

2015

Annual Report

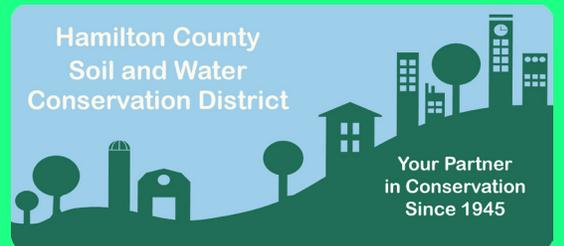


The Many Colors of Conservation...



**Hamilton County
Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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Your Partner
in Conservation
Since 1945



Word from the Board

Who Are We?

Hamilton County SWCD was established in 1945 to assist agriculture landowners in reducing soil loss on their fields. The District has always been run by a publicly elected Board of five volunteer supervisors that serve three-year terms. Another important role the District historically played was in developing farm ponds and lakes. Since Hamilton County has no natural lakes, farmers often had to make several trips a day to the nearest stream to haul water for livestock. Hundreds of farm lakes have been surveyed and sited by the District and our Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) partners.

In 1992, the District took on the administration of the Hamilton County Earthwork Regulations that governs earth movement on development sites. This includes erosion, sediment control and hillside stability. In 2003, the District was asked to also be responsible for the Education, Community Involvement and Pre-Construction components of Phase II of the Clean Water Act that addressed non-point source water pollution.

What Can We Do For You?

Our highly trained SWCD Technical staff is available to address erosion, hillside stability, stream stability, water quality as well as storm water issues. We offer hands on training through our monthly water quality lab located within the Miami Whitewater Forest. Our education department provides enjoyable speakers and programs for all age levels, from pre-school to seniors, on anything conservation. In addition to providing classroom programs, we have unique programs for

High School students such as "Caring For Our Watersheds" that challenges students to come up with ideas on how to improve their local environment. The fun twist to this program is that the top 10 winners and their schools not only win sizable cash prizes, but also money to actually implement their ideas.

The avid gardener can increase plant vigor and productivity with our soil fertility testing kit and fall cover crop program. Our newsletter, website, Facebook & Twitter pages and blogs are packed with timely news and information.

The Board and Staff are extremely grateful for the support and partnership we receive from our area residents, County Commissioners, County Storm Water District, Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Soil & Water Commission. We are committed to provide our services with the same quality and integrity in the years to come. Thank you,
Board of Supervisors
& Staff

A Note from the Administration

The year 2015 was a pivotal year concerning the economy as well as the District. A positive sign is that we saw a 20% increase in the number of Earthwork Permits issued. Along with this upturn in development, we also encountered more compliance issues on Clean Hard Fill Sites. These are sites that accept concrete, asphalt and soil as fill material. Many residents are still not aware that a permit may be required due to the challenges we face in Hamilton County with landslides and our highly erodible soils.

Monthly volunteer stream monitoring is a popular education activity that is offered on all three of our County's primary streams. Our District has supported the Great Miami River Citizen Water Quality Monitoring group for the past seven years. The Butler County Stream Team and the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities Program monitors the Mill Creek and the Green Acres Saturday Stream Snapshot samples the lower Little Miami River. A great deal of data has been collected over the years

and the participating sponsor agencies decided to make this information accessible to anyone who might find it useful. This includes local, state and federal agencies as well as the average landowner. This Regional Water Quality Database, with data from 2015 to the present, can be found at <http://www.greenumbrella.org/StreamBank-Database>. Participation information can be found at this site as well. This past year, the District became involved in further developing a garden therapy program for veterans participating in the Cincinnati VA Hospital's alcohol and drug addiction rehabilitation program. Once a week, the vets work at the East End Garden located behind Eli's Barbecue on Riverside Dr. District Administrator, Holly Utrata-Halcomb, previously a Registered Horticultural Therapist, designed a 12-month curriculum for this program. We also secured over 100 books and magazines from a newsletter request. Among

the many donors, Friends of the Public Library in Hartwell donated a wealth of books. We are proud to support the veterans who selflessly defended our County. Two of our very own staff were honored as Hamilton County Employees of the Year. Gwen Roth received the "Innovation" Award for her work in offering area high school students an opportunity to participate in the international Caring for



Holly Utrata-Halcomb, District Administrator swearing in Supervisor, Denny Benson.

Our Watersheds Competition. Susan Juriga, Administrative Assistant, received the Administrative /Clerical Support Award. Way to go team! We have all heard that our pollinators are in trouble. For this reason, our District has joined together with Great Parks of Hamilton County and Cincinnati Nature Center to offer day-long workshops on how to support the declining population. We have also offered native trees and shrubs for sale that offer wildlife and pollinator benefits. In 2015 the District was awarded the Johnny Appleseed Award from the Regional Taking Root Organizations. This award honored the District's collaborative efforts in providing trees to landowners at a much reduced price and for buffer plantings along streams to improve water quality. To view the offering for the Fall 2016 Sale, go to <http://www.greatparks.org/shop//special-events/native-tree-plant-sale>. There are a great number of ways that individuals can become involved in conservation activities. We welcome your comments and your participation. Visit our website at www.hcswcd.org or give us a call!

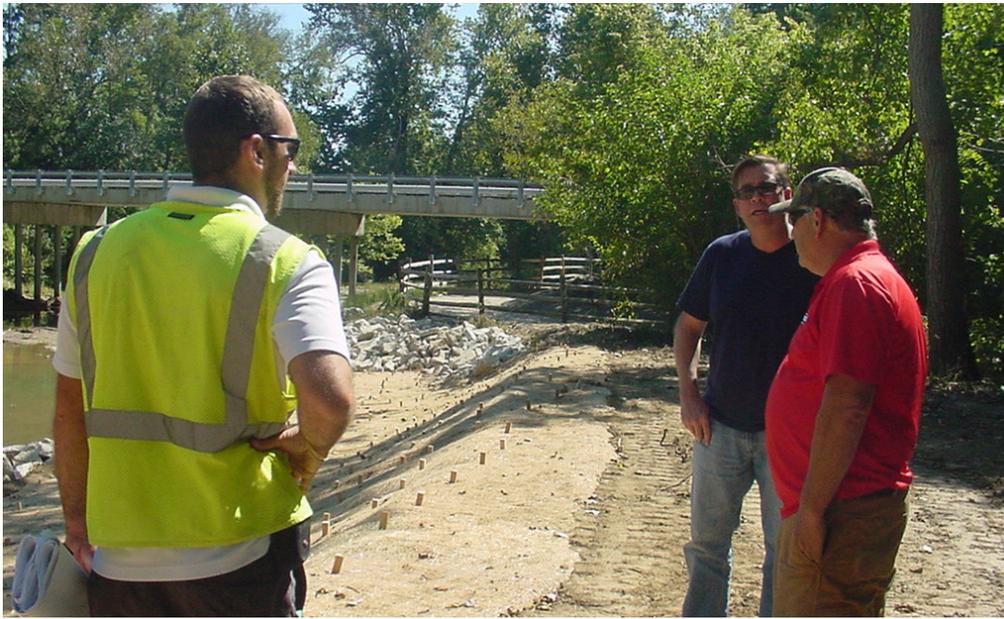


Susan Juriga, Administrative Assistant receiving in a donation of books for the garden program from Lois Butler.

Sediment & Erosion Control

2015 has been a productive year for the Earthwork Program. We have seen a 20% increase in the number of Earthwork Permits issued with a total of 328 Permits issued for the year. The Field Staff conducted 1100 inspections on development sites and more than 1700 inspections on individual lots. We have seen a significant amount of new companies in the development and building industry as we come out of the

commercial developments. The staff conducted over 1600 Plan reviews; 798 for erosion and sediment control and 830 for geotechnical compliance. These are positive signs that an industry that had seen some very hard times has started to re-bound. With the increase in new development, the Staff has also been working on cross training with Partner Agencies of the Hamilton County Storm Water District. We have been focused on



Urban Conservationist, Dan Taphorn and Urban Technician, Steve Eberts providing assistance with sediment and erosion control.

downturn that started 9 years ago. A big focus for the year was to work on training for the new Developers, Builders and Contractors. We conducted trainings at the District Office and onsite meetings with the development; this has proven to be very effective in educating them of the requirements under the Earthwork Regulations and the Ohio EPA's NPDES Permit and ensuring compliance in the field. We saw two new subdivisions, 3 new phases to existing subdivisions and numerous

water quality basins; transitioning from sediment control to the post construction water quality requirements; reviewing the six minimum control measures of the MS4 Permit so each department's staff is aware of the requirements of partner agencies and has improved communication. This has helped increase compliance and aided to head off issues before they become a significant problem. Increased training and education to all the participants in the development industry continues to be the trend for the Earthwork

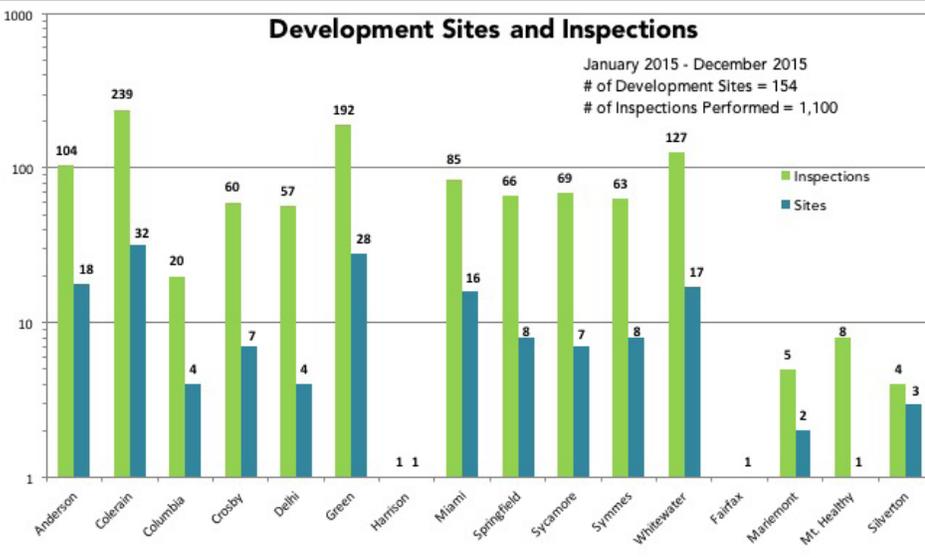
Program.

We have had the opportunity to partner with the Green Industry which focuses on educating Landscapers, Ground Maintenance, Landscape Architect and Property Managers on topics related to the industry. This was our second year providing an entire day of training (4 separate breakout sessions) for this industry and the interest has been very positive, we have now been given our own track at that yearly conference. This will get our message out to numerous companies and individuals in the industry.

The Earthwork Staff started a Quarterly E-Newsletter for member jurisdictions of the Hamilton County Storm Water District with input also being provided by partner agencies. This has proven to be an effective means to get our message out to the communities and improve communication and understanding of the various agencies responsibilities. Compliance issues on Clean Hard Fill Sites continue to be a challenge for the Earthwork Staff. We have had to stop work on five projects and work with the landowners to bring other projects into compliance. This has led to increased communication and cross training with staff from Hamilton County Public Health as their agency plays a role in the permitting process on these sites. We believe the trends of increased training for the development industry, improved communication with partner agencies of the Hamilton County Storm Water District will lead to better compliance and less need for enforcement in the future. We look forward to working with all of our partners on 2016.

Development Sites and Inspections

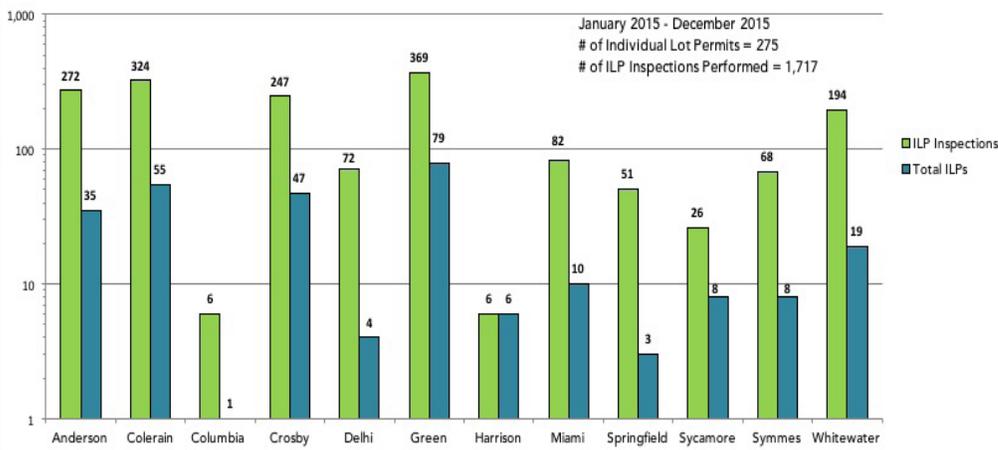
January 2015 - December 2015
 # of Development Sites = 154
 # of Inspections Performed = 1,100



New informational signs called Conservation at Work have been displayed beside BMPs to educate passerbys.

Individual Lot Permits (ILPs)

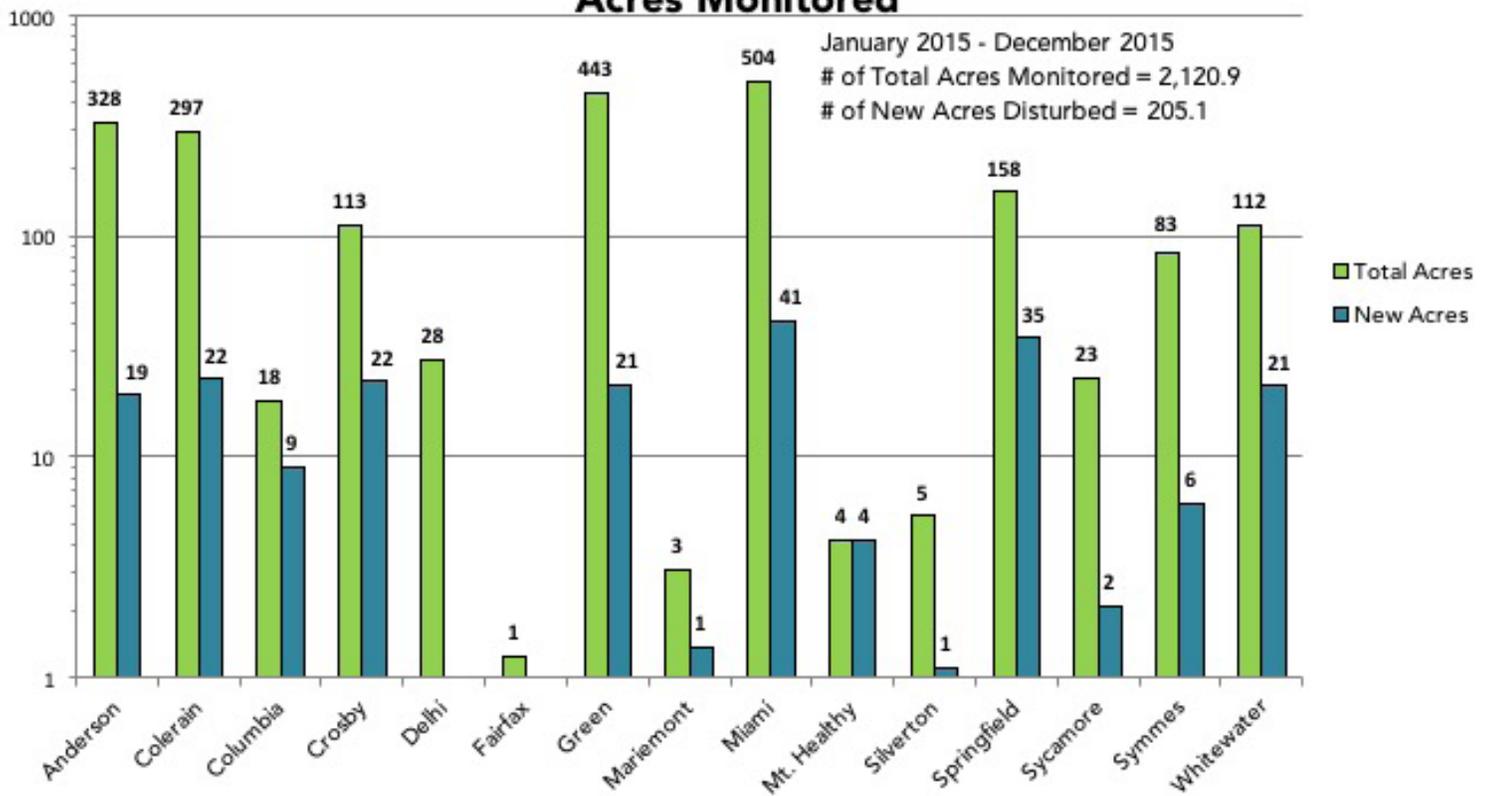
January 2015 - December 2015
 # of Individual Lot Permits = 275
 # of ILP Inspections Performed = 1,717



Landslide remediation work.

Acres Monitored

January 2015 - December 2015
 # of Total Acres Monitored = 2,120.9
 # of New Acres Disturbed = 205.1



Streams and Water Quality

One of the important roles the Stream Specialist provides for landowners is serving as a consultant in situations that involve poor or misdirected drainage and erosion; especially streambank erosion. This service includes guidance regarding Best Management Practices (BMPs) to stem stream bank erosion and reduce stormwater runoff. There were 395 such situations in 2015. The Stream Specialist also alerts appropriate entities about specific pollution problems that may potentially be affecting water quality.

Efforts in 2015 to educate county citizens regarding stream health included several community presentations and two radio appearances. Broadcasts included the benefits of riparian corridors

for our streams, particularly those currently being lost along the Little Miami River on WVXU and on WLWT regarding the use of salt on our wintry roads and the impact that has on the water quality of our rivers and streams. Upwards of 300 volunteers came out during 2015 to participate in the monthly, March through November, water quality sampling and lab program (Great Miami River Citizen Water Quality Monitoring program) which currently tests for 8 water quality parameters including Total Phosphorus, Nitrate, E.coli, Turbidity, pH, Conductivity, Chlorophyll (re algae concentrations), and Blue Magic Whiteners (indicator of human uses). Results of 2015's water quality lab testing were reported



Stream Specialist, Brian Bohl inspecting streams. Working rain or shine, snow or sleet.

to the public in February, 2016. This information and the presentations can be viewed at <http://www.riversunlimited.org/wqm/index.html>

A new data sharing opportunity presented itself in 2015

regarding to the Whitewater River, a largely Indiana river which has its last seven river miles in SW Ohio. It is currently the focus of a Watershed Management Plan. The HCSWCD Stream Specialist has been analyzing data gathered for several years for 2 tributaries in Ohio to the Whitewater River (the Dry Fork Whitewater River and Howard Creek). That data was shared with the Water Management Team in Indiana for use in the Plan as well as a multi-million dollar grant proposal to conserve this section of the river. The annual Clean Sweep of the [lower] Great Miami River took place in October. The Stream Specialist facilitated cleanup efforts from the Heritage Park site, along with employees of Colerain Township Parks, where 53 volunteers gathered and worked to clean publicly accessible places in an area stretching 1.4 miles along the river. The haul this year included 81 tires and 15 cubic feet of trash and recyclables. The 2016 event is scheduled for October 22nd for this lower section of the Great Miami River. Check out our website and Facebook page for updates. Water quality can seem like an abstract topic, but when you get involved with the streams around your home and business it all of a sudden becomes very real. Come on out and join us!

6 Plan Reviews

9 Cases of drainage / flooding assistance

6 Pond / Wetland

36 Stream bank erosion / stream stability

325 Water Quality / Stormwater

13 Permit related

2 Media appearance:

WLWT Fox re salt in runoff

Riparian corridors /erosion & protecting the Little Miami River

9 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring events:

288 volunteers March thru November, 890 samples tested for 8 water quality parameters each

Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River:

53 volunteers covered 1.4 river miles

81 tires, 15 cubic feet of trash (including large items and building material) and recyclables (51 bags of trash, 40 bags of recyclables) were retrieved.

Education

Another year has passed at the District and while some things have stayed the same, many more things have changed. We welcome the change as it definitely keeps us on our toes. In March, long time Education Assistant Niki Marengo left the District to become the volunteer coordinator with the Great Parks of Hamilton County. While we will miss Niki tremendously, we know that she will thrive in her new role and will be reaching many residents with a conservation message. In May, Gwen was honored to



Envirothon Team from Sycamore High School - Winners of Area IV Envirothon, headed to State Envirothon.

accept the 2015 Hamilton County Employee of the Year, in the Innovation category. She was

nominated for her work to bring the Caring For Our Watersheds program to the county and coordinate the program for hundreds of local students. Gwen was grateful to be recognized for her hard work and will continue to develop and grow the program every year.

In July, we hired Sara (Bruewer) Fehring to fill the vacant Education Assistant role. Sara came to the District from the City of Fairfield where she worked as a naturalist. She has jumped right in and met many of our regular teachers and presented fabulous programs all over the county. We appreciate her forward

thinking and her wonderful organization skills and know that she will be a great asset to our conservation family.

We hosted the largest ever Caring For Our Watersheds contest with over 250 students participating.

Each year, the program continues to grow and we are

excited by all the students' proposals and projects. This year's winner (Aleeyah) from Mount Notre Dame HS has hosted a rain barrel education class for her local community where residents came to learn about rain barrels and how to use them and then got to take a barrel home. We are so proud of Aleeyah for her project and implementation! We have continued to offer the Odegard/Deibel Memorial scholarship to deserving teachers in the county and this year was no exception. We awarded three grants to Julie Christner (Hilltop Primary); Steve Reinke (Symmes Elementary) and Joette Ewing (St John's Westminster Preschool) to help with a massive erosion control and prevention project; to enhance an outdoor classroom area and to build raised beds in a new school garden. With the continued support of donations and silent auction proceeds, we are able to help many teachers in the county educate their students about local soil and water issues. We had a wonderful year educating students, teachers, parents, scouts and anyone else that would listen to us about natural resources in Hamilton County. We thank you for your support of our programs and we look forward to seeing everyone next year.



Gwen speaking for the trees at a school program.

410 School Programs
9817 Students
11 Scout Programs
168 Scouts
39 Library Programs
800 Participants
10 Teacher Workshops
278 Teachers
4 Summer Camps
101 Participants

Public Relations & Outreach

In the ever changing world of communication, the District strives to be on the cutting edge. We try to keep our website, social media and all other outbound media to the highest quality and accuracy. Our goal is to make available to the residents of Hamilton County, the best available environmental education programs, information, and data both digitally and in person at our office and public events.

The District has continued in its re-branding endeavor making changes to its print and digital products to update them, and make them cohesive in style and

design. Significant upgrades were made to the website to enable the sale and management of the Tree Sale, and any other such future events which would involve the management of large size inventory and sales. We have also continued to work with the education department to make the process for booking classroom programs easier and faster.

In the area of public outreach, the Regional Storm Water Collaborative hosted the 3rd Annual Rain Barrel Art Project in 2015, with heightened interest and spectacular reception from the residents of the Greater

Cincinnati Area. We had more than 100 enthusiastic artists submit artwork to educate people conserve water while helping reduce stormwater pollution. The Collaborative also featured a television campaign with cable channels in April and a radio campaign in the Fall. The Radio Campaign had a two-fold purpose, one was to increase awareness on proper drainage of water from swimming pools, and the other, the benefits of mulching leaves opposed to raking. Both these messages were well received by the media and public alike. We look forward to all the innovation and education opportunities available for us in 2016.

Websites:

hcsxcd.org

Visitors: 11,712

Pageviews: 47,662

SaveLocalWaters.Org

Visitors: 9,482

Pageviews: 19,284

Facebook

District Impressions: 85,869

District Page Likes: 552

SaveLocalWaters Impressions:

109,591

SaveLocalWaters Likes: 920

Twitter

District Impressions 3,100

District Followers: 334

District Tweets: 208

Youtube:

District Views: 4460

District Minutes: 22,225

SaveLocalWaters Views: 75

SaveLocalWaters Minutes: 83

Television Spots

270 Spots

Impressions: 386,918

Radio Spots

384 Spots

Impressions: 743,629

Reach: 208,600

Billboards

4 Locations

Car Drivebys: 36,600

12 Press Releases

Phone, Emails and Office Visits

General Units of Gov't – 25 calls, 4 e-mails

Administrative – 694 calls, 5,109 e-mails

Office Visitors – 145

5,002 Earthwork

Contractor/developer/builder – 672 calls, 1,721 e-mails

Complaint/inquiries – 82 calls, 171 e-mails

Unit of Gov't – 317 calls, 2,039 e-mails

2,021 Landowner

Drainage/erosion – 164 calls,

279 e-mails

Pond/Lake/Wetlands – 12 calls, 7 e-mails

Storm water – 60 calls, 64 e-mails

Farm programs (storm system, road, backyard, etc) – 21 call, 26 e-mails

Landslides – 37 calls, 22 e-mails

11,849 Education/Outreach

School/teachers – 183 calls, 1,653 e-mails

Public events – 61 calls, 398 emails

General public – 186 emails

Collaboration with groups – 463 calls, 5,368 e-mails

Public relations – 139 calls, 3,295

e-mails

Storm Drain Labeling – 5 calls, 98 emails

District services & products (soil fertility kits, cover crop, maps, etc) – 384 calls, 985 e-mails

7,454 Stream

Stream bank stability – 146 calls

Stream-water quality – 735 calls

Flooding – 64 calls

Log jams – 4 calls

Permits/Regulatory – 69 calls

Soils/erosion/hillside – 21 calls

Pond/wetland/lake – 41 calls

Stream programs E-mails – 6,374

Public Events in 2015

January

- HCESC podcast - 60 Participants
- Indian Hill Garden Club Soil Prepping Presentation - 24 attendees
- Farmer's Forum - 53 attendees

February

- Buckeye United Fly Fishers Show - 135 attendees
- XU pre-service teacher workshop - 12 participants
- GUW/PLT teacher workshop - 29 participants
- Rain Barrel Artist Workshop - 55 participants
- Green Umbrella Presentation - 20 attendees
- Lower Great Miami River Water Quality Data Forum - 35 attendees

March

- Home and Garden Show – 75,000 attendees
- Cincinnati Home and Garden Show Presentation - 18 participants
- Master Composter class - 15 participants
- State of the Mill Creek Watershed Forum - 50 attendees
- Great Miami River Citizens' Lab - 25 volunteers
- Prairie and Pollinator Program - 23 attendees

April

- Civic Garden Center Environmental Science PLC - 10 participants
- P&G Earth Day - 250 attendees
- Party for the Planet - 7,500 attendees
- Envirothon - 600 attendees
- Cincinnati State Earth Jam - 250 attendees

The District participated in 64 events in 2015, with a total participation of 179,797. In the public events, we interact and engage county residents on environmental issues. We have designed hands-on-activities like the Wheel of Conservation, Conservation Cornhole, Conservation Mini-golf for the larger public events. Workshop attendees receive more in-depth training on the respective area.

- Christ Hospital Earth Day - 200 attendees
- Touch-A-Truck (Blue Ash) - 250 attendees
- Earth Day at Sawyer Point - 6,000 attendees
- Caring For Our Watersheds Final Competition - 150 attendees
- MU Pre-service workshop - 75 participants
- Cincinnati Flower Show - 575 participants
- Great Miami River Citizens' Lab - 32 volunteers
- Civic Garden Center "Healthy Soil/Healthy Garden" - 14 attendees
- Cincinnati Children's Home Soils and Soil Sampling - 39 participants
- Pond Clinic - 20 participants

May

- The Plant Sale at the Civic Garden Center - 600 attendees
- Weigel Elementary Earth Fest - 400 participants
- Public Employees Recognition Day - 500 attendees
- STEM Conference presentation - 55 participants
- Worm workshop - 45 participants
- N Avondale Montessori Field Day - 335 participants
- Crisis Communication Workshop - 50 participants
- Great Miami River Citizens' Lab - 30 volunteers

June

- Bugfest - 1,200 attendees
- Paddlefest Kids Expo - 7,000 attendees
- Paddlefest Music Festival - 4,500 attendees
- Saylor Park Festival - 200 attendees

- Great Miami River Citizens' Lab - 32 volunteers

July

- Red, White and Blue Ash - 50,000 attendees
- Hamilton County 4-H Fair - 1,100 attendees
- Touch-A-Truck (Springfield Twp.) - 150 attendees
- Sycamore Days - 20,000 attendees
- Great Miami River Citizens' Lab - 32 volunteers
- Cincinnati State Soil Fertility Program - 11 attendees
- Prairie and Pollinator Workshop - 55 participants
- Gorman Farm Thistle Control - 11 attendees
- County Commissioners update on SWCD - 9 attendees

August

- Soil Fertility Program at Cincinnati State - 11 attendees
- Hands Health Fair - 125 participants
- OKI RCC Conservation Tour - 60 attendees
- Days at the Park in Deerpark - 180 participants
- Taste of Colerain - 220 participants
- Green Township Fun Day - 80 participants

September

- Scope Out at the Cincinnati Observatory - 30 participants
- GCEE Ultimate Educator Expo at the Cinci. Zoo - 400 attendees
- Annual Meeting and Tree Sale - 399 attendees

October

- Butler County Waterfest - 150 participants
- Batfest at the Cincinnati Museum Center - 300 participants
- We Thrive! Community Stream Walk - 50 participants

December

- Video Editing Workshop - 10 attendees

Agriculture and Soil Fertility

The District has embarked on two programs for the Greater Cincinnati Area residents. The District offered soil test kits at a reduced rate for Hamilton County residents and a tree sale to the Greater Cincinnati Area residents. Both programs have been well received and were provided to help the community.

During the past eight years, the District has sold over **3,200 soil test kits**.

The District started this endeavor as a research project to help the community determine how much fertilizer was truly needed.

Through the research, the

District discovered the soil test results were frequently high in phosphorus for the Hamilton County area. The runoff from fertilizing would end up in Hamilton County's waters and cause many concerns.

Cover Crop Project in Dry Fork, Howard's Creek, & Whitewater River Watersheds

Through HCSWCD monitoring and data analyses, the Dry Fork Whitewater River and Howard Creek sub-watersheds have been identified as priorities for soil fertility testing and agricultural best management practices. This is a result of the high nutrient load (phosphorus and nitrate) associated with storm water events. The District is currently working with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and farmers in these watersheds to install cover crops over roughly 500 acres of corn and soybean fields (3 growing seasons). Studies show that fall and winter cover crops such as annual ryegrass and oilseed radish can help reduce loss of nitrates by a third to one-half. Such retention can help recycle nitrogen in the soils, reduce fertilizer use and reduce impacts to ground water and aquatic life.

Reaching the community through selling the soil test kits has been a great avenue in assisting residents in fertilizing their yard projects. The information the residents received has been valuable to determine what chemicals were needed and allowed the residents



HCSWCD Team unloaded over a 1000 trees for the 2015 Tree Sale

not to over fertilize. Offering the soil test kits helped save the residents money and helped keep harmful chemicals out of the Hamilton County waters. The 2015 year brought the District great success with their tree sale.

The District was unsure how the program would be received, but to their surprise our landowners jumped in and purchased over **1,100 trees**. By purchasing these trees, the numbers were included in the Taking Root and Releaf Cincinnati programs.

The sale of the trees assisted the District in reaching over 295 people/municipalities in the community. The tree selections were based on native trees that would support the area's wildlife with food or shelter. Six varieties of trees were offered- Red Buckeye, Black Gum, White Oak, Shellbark Hickory and American Elm and Serviceberry. The most favored trees were Serviceberry, Red Buckeye and American Elm trees which are

good for pollinators, butterflies and birds.

We thank Turpin Farms for hosting the tree sale and the Greater Cincinnati area residents for taking part in our programs and making them a great successes!

Farm Bill Programs 2015:

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):

Practices completed in fiscal year:
2100 sq. ft. Access Road Built
1 Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
597.3 Acres of Cover Crop Planted
Underground Outlet- 100 ft.

Agricultural Easement Programs:

2 Farms with Easements with 130.5 Acres
39 Conservation Technical Assistance/Drainage visits
These practices were implemented in Crosby, Harrison, and Whitewater Townships

Financial Report

District Account	
January 1, 2015 beginning balance	36,176
Less Outstanding checks for 2015	(10)
Income	20,296
Expenses	20,624
December 31, 2015 ending balance	35,858
Special Account (Soil & Water Conservation)	
January 1, 2015 beginning balance	307,347
General Fund Subsidy	201,129
State Match	234,123
Other Revenue	62
Total Expenditures	333,292
December 31, 2015 ending balance	409,369
Less 20 % Contingency Fund and Payroll Liabilities	158,069
Total	251,300
Special Account (Storm Water)	
January 1, 2015 beginning balance	396,440
General Fund Subsidy	490,104
State Match	122,401
Other Revenue	165
Operating Transfers-in	2,000
Total Expenditures	474,702
December 31, 2015 ending balance	536,407
Less 20 % Contingency Fund and Payroll Liabilities	210,007
Total	326,400
Special Account (Storm Center)	
January 1, 2015 beginning balance	67,722
Collaboration Funding	21,115
Total Expenditures	23,884
Less Operating Transfers	2,000
December 31, 2014 ending balance	62,953

The information and data in this report is from January – December of 2015. The information and data reporting has been changed from the State of Ohio’s reporting period of July – June to conform with Hamilton County’s fiscal year. Part of this data was reported in our last annual report. The information and data in this report is unaudited.

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Past & Present Board of Supervisors with terms served

Edward Seitz	1945-1954	Robert Schultz	1982-1983
Meade C. Pottenger	1945-1954	Thomas W. Reininger	1983-2008
Clifford Wittmeyer	1945-1954	Steve Sandfort	1985-1988, 1992-2007
Frank Bauer	1945-1950	Lou Elva Imhoff	1987-1989
Philip Huss	1945-1950	Dennis Heyob	1988-1993
Gene R. Abercrombie	1950-1956	Bob Davis	1990-1991
E. J. Kluener	1950-1953	Melissa Rumpke	1994-2001
J. Frederick Vogel	1954-1956	Karen Heyob	1998-2004
H. David Diebel	1955-1985	Patrick Arnette	1999-2005
Tom Pottenger	1955-1957	Joe Allen	2002-2007
Ray Hollmeyer	1955-1958	Tim Boehmer	2004-2006
Harry Eisman	1957-1959	Dave Dyke	2006-2008
J. C. Jenkins	1957-1958	Nate Holscher	2008-2010
Jack Palmer	1958-1960	Craig Abercrombie	2009-2011
Stanley Strimple	1958-1997	Pete Mallow	2011- 2013
George Kase	1958-1974, 1979-1981	Dennis Benson	2007-2012, 2013- present
Wayne Dittmer	1960-1997	Sam McKinley	2008-2010, 2011- present
William Kuhlman	1961-1975	Steve Johns	2009 -2014, 2015- present
Norma Hergert	1975-1987	Scott P. Huber	2012-2014, 2015 - present
Donald T. Hester	1976-1978	Pam Simmons	2013- present

Dennis Deters



Todd Portune



Chris Monzel



Hamilton County Commissioners

The District sincerely appreciates the support we receive from the Hamilton County Commissioners: Commissioner Dennis Deters, Commissioner Chris Monzel, Commissioner Todd Portune. We also appreciate the support we receive from the Hamilton County Storm Water District, Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Legislature, the Ohio Soil & Water Commission and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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Mission Statement: A public organization committed to assisting the citizens of Hamilton County through education, technical assistance and leadership in the conservation of our soil and water resources.

All district programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.