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## SWCD OPEN HOUSE

COME SEE OUR NEW OFFICE!

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The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District invites you to attend our Planning Session and Open House on **Tuesday, March 29, 2005** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The open house will be held in the new SWCD office, which is located in the downstairs portion of the Delaware Agricultural Service Center (we haven't changed addresses, just floors). District staff will be on-hand to talk to you about any natural resources concerns you might have, and to give you a tour of

our new surroundings. You can also check out our new computerized aerial photo workstation, "DelawAerial", developed by our own GIS Technician Liz Mather. Light refreshments will also be served.

In addition to giving everyone the opportunity to tour the new office, we would also like get input on the current concerns of you, our customers. Do you have particular natural resource concerns? Do you have specific projects that you think would benefit from SWCD participation? Do you have any feelings on what should generally constitute the nature of the SWCD program? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we want to hear from you. Please fill out the survey on p. 3 of this newsletter, and bring it with you to the open house. If you can't attend the open house, you can mail the survey or drop it off at the office at another time. Copies of the survey can also be obtained via e-mail by request to [bret-bacon@oh.nacdnet.org](mailto:bret-bacon@oh.nacdnet.org). All of those who fill out a survey will be eligible for a great door prize.

<b>SWCD CALENDAR</b>	
For more info on these events, please call the District Office, (740) 368-1921.	
<b>March</b>	
3/15	SWCD Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
3/19	Farmers' Share Breakfast
<b>April</b>	
4/1	HB 25 Regulations In Effect
4/5	Friends of Lower Olentangy Mtg.
4/7	Upper Big Walnut Creek Water Quality Partnership Mtg.
4/13-15	Tree Pickup @ SWCD Office, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
4/16	Tree Pickup @ SWCD Office, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
4/13	Olentangy Watershed Alliance Mtg.
4/14	Upper Scioto River Watershed Project Mtg.
4/19	SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
<b>May</b>	
5/3	Friends of Lower Olentangy Mtg.
5/11	Olentangy Watershed Alliance Mtg.
5/12	Upper Scioto River Watershed Project Mtg.
5/17	SWCD Board Meeting, 8:00 pm
5/30	Memorial Day - OFFICE CLOSED



## FSA Notes

by Don Henry, County Executive Director

### Scioto CREP Signup Begins!



The rules for Scioto CREP have been formally approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, and official signup has begun. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, or CREP, is a federal-state natural resource conservation program that addresses state and nationally significant agricultural related environmental concerns. Under the program, participants can receive financial incentives for converting eligible cropland and marginal pastureland to native grasses, trees, and other vegetation. Land that may be eligible includes all land in Delaware County (except land eligible for the Upper Big Walnut CREP) that meets cropping history criteria, and is adjacent to an existing watercourse or is an eligible upland wetland. To learn more about CREP, check your eligibility, or to sign up, contact Gregg Sablak at the SWCD office or Tom Edwards or Justin Hunter at the NRCS office, 740-368-1921, ext. 4.

### Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) for Storm Damage

Farm Service Agency is currently accepting applications from Delaware County producers for cost share assistance to repair damage resulting from flooding which occurred in January 2005. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2005 for producers who sustained a minimum \$1,000 loss for removing debris from cropland, restoring permanent fences or restoring conservation structures due to losses as a result of recent flooding. Funding is not yet available but has been approved for 75% cost share assistance. An application for assistance must be filed before repair activity begins. Contact Patty at the FSA office, 740-363-3671, if interested.

### "DelawAerial"

The Delaware County aerial photographs are now available in our office through a computer workstation. The years available this way are 1939, 1951, 1957, 1964, 1980, 1988 (color infrared), 1997, and 2002.

All of the historic images were scanned, georeferenced (tied to its location on the earth), and then exported to PDF maps. Once you have found your location from one year, all you need to do is access that same map number for each of the other years. The 1997 and 2002 images of the county are also included - these were derived from the Auditor's digital orthographic coverage of the county.

The benefits of this system include the preservation of the original imagery as well as saving time for our customers. In the past, the imagery was available as original prints with a unique map index for each year. The photos were stored in file cabinets, and it was necessary to rifle through them to locate the image you needed. As the user, you then took the image to the photo copier and copied the area you needed. The photos are showing a great deal of wear and tear as a result. Now the originals can be stored/preserved in their current state while customers use the digital system.

At this time, the DelawAerial system is only available in the SWCD office. Because of the large volume of data, it is not practical to make it available on-line or on CD-ROM. The DelawAerial workstation in the SWCD office is, however, dedicated to aerial photo viewing and printing. There is no charge to use the system to view imagery. There is a standard charge for prints: \$0.25/copy (\$1 minimum). Please stop in the office and try it out!

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Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District – 2005 Planning Survey

**Instructions:** *What natural resources concerns problems, needs, issues, etc. do you anticipate needing attention over the next year or two? Please rank your top ten items from the list below in order from 10 to 1 (10 being the most important, 1 the least important). Feel free to make any additional comments or suggestions at the bottom. Information gathered will be helpful to the SWCD Board in setting goals and developing plans of work. Please bring this completed survey to the SWCD Open House on March 29, or mail it prior to then if you can't come.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural Drainage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting People to the Land (Environmental/Agricultural Education)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage Improvements/Maintenance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage Education for Urban/Suburban Land User/Owners
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Stewardship (Recycling, Volunteerism, Land Ethics)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Helping Landusers to meet Governmental Requirements/Regulations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Incorporating Environmental Education in School Curricula/Teacher Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Landuse Changes/Development/Urbanization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Manure Nutrient Management/Agricultural Pollution Abatement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pond Site Evaluations/Pond Management Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residential Drainage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Streamside Buffer Promotion & Establishment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Upground Reservoirs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Quantity/Supply
- \_\_\_\_\_ Watershed Programs

Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HB 25 BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2005**

New regulations in the Delaware County Building Code will begin on April 1. These regulations were authorized by H.B. 25, which became effective in October 2003, and are applicable to lots 5 acres in size or bigger. The regulation provides for a review of the effects any development on these lots will have on existing drainage.

This review will be conducted by the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District on behalf of the Delaware County Commissioners. The "Drainage Protection Review Application" shall be approved by the DSWCD prior to the submittal of the building permit application. No building permit shall be issued until a review of the specific effects of the proposed new construction on existing surface and drainage has been completed. Specifically, evaluations will be made about where the existing drainage is located, what, if any, effects the proposed construction might have on that existing drainage, and what must be done to avoid or mitigate those effects.

If you have questions, or to get a copy of the complete "Drainage Protection Review" regulations, please contact Milt Link, SWCD Drainage Maintenance Coordinator, at 740-368-1921, ext. 4.



Be sure to look for the SWCD, the County Building Dept., and the Health Dept. at the Delaware County Home Show

**SAT. MARCH 26 @ DELAWARE CO. FAIRGROUNDS**



**CHEESE CORN BREAD**

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|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Ingredients: | 1 C. Self-rising cornmeal | 2 Eggs             |
|              | 3/4 C. Self-rising flour  | 1 C. Sour Cream    |
|              | 1/2 C. Vegetable oil      | 1 C. Grated cheese |
|              | 1 8oz. Can creamed corn   |                    |

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into a heated cast iron skillet that has been well greased Bake at 375 degrees until golden brown (appx. 30 minutes).

*-Submitted by Sue Cunningham, Delaware SWCD Board of Supervisors Member*