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RC&D COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT SOUGHT

The Delaware County Commissioners and the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District are seeking to appoint a resident of Delaware County who is interested in participating and promoting the activities of the Heart of Ohio Resource Conservation and Development Council. This appointment will be a joint appointment by the Commissioners and the SWCD Board of Supervisors. The term for this appointment will begin January 2003, and expire on December 31, 2005.

The role of a RC&D Council member is to provide opportunities for the public input on RC&D goals and objectives; develop an Area Plan and work toward identified priorities; participate on resource teams and committees to accomplish needed work; to direct the activities of local, state, and federal personnel on RC&D projects; to oversee administration of RC&D operations; and to provide citizens with information about RC&D projects. The RC&D council meets a minimum of 4 times per year, and meetings may be in various locations in the central-Ohio area. Interested candidates should contact SWCD District Administrator Larry Ufferman at (740) 368-1921, ext. 4.

WELCOME PAUL GLEDHILL



The District is pleased to announce a new addition to our staff. Paul Gledhill began work in January as the new Upper Scioto River Watershed Coordinator. Paul is a recent graduate of Muskingum College. He will be coordinating a program that will partner with community members in the development and implementation of a workable watershed action plan to improve and maintain the water resources of the Scioto River and its tributaries. Paul is currently working to develop a Watershed Inventory with the goal of completing a Watershed Action Plan by January, 2005.

On a sadder note, the District will soon be saying goodbye to our Streams & Watersheds Coordinator, Julie Jackson. While we are sorry to see Julie go, we would like to wish her the best of luck in her new position. Her contributions to the SWCD program will be missed.

EQUINE HUSBANDRY SEMINAR SERIES

The Heart of Ohio RC&D Council, in cooperation with the Farm Bureau, Ohio Horseman's Council, Ohio State University Cooperative Extension, and Soil & Water Conservation Districts, will be holding a series of Equine Husbandry Workshops in May. The workshops will be held on Wednesdays, May 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Delaware County Bank & Trust Building, 110 Riverbend Ave., Lewis Center (on US 23 just north of Powell Rd. and the Home Depot). Topics to be covered include CAUV/Ag zoning, manure/waste management, pasutre establishment and management, soil fertility, animal health, paddock maintenance and renovation, trailer safety and licensing, hay quality and selection, nutrition, and stable liability and insurance. Seating is limited, and preregistration is required. To register, please send your name, address, phone number and payment of \$15 to Heart of Ohio RC&D Council, 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Checks may be made out to Heart of Ohio RC&D Council. Please contact Dennis DeWeese, Heart of Ohio RC&D Coordinator, (740) 362-4011, for questions.

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SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZES



The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors reorganized in January. Shown above is new Board Chairman, Jim Sherman presenting a gavel to former Chairman, (and new vice-chair) Steve Sheets in recognition of Steve's years of service as Chairman. Other Board positions are as follows: Ted Colfesh, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mary Fleming and Sue Cunningham, Members.

POND CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT CLINIC

The Delaware SWCD and the Ohio State University Extension Service will host a pond construction and management clinic on Saturday, June 14, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The clinic will be held at the home of Rob Leeds, 8738 Marysville Rd (US 36), Ostrander. The cost is \$3 per person. Reservations and payment in advance are required. Each person



attending will receive a copy of the Ohio Pond Management Booklet published by OSU Extension. Topics to be covered include site selection, construction, stocking, fish management, algae and aquatic weed control, rodent control, and many other management concerns. Scheduled presenters include Tom Stockdale, OSU Extension (retired), and Tom Edwards, USDA NRCS District Conservationist. Here is your chance to learn everything you need to know about constructing and managing a pond. All you have to do is fill in the reservation form below, and return it to the District office with your payment.

POND CLINIC RESERVATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____

Address _____

Work Phone _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

_____ Reservations @ \$3.00 each

\$ _____ Total

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program Exploring Your Forest Workshop



The Ohio Woodland Stewards Program has scheduled a one-day "Exploring Your Forest" workshop for Monday, May 19, 2003 from 9:00-3:30 in Delaware County. The workshop will be held at the Leeds Farm, 8738 Marysville Rd. (US 36). Pre-registration with payment of \$30 is required, and enrollment

will be limited to 50 participants.

More than 330,000 Ohioans own woodland, but not all of them know what's best for that land. That's where the Ohio Woodland Stewards program comes into play. The goal of the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program is to provide woodland owners with a wide variety of forestry skills that they can apply to their own property. The knowledge gained through these programs will enable woodland owners to make more informed decisions when it comes to taking care of their woodland acreage. Participants in the program will automatically receive the *Ohio Woodlands, Watersheds, and Wildlife* newsletter. This newsletter is designed to keep landowners up to date on what is happening in Ohio's woodlands.

"Exploring Your Forest" is a 1-day introduction to Ohio forests. If you are a new woodland owner, or an owner that just doesn't know where to start, this class is for you. The class starts with the history of Ohio's forests so that we can understand how Ohio forests got to where they are today. From there the class explores what options you have for taking care of your forest. Whether you intensively manage a woods for a product, manage it for a specific species of wildlife, or whether you just leave it grow, there are always trade-offs. This can be the first step in your woodland owners education program.

To register, please fill out the form to the right, and mail it, with payment, to the address shown. **Be sure to check the correct date, May 19.** Registrations will not be taken at the door. If you are interested, but are not able to attend the workshop on May 19, you may attend one of the other scheduled sessions; however these sessions are scheduled for other parts of the state. For more information, please see the Program website, <http://woodlandstewards.osu.edu>.

2003 Program Registration		
Exploring Your Forest	Time	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> May 19,	9:00 am	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> June 27	9:00 am	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> July 10	9:00 am	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> July 21	9:00 am	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> August 8	9:00 am	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> August 22	9:00 am	\$30.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Daytime Phone (____) _____

Email _____

How many acres of woodland do you own?
_____ acres

Have you participated in a previous Ohio Woodland Stewards Program? _____ Yes _____ No

Pre-registration is required and must include a check or money order for \$30.00 per person payable to:
The Ohio State University
NO REFUNDS for cancellations received after the registration deadline noted for each class.

Detach and mail to:

Ohio Woodland Stewards Program
The Ohio State University
School of Natural Resources
210 Kottman Hall
2021 Coffey Road
Columbus, OH 43210

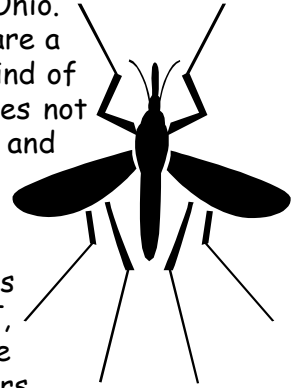


Special Arrangements

Special arrangements for the disabled will be made if requested in advance. If you require assistance, please call 614-688-3421 or TDD #1-800-589-8292 (Ohio only).

CONTROLLING MOSQUITOES

There are at least 57 different varieties of mosquitoes found in the State of Ohio. Not all of these species are problematic, but as almost everyone knows, those that are a problem more than make up for those that aren't. Surely mosquitoes serve some kind of useful purpose in nature, but, whatever that purpose may be, it most definitely does not coincide with our enjoyment of the outdoors. Mosquitoes can cause weight loss and production decreases for farm animals, transmit heart worm to dogs, and pass diseases such as yellow fever, malaria, encephalitis, and west Nile virus to humans and other animals.



Protecting yourself against mosquito bites at the most fundamental level involves the use of a mosquito repellent with DEET. Most repellents are now made with DEET, but the label should always be checked to confirm this. Mosquito repellent should be used according to the directions on the label of the repellent anytime you are outdoors.

Another effective way of limiting problems with mosquitoes is to reduce their breeding habitat. Water management is essential for effective mosquito control. Mosquito eggs must be on or in water to hatch. For this reason, standing water on your property should be located and eliminated, if possible.

The Ohio State University Extension Service, in Bulletin #641, lists the following recommendations for eliminating standing water to reduce mosquito breeding area.

- ◆ Remove tin cans, old tires, buckets, glass jars, broken toys, and other water-holding containers.
- ◆ Change the water in bird baths and wading pools at least once a week.
- ◆ Clean out roof gutters so that water does not accumulate.
- ◆ Examine flat roofs after rains, making certain that no water remains more than one week.
- ◆ Place tight covers over cisterns, cesspools, septic tanks, fire barrels, rain barrels, and tubs where water is stored.
- ◆ Do not over-apply lawn and garden irrigation, causing puddling in low areas.
- ◆ Fill holes in trees with Treekote and mortar after draining.
- ◆ Drain or fill stagnant water pools, puddles, and swampy areas around the home.
- ◆ Eliminate water holding tree stumps, and keep the grass mowed around ponds and other bodies of water, taking care to keep clippings out of the water.
- ◆ Stock ponds and reservoirs with mosquito-eating fish such as sunfish, bluegills, or any surface-feeding minnows.
- ◆ Check the water in flower pots and other containers for mosquito larvae.
- ◆ Maintain farm ponds according to good management practices. Excessive amounts of emergent aquatic vegetation will shelter mosquitoes.



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