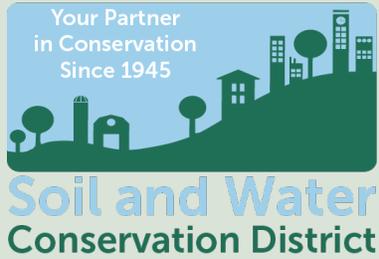


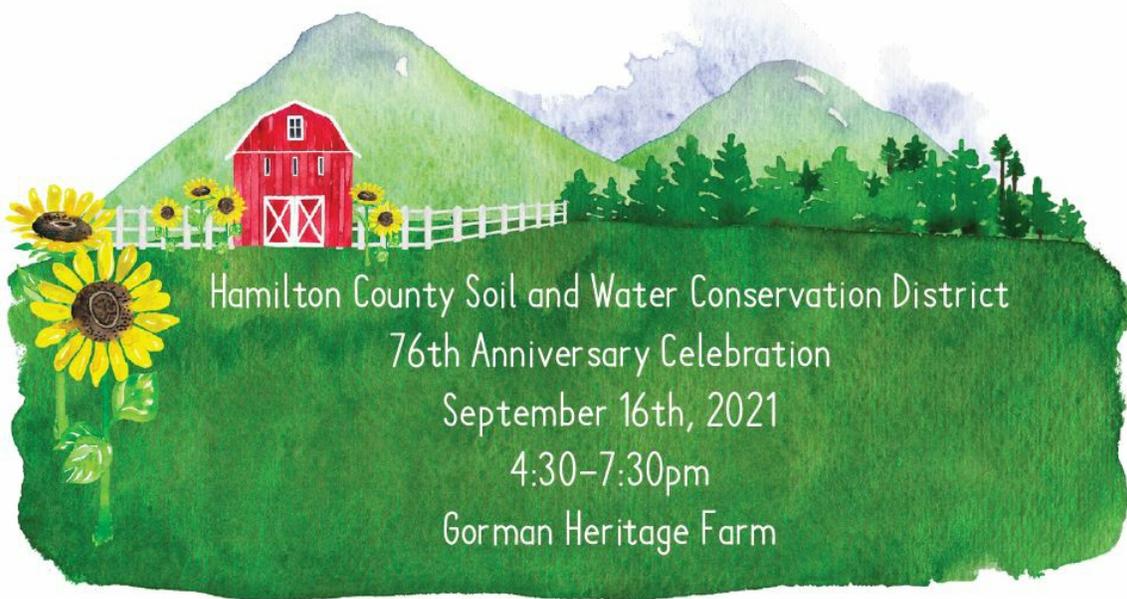
Hamilton County



July 2021

Conservation Spotlight

Join us on the farm



76th Anniversary Celebration

Join us on September 16th at Gorman Heritage Farm for our 76th Anniversary Celebration. Visit with staff, explore the farm, enjoy food, bluegrass music, and bid on raffle baskets. We are pleased to welcome Lonnie Thompson as our keynote speaker at 6:30 pm. Gorman Heritage Farm will provide a 1-hour activity for kids during the presentation. The event is free to attend and the first 150 people to register by September 13th will receive a free dinner from one of the food trucks. Forgot to register or missed the registration deadline? No problem! You can still attend the event and purchase food from one of the food trucks on site. For additional information and to register, **[click here](#)**.

Conservation District Seeking Candidates for the Board of Supervisors

Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking candidates for its Board of Supervisors. One supervisor will be elected in October 2021. They will begin a three-year term in January 2022. The Board of Supervisors guide the district in efforts to implement conservation programs in the county that address management and conservation of soil, water, and related resources. Board members should have a sincere interest in conservation and must have the enthusiasm, dedication, and time to serve as an elected official. This is a volunteer position, but certain expenses can be reimbursed. What a potential supervisor needs to know:

- The candidate must be over 18 years old and a resident of Hamilton County.
- This is a volunteer position and a 3-year term.
- Regular Board Meetings are conducted once a month and normally run 2 to 2 1/2 hours.
- Attendance at occasional outside meetings, events, or training is required.

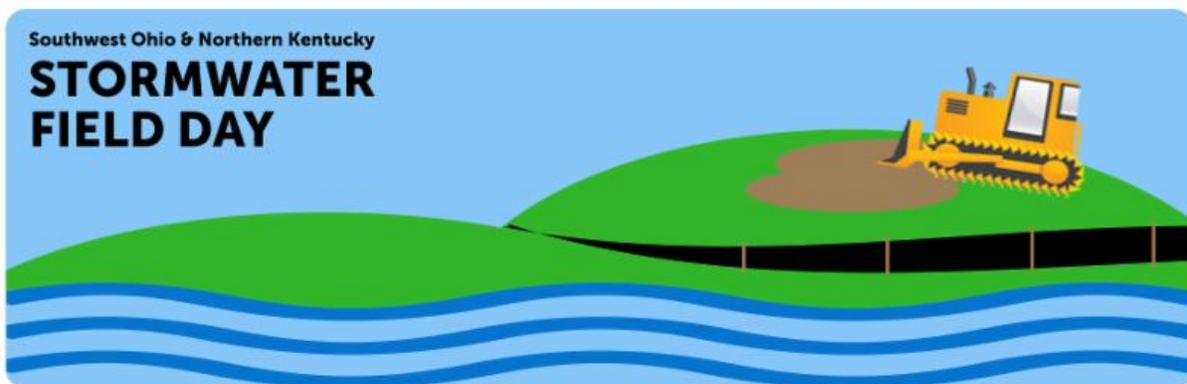
If you are interested in running to become a Supervisor, please contact **Laura Boyd** or **Scott Huber** via email or call the District office (513) 772-7645. Candidacy forms must be submitted by July 30th.



Native Tree & Shrub Sale

The District has once again partnered with the Great Parks of Hamilton County to host a native tree and shrub sale. The sale offers a wide variety of 3-gallon native trees and shrubs at a low cost of \$22. The sale starts July 19th

and ends September 3rd. All plants must be picked up on September 25th at Sharon Woods or Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve. For additional information and to place your order, **click here**.



The Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky Stormwater Field Day is back for 2021. Join the Regional Storm Water Collaborative on September 23rd to learn how developers and contractors can meet sediment erosion control and stormwater BMP requirements that protect local waterways. This day-long workshop will begin on land with demonstrations of BMPs led by experts eager to answer questions and share their knowledge. Attendees will then board a riverboat for lunch and speaker sessions about industry regulations and trends. **Click here** for additional information and to register for the Stormwater Field Day.



Bird Alert!! Mystery Bird Illness & What You Can do to Help

Reports of sick and dying birds have been coming in from Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and several other nearby states. Symptoms include neurological impacts causing their head to tilt to the side, and multiple eye issues such as cloudiness or discharge. It has been reported in multiple species, including American Robins and Blue Jays. **Click here** to learn about what you can do to reduce the spread of this mystery illness.

Butler SWCD Agriculture Pesticide Disposal Drop-OFF

Our neighboring Soil and Water Conservation District in Butler County is offering a FREE agriculture pesticide disposal drop-off event on August 24th from 9 am - 3 pm. This drop-off is open to all Ohio residents. For additional information, visit their **website**.



September 18th, 2021

Great Miami River Clean Up

9 am-noon

Heritage Park

Registration is recommended.

October 20th and October 27th

Video Production 101 Workshop

9 am-noon

This workshop will focus on the basics of filming and editing quick videos for environmental education. Additional details coming soon.

The Hamilton County Earthwork Team

By: Sue Juriga

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Earthwork team are Chey, James, Olivia, and Aaron and each know the regime.

The Earthwork Regulations created from the NPDES BMPs is their guide, which all who move an acre or more of soil must abide.

Sometimes they work with landowners, contractors, and the community,
The Earthwork team tries to promote unity.

They review the development plans and perform site inspections
and guide to these individuals through the Earthwork regulations.

They visit construction sites and may trudge through the mud and muck.
The office hopes not to get that call, "Come get me, I am stuck!"

When they do perform landowner consults,
they try to guide the landowner to better results.

If landowners, contractors, or the community should sway,
the Earthwork team will encourage all to see the right way.

The Earthwork team all come with their own specialty
with one main commonality.

Their strong desire to protect our soil and water
as these commodities are of a great matter.

Our precious soil and water are needed
to keep all life to proceed and succeed.

For their hard work, they should hold their heads up with great pride and esteem,
because the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District has a great
Earthwork team.

Upcoming Events

Hamilton County Community Fair

July 7th - 10th

Stricker's Grove

Weller Park Touch a Truck

August 5th, 9 am-noon

Weller Park

Paddle Fest Finish Line Festival

August 7th, 9 am-noon

Schmidt Recreation Complex

Green Township Kids Fun Day

August 28th, 11 am-2 pm

Veterans Park

76th Anniversary Celebration

September 16th, 4:30-7:30 pm

Gorman Heritage Farm

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Olivia Maltry, Earthwork Technician
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