

WASHINGTON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION CORNER

April 2026

21330 St Rt 676, Suite E
Marietta, Ohio 45750
740-885-3325

SWCD STAFF

Sandy Lahmers -
Administrator/Floodplain

Kathy Davis - Stormwater
Coordinator

Hannah Swope - Wildlife/Forestry
Specialist

Alexis Coffman - Education
Specialist

Clay Hansell - Ag Specialist

SWCD BOARD

Chuck Hicks

Michelle Schwendeman

Randy Fisher

John Hartline

Jeff Jones



In This Issue...

- Welcome Clay!
- Conservation & Craft Night
- Camp Canopy Scholarship
- SWCD Poster Contest
- Hervida Hike
- Earth Day Celebration
- Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- Grazing Workshop
- SWCD Conference Recap
- Forestry Workshop
- Conservation Calendar
- Cover Crop Sign Ups

Dates To Remember...

- April
 - 25th - Hervida Hike/Hazardous Waste Collection Day/ Earth Day Celebration
- May
 - 1st - Poster/Scholarship Due
 - 4th - Conservation & Craft Night
 - 11th - Grazing Workshop
 - 13th - Monthly Board Meeting
 - 25th - Office Closed
- June
 - 10th - Monthly Board Meeting
 - 19th - Office Closed



Welcome Clay!



Hello everyone! I'm Clay Hansell, the new Ag. Specialist at the Washington SWCD. My goal is to be a dedicated resource for the farmers and landowners of Washington County, helping you achieve your land management goals. Having lived on my family farm for 16 years, I've gained a lifetime of hands-on experience that I'm eager to put to work for our community. I am a 2020 Waterford High School graduate where I was a 4-year FFA member with a background in Rural Soil Judging and Parliamentary Procedure. After earning my degree in Business Administration from WVU Parkersburg, I'm here to provide the support and technical assistance you need to help your operations succeed. I look forward to working with all of you!

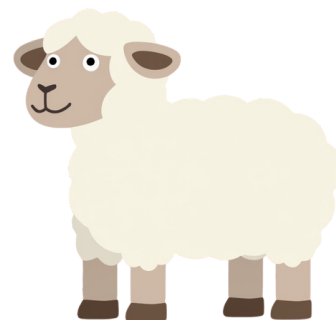


Conservation & Craft Night



Do you enjoy growing flowers and produce, but not watering them all the time? Join our workshop to find out how sheep's wool can help! Guest speakers Alyssa White & Mollie Lang will be presenting the conservation topic of using wool to help retain water for plants. Craft will be making a needle felting creation to take home. See the full flyer on our website, <https://washingtoncountyswcd.com/>

May 4th, 2026 at 6pm at the Washington SWCD office. Cost is \$25 per person. RSVP is required. Alexis Coffman 740-885-3289 acoffman@wcgov.org



Camp Canopy Scholarship

The District will be sponsoring one, \$400 scholarship to go to Camp Canopy at Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum in Carrollton, OH. Camp happens June 7-12th, 2026. The scholarship is open to any Washington County student who has completed 8th grade through high school graduation. Applications for the scholarship are due May 1st, 2026. Find the application on our website at, <https://washingtoncountyswcd.com/>.

Questions? Contact Hannah Swope at 740-885-3318 or hswope@wcgov.org



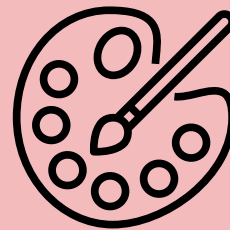


Hervida Hike

April 25th, 2026 will be the Hervida Hike! This is an event in partnership with OSU Extension and Camp Hervida. The hike can be self guided or guided with the one and only Hannah Swope! The hike begins at 8am and is happening rain or shine. Bring your own water. Scan the QR to register for the **FREE** event!



Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd! Kathy & Alexis will be celebrating a few days later on April 25th, 2026 from 10am to 1pm in Marietta at the Armory on Front Street. Visit us to see how you can be a part of the Pollution Patrol team to help protect our stormwater.



Calling all Young Artist!

Do you know someone in grades K-12? Do they like to draw, paint or make art work on the computer? The District is participating in the National Association of Conservation District (NACD) poster contest. The contest is open to any Washington County Student. The 2026 theme is "Soil, Where it all Begins." Posters and Release forms are due to the Washington SWCD Office by May 1st, 2026.

Visit our website to see all the rules and regulations,
<https://washingtoncountyswcd.com/poster-contest/>.



Grazing Workshop

When: May 11th, 2026 - 6:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Zach Duckwoth Farm
4160 Caywood Rd, Marietta, OH 45750

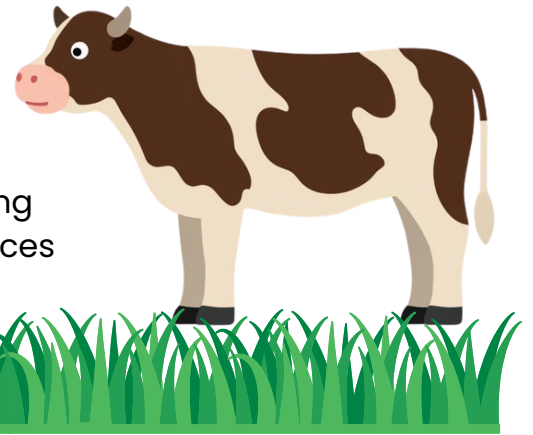
Cost: FREE

Happening Rain or Shine!

Pasture walk included with the workshop, dress accordingly.

Workshop Topics Covered for the Evening

- Forages - Mixes for maximizing values & needs for livestock species and management
- Livestock - Stocking Rates
- Weeds - Identification & Control
- Soils - Fertility & Lime needs, Testing
- Water - Needs & Available sources



RSVP by May
5th to SWCD at
740-373-4857
x 3



Refreshments
will be
provided!

Sign-up Now for Cover Crop Program!!!



Applications can be accepted through July 10th for the 2026 cover crop program. Important reminders:

- Cover crop of your choice may be planted following NRCS standards and specifications in regards to planting dates and seeding rates
- Only certified seed may be used (you may have bin run seed tested)
- No restrictions on destroying cover crop (may be harvested, grazed or destroyed)
- Notify SWCD & FSA office within 5 days of planting
- Submit seed invoices for payment
- Payment rates remain at \$12/ac

Local producers are beginning to notice the benefits of planting cover crops to decrease weed pressure in the spring, reduce erosion of topsoil, as well as improve organic matter numbers on soil tests, all of which are increasingly important, given the current small profit margins in grain cropping. So why not add \$12/acre into your rotation and reap all the other benefits as well? Stop by the office and get signed up!



Please consider taking advantage of the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Saturday April 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The following items CAN be disposed of:

Insecticides, Herbicides, Pesticides, Antifreeze, Watch Batteries, Used Oil, Rat Poison, Solvents, Transmission Fluid, Household Cleaners, Gasoline, Auto Batteries, Fertilizers, Stains, Paint, Household Batteries, Wood Strippers, Creosote, Bleach, Moth Balls, Pool Chemicals, Kerosene, Radiator Cleaners, Grease, Ammonia, Sealants, Degreasers, Cesspool Cleaners, Photo Chemicals, Brake Fluid, Engine Cleaners, Metal Polish, Paint Thinner, Fluorescent Light Tubes & Bulbs, Glue, Automotive Freon, Varnish, Lighter Fluid, Oil Filters, Diesel, Adhesives, Propane Cylinders
Latex Paint is not classified as a Hazardous Material. It can be solidified with Sawdust, Oil Absorbent, Kitty Litter and disposed of in your curbside trash service

There Is No Charge To Drop-Off Household Hazardous Wastes

No Wastes Will Be Accepted From Persons Residing Outside of Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, and Washington Counties.

the following items will NOT be accepted:

Tires, Ammunition, Explosives, Fireworks, Smoke Detectors, Flares, Radioactive Materials, Gun Powder, Electronics, TVs, Pressurized Fire Extinguishers, Appliances, Isocyanate Cans & Cylinders (Urethane Foam Insulation)

NO WASTES WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, GOVERNMENT, OR AGRICULTURAL GENERATORS

Washington County Drop-Off Location

Americas Styrenics Employee Parking Lot
17401 Route 7, Marietta, Ohio

Wastes Must Be Brought To The Drop-Off Location

Funded by:

SouthEastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District, AmSty, Kraton, Solvay Advanced Polymers



For More Information Call: SouthEastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District
1-800-860-8103 or 740-732-5493



Conservation Calendar

The District will be putting together a Conservation Calendar for Washington County and we need your help! We are looking for photos to use for each month's cover photo. Do you have a fun photo you have snapped recently? Send it to us! We will be accepting entries until August.

Interests in sponsoring a month for your business? Give us a call and we can send information to you.

Contact Alexis Coffman
740-885-3289
acoffman@wcgov.org

Forestry Workshop

Save the Date! July 9th, 2026 the District will be partnering with Noble and Monroe Counties to offer a Forestry Workshop on **Maximizing Habitat for Wildlife**.

When: July 9th, 2026

Meal Starting at 5:30 pm/Session Starting at 6:00pm

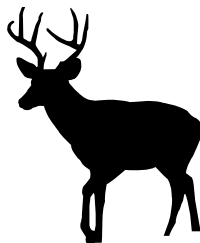
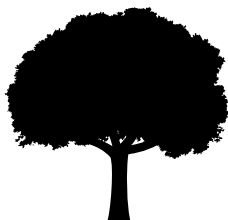
Where: Washington County Career Center

Cost: **FREE**

RSVP to the Office at 740-885-3318

Check Facebook/Summer Newsletter for more information closer to the date.

Save the Date





SWCD Conference

In February, the District attended the SWCD Conference. The conference ended with the District being recognized as 1 of the 10 Counties to achieve 100% participation in the state for the Drought Assistance Program. The State of Ohio recognized the drought of 2024 and the lasting impact it would have on the future for the farmers, so the Drought Assistance Program was formed to help ease some of those struggles. Last year, the District made contact with everyone who reported pasture grazing animals and helped them sign up for the program. Thank you to the producers who participated in the program, we look forward to continuing our partnership with you for years to come!



White Pine, Black Walnut, Oak, Oh my!

We visited Fort Frye to talk trees!
Special thanks to Derrick McNabb for purchasing a tree for all 67 4th grade students to take home with them!