

Meet the Candidates

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their election at the Annual Meeting September 28, 2006. You may come to "Windows on the Green" - G.E. Park and vote from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We have 1 position open for supervisor, commencing in January, 2007. Below are bio's on the candidates, along with their photo.

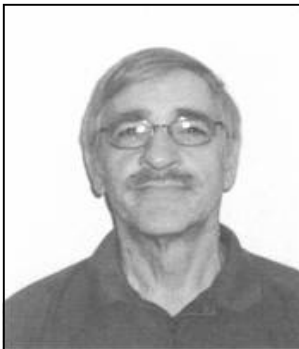


John Dowlin

John Dowlin is the past president of the Board of County Commissioners in Hamilton County. He was previously the mayor of the City of Sharonville for over 28 years. He has served on numerous committees in Hamilton County and was a member of the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission and is a charter member of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

Mr. Dowlin has received many awards for his civic and community involvement. He has been honored as "Public Official of the Year" and "Best Mayor" and has received numerous additional awards, honors and recognition.

Mr. Dowlin is retired after 38 years with Procter and Gamble and more than 44 years in public service. He and his wife, Sally, live in Sharonville, Ohio. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.



Bob Mason

Following his graduation from the University of Cincinnati and a two-year tour with the U.S. Army, Bob Mason went to work for the Hamilton County Park District where he has spent most of his 34 years heading the Resource Quality Department with responsibilities for water quality, pollution abatement and lake and fisheries management.

Bob served on the Ohio EPA's Surface Water Task Force helping mold the state's Non Point Source (NPS) Management Program, the Natural Areas & Scenic Rivers Conservation Advisory Consortium and the ODNR Lake NPS Work Group (1998). Bob served three years as secretary on the Licensing Council of the General Health District of Hamilton County and is active with the Southwest Area Region Mosquito Task Force (SWARM). He is a life-long resident of Hamilton County and resides in Springfield Township with his wife, Carolyn and daughter, Kate.



Denny Benson

Denny has been employed for 28 years as Director of Operations at Broshear Contractors, Inc., a site development contractor, located in Ross, Ohio. He has been a member of the Ohio Valley Development Council since 1994 and served on the Board of Directors since 2003. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Ohio Contractors Association since 1997 and was chairman of the Executive Committee in 2002.

In 2001, the Hamilton County SWCD presented Broshear Contractors, Inc. the *Contractor of the Year* award.

Denny Benson and his wife, Cathy, and 2 children reside in White Oak in Colerain Township. He is a member of St. James Parish in White Oak and also an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 24.

Election Procedures

If you are a resident of Hamilton County or own land in the county and are 18 years of age or older and wish to vote in our election, you may stop by and vote from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at G.E. Park (Windows on the Green). If you are planning to attend the meeting, just fill out the below registration form.

Registration Form

Please complete this form and return to us by September 21, 2006.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of people _____ **x \$12.00 = \$** _____ **(Check/money order enclosed)**

Please make check payable to: Hamilton County SWCD and mail to:
29 Triangle Park Drive, Suite 2901
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246-3411

Dinner(s) must be pre-paid by 9/21/06

To Request an Absentee Ballot

If you cannot make the meeting or stop by to vote, you may request an absentee ballot. We will accept one request per envelope unless you are from the same household. When sending multiple requests from the same household, each person must sign the request form. Ballots enclosed in the registration envelope must be received in the District office by 2:00 p.m. on September 28, 2006. If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, please use the form below to request a ballot.

Request for Absentee Ballot(s)

Please send an absentee ballot for the Hamilton County SWCD supervisor election that will be held at "Windows on the Green" - G.E. Park on Thursday, September 28, 2006, between 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

I am a qualified voter of the Hamilton County SWCD because:

_____ I live in Hamilton County and I am 18 years of age.

_____ I own property within Hamilton County and I am 18 years of age by 9/28/06.

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Return to Hamilton County SWCD, 29 Triangle Park Drive, Suite 2901, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246-3411.

You may request an absentee ballot 21 days prior to the election.
