
Eastern White Pine	60'-80'	20'-40'	F	S	M	A, N	Timber, windbreaks and wildlife
Native Broadleaf Species ~ Small Trees (<20'), Fruit Trees & Shrubs							
Arrowwood Viburnum	6'-15'	6'-15'	M	S,P,SH	D, M,W	A,N,B	Ornamental, white flowers, blue-black berries, attracts birds butterflies and moths
Eastern Red Cedar	40'-50'	8'-20'	M	S	D, M	A,N,B	Ornamental, windbreaks, wildlife, attracts cedar waxwings and timber (do not plant near apple trees due to cedar apple rust)
Elderberry	5'-12'	5'-12'	F	S,P	M,W	A,N	Dark edible berries, showy white flowers, wildlife and attracts birds
Persimmon	35'-60'	20'-35'	S	S,P	D,M	A	Edible fruit, fragrant white flowers, wildlife and attracts pollinators
Redbud	25'-30'	26'-33'	M	S,P	M,W	B	Adaptable with edible pink-magenta flowers
Silky Dogwood	5'-8'	6'-10'	M	S,P,SH	D,M,W	N,B	White flowers, reddish stems and burgundy fall color
Native Broadleaf Species ~ Large Trees							
Bur Oak	70'-80'	70'-80'	S	S	D,M,W	A,N,B	Wildlife, large tree at maturity and long-lived and offers deep shade
Kentucky Coffeetree	60'-95'	40'-50'	F-M	S	M	N,B	Reputation as tough species, ornamental or street tree, toxic to livestock & pets if ingested
Northern Pecan	70'-100'	40'-80'	M	F	D,M	N	Edible fruit, wildlife and timber
Shagbark Hickory	60'-80'	30'-50'	S	S,P	D,M	B,N	Wildlife habitat (bat roosting in flaking bark), wildlife and timber
Sugar Maple	60'-75'	40'-50'	M	S,P,SH	D,M	N,B	Syrup, timber, wildlife and pollinators
White Oak	50'-80'	100'	M-S	S,P	D,M,W	N	Timber, wildlife, long-lived and ornamental
Growth Rate: F = fast 12"/+year, M = medium 6"-12"/year, S = slow 2"-6"/year				Soil pH: A = acidic (6.5 or less), N = normal pH range (6.5 - 7.5) B = basic/alkaline (7.5 or higher)			
Light Required: S = sun, P = part sun/part shade, SH = shade				Soil Moisture: D = dry, M = medium, W = wet			
Additional Items							
Wildflower Seeds	plant up to 200' sq. with perennials, grasses and showy annuals						

Order Deadline: **March 21st. No late orders will be accepted.**

Tree Pick Up: **Friday, April 22nd from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 109 E. Gay Street in Somerset**