

# WASHINGTON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION CORNER

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- Filter Fabric
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- Rental Equipment
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- Soil Sampling
- FSA - ECAP Program
- Teacher of the Year

## Dates To Remember..

- April
  - 9th - Monthly Board Meeting
  - 22nd - Earth Day
  - 29th - Woody Invasive Species Treatment
- May
  - 14th - Monthly Board Meeting
  - 21st - Tree ID Hike
  - 26th - Office Closed
- June
  - 11th - Monthly Board Meeting
  - 19th - Office Closed





Thank you to all who ordered trees through the 2025 tree sale. The trees arrived the first week of April. Our office sold 4,053 trees, 206 lbs. of seed mix and 250 root plants. If you missed out on the tree sale this year, check with us in January 2026 for next year's sale.  
 Questions - Contact Hannah at 740-885-3318

## Earth Day - April 22, 2025

What is Earth Day? Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22nd to show our love for Earth.

How can I celebrate Earth Day? Some people will celebrate Earth day by conserving our resources (turning water off while brushing teeth or turning a light off when leaving a room), planting a tree or picking up litter when you see it. But there are many more ways to celebrate!



Kathy & Alexis helped celebrate Earth day by participating in the Earth Day celebration at the Armory Square on Front Street in Marietta on April 19<sup>th</sup>. They had information about cleaning up after your pet along with pet give aways. If you missed them, scan the QR codes to receive the information and the City ordinances.



Scoop it.. Bag it..  
 Trash it..  
 Protect Stormwater

City of Belpre



City of Marietta



Scoop on  
 Pet Poop

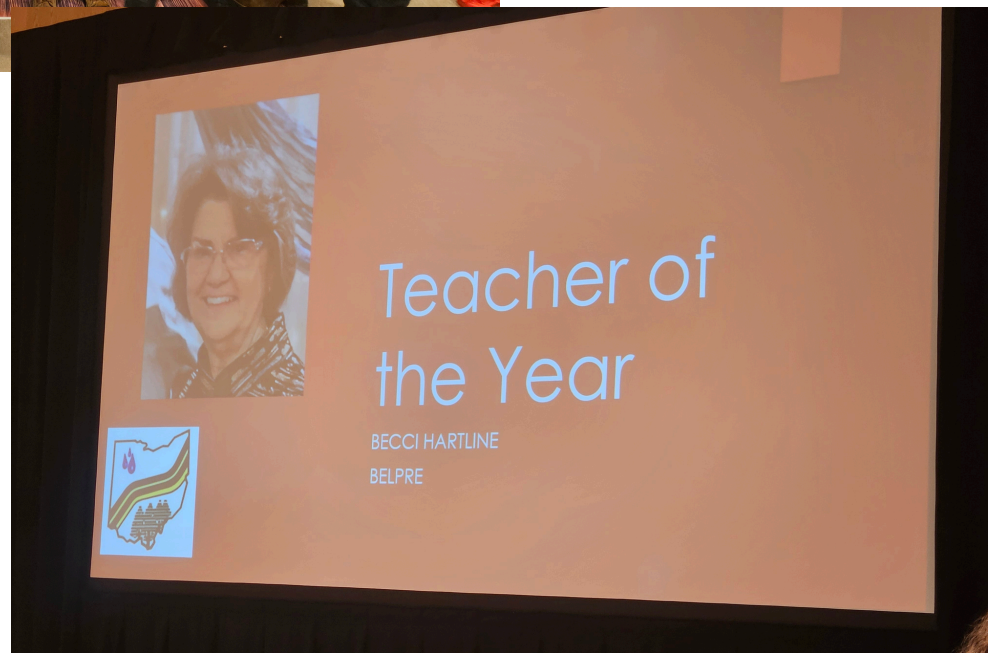


# Becci Hartline - 2024 Teacher of the Year



Pictured from Left to Right;  
Brad, Jenni, John, Sandy,  
Chuck and Kyle.

**ABC**



In January at the annual Soil & Water Conservation District Conference in Columbus we were honored to recognize one of our own, Becci Hartline as the Teacher of the Year. Becci worked for Belpre City School District for 21 years making an impact on each student she taught. Not only in the classroom could her efforts be seen, but in the community through events like Farm City Day. Helping prepare the farm for hundreds of students from Washington County to experience the importance of agricultural and conservation in our community. Unfortunately, Becci passed away October 2024 and her family received her award. We are thankful for all of Becci's work and her legacy will continue on.

The District has rental equipment available for use in Washington County only. The rental time allotted for each piece is 1 day for every 20 acres. Rental Equipment is located in Barlow at Seamans General Merchandise. To rent a piece of equipment call 740-678-2450. Questions - Contact Sandy at 740-885-3313.



Equipment Available - Brillion Seeder, Great Plains Turbo Till/Air Seeder, Lime Spreader, Great Plains Turbo Max, John Deere No Till Drill and Great Plains No Till Drill.

## Want to know the Dirt on your Dirt?

Soil Samples! The sample will tell what's in the soil already and what needs to be added. The District has soil probes that can be lent out to collect soil samples. Soil Sampling isn't just for crop fields, it can be done for gardens or food plots as well. Questions - Contact Kendrick at 740-885-3311.



Washington Soil & Water Conservation District now offers

# SOIL SAMPLING

### Sample

Samples can be brought to the office or a visit can be scheduled.

### Results






We will send the samples to the lab and help with reading the results.

### Amend

Suggestions will be made to improve your soil's health.



## Tips for Successful Soil Sampling

-  Use a soil probe, auger or trowel and clean container for the samples.
-  Collect enough soil to fill a pint mason jar.
-  Soil depth of 3-4 inches.
-  Label samples as you identify the field.
-  Garden - at least 12 slices or cores; Fields - 12 or more slices or cores. No more than 25 acres per 1 sample.



## Q & A FSA Program – ECAP

Authorized by American Relief Act, 2025, the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) provides economic assistance payments to eligible agricultural commodity producers for the 2024 crop year. These payments help producers mitigate the impacts of increased input cost and falling commodity prices.

### What is the application period?

March 19, 2025 to August 15, 2025

### I didn't file an FSA-578 acreage report in 2024, am I still eligible for the ECAP Program?

Yes, late-filed acreage reporting is available for ECAP purposes until the August 15, 2025, program deadline.

### Is honey eligible for ECAP?

Honey, wool and mohair are ineligible commodities for ECAP.

### Below is an eligible commodity list.

Questions – Contact FSA at 740-885-3324

BARLEY \$21.67	RICE \$76.94 (LONG AND MEDIUM)
CHICK-PEAS \$31.45 (SMALL) \$24.02 (LARGE)	SORGUM \$42.52
CORN \$42.91	SOY-BEANS \$29.76
COTTON \$84.74 (UPLAND & EXTRA-LONG STAPLE COTTON)	WHEAT \$30.69
LENTILS \$19.30	OIL SEEDS
OATS \$77.66	CANOLA \$31.83
PEANUTS \$75.51	RAPESEED \$23.63
PEAS \$16.02	CRAMBE \$19.08
	SAFFLOWER \$26.32
	FLAX \$20.97
	SESAME \$16.83
	MUSTARD \$11.36
	SUNFLOWER \$27.23

## Cover Crop Program

Never too early to start thinking about Cover Crops! Sign-ups will happen early summer with an end of June deadline. Call the office if you are interested in signing up.



### Benefits of Cover Crops....

- Helps with Erosion Control
- Improves Soil Health
- Helps Suppress Weeds



Invasive Plant Identification



Treatment Methods in Forest and Pasture Settings



The Ohio River Valley Woodland Owner Group presents:

# Woody Invasive Species Treatment

Tuesday, April 29th

Dinner@ 5:30pm/Field Portion @ 6pm

Wolf Run Boat Ramp  
Park Drive  
Caldwell, OH 43724

RSVP with Noble Soil and Water at  
(740) 732-4318

The purpose of this meeting is to show landowners proven treatment methods for woody invasive species. The species we will be showing treatment methods for in the field include Autumn Olive, Tree of heaven, Bush Honeysuckle, Oriental Bittersweet, Multiflora Rose, etc. We highly recommend this meeting for landowners who are signed up for Forestry CAUV, as invasive control can be a requirement for the tax break program. The information about treating invasives can be very complex, so we hope to clarify proper treatment methods and to answer any questions you may have about mechanical removal or herbicide application.

The presentation will take place outdoors and will be rain or shine. Please dress accordingly and wear proper footwear for an easy to moderate hike on uneven ground.

## PRESENTERS:

- Page Rice (Division of Forestry)
- John Schumacher (Monroe Soil and Water)



Are you curious what's in your woods?

Monroe, Noble and Guernsey are offering Tree ID Hikes lead by Service Forester - Page Rice. These events are free of charge with no meal planned. Grab your hiking boots, listening ears and enthusiasm for a day filled with education and recreation.

Questions about any of the Forestry Programs - Contact Hannah at 740-885-3318

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 21st	Tree ID Hike	Moore Woods, Old Washington, OH (Guernsey Co)
June TBD*	Forest Management for wildlife	OSU Extension Office, Woodsfield, OH (Monroe Co)
July 19th	Tree ID Hike	Piatt Park, Woodsfield, OH (Monroe Co)

\*June's date will be determined early May.

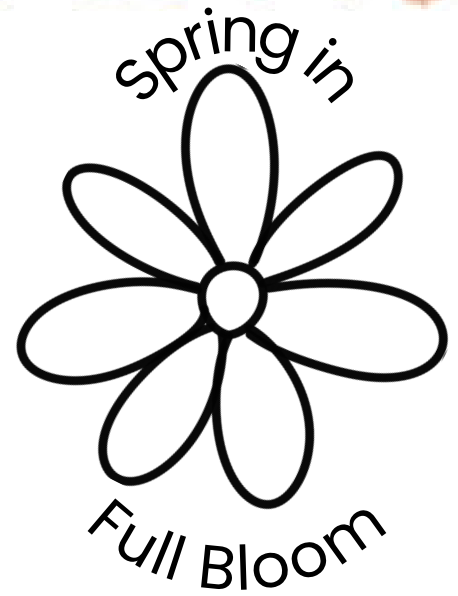




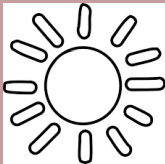
### Did You Know????????

Did you know we sell filter fabric? The fabric is 12 feet wide and cost \$1.75 a foot.

It can be used for base layer for driveways, heavy use area pads and even your flower beds! Please call the office (740)885-3325 ahead of time so we can have it pre-cut and ready when you stop. Reminder we only take cash or checks.



### Spring Word Search



Soil Sampling  
Flowers  
Seeds  
Garden

Conservation  
Cover Crops  
Planting  
Earth Day

Trees  
Spring  
Rain  
Bloom

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