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**SUMMER 2007**

**LORAIN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007**  
**5:00 P.M. – HOG ROAST**  
**LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve the natural resources and environment in Lorain County.



The Board of Supervisors will hold their annual meeting and banquet on Saturday, September 8, 2007, 5:00 p.m., in the Soil and Water Barn at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. This event is casual for the entire family.

Hog roast and barbeque chicken with side dishes will be cooked by Big Dog

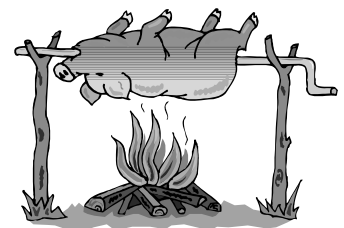
Catering—so bring your appetite.

There will be a supervisor election, PowerPoint slide show, various awards, and a scholarship presentation for the evening.

Tickets are \$10.00 each while children six and under are free. Tickets are on sale now through Sep-

tember 5th. No tickets sold at the door.

For more information, please call the office at 440-326-5800. Mark your calendar.



**TECH ROOM REPORT**

Ponds have really picked up in 2007. The “Old Bob” and the “Young Bob” have surveyed and designed over a dozen ponds in the first half of this year. The pond sizes have ranged from the minimum quarter acre to the largest one of ten acres. Bob Pandey is instilling his many years of technical experience into the young staff.

The drainage program continues to progress and move forward. A 4,000 ft. section

of the Dellefield Ditch in Elyria Twp. has been cleaned and hydro-seeded. The ditch will be turned over to the Lorain County Engineer, who will mow and maintain the ditch in the future. The District is also set to begin the second phase of



2.5 mile Schroeder Ditch System which covers two townships and provides the primary drainage for the Lorain County Regional Airport will be completed by the fall. The technicians have spent a great deal of time in dealing with landowners and prep work prior to construction beginning. Pending our future budget and landowner cooperation, we have several ditches that will go through our program.

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# DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S COLUMN

BY: KARL SCHNEIDER



Now that wheat harvest has been completed it's time to start catching up on farm construction and maintenance projects. Here are a few general reminders concerning programs and conservation projects.

**GRASS WATERWAYS (New):** Waterways under construction need to be finished and seeded by either September 1 for larger waterways or September 7 for smaller waterways. We have moved these dates up from September 15 as they had been for years due to waterways failures. These new dates have worked out much better with significantly less erosion.



**GRASS WATERWAYS (Existing):** This is a good time to mow grass waterways and check for erosion and tile blow-outs. We have found out that the best way to eliminate the gully down the middle of the waterway is to fill these with stone (either field stone or #1 and 2's limestone).

**CRP FIELDS:** This is the allowable time for mowing fields enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Participants should have received a notice from the Farm Service Agency. Cool season grasses can be mowed prior to September 1 and warm season prairie grass prior to August 15.

**NEW CRP SEEDINGS:** CRP fields seeded to warm season grasses in 2007 can mow any time during the seeding year to control weeds and encourage the grasses. Remember that new warm season grasses are slow to start and may take 2-3 growing seasons to become fully established. I will try and get to your fields this fall and evaluate the stand.

**CLEARING WOODS/DRAINAGE WORK:** Remember that if you are doing any land clearing and/or drainage work, you need to let the FSA office know ahead of time. We need to check the field and the work to make sure there are not going to be any violations of the wetland-swampbuster rules of the 2002 Farm Bill.



We have run into several instances lately of drainage and clearing work being done in the wetlands areas without being checked. A request needs to be made at least 30 days in advance of this work so we have time to do a wetland determination. Often times there are areas that must be avoided. If we find these after the work has been done, it makes for a very uncomfortable situation for you and us.

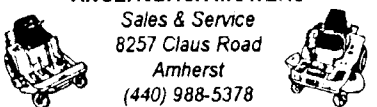
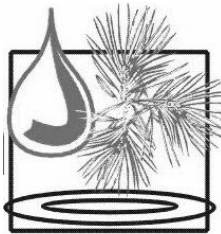


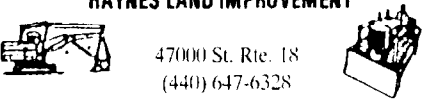





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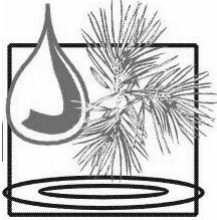
## **VIOLATION OF THE WETLAND RULES CAN CAUSE LOSS OF USDA FINANCIAL BENEFITS!!!**

**EQIP SIGNUP:** The Environmental Quality Incentive Program is getting quite popular. We wrote contracts for approximately \$200,000 of projects in 2007 and anticipate about the same in 2008. Signup will take place late fall and early winter. If you are interested, let me know so I can put you on the list.

Practices that are cost-shareable included: animal waste storage, (liquid and dry storage), (dry storage facilities and feedlots can be roofed), compost bins, pasture fencing, pasture improvement, watering facilities, streambank stabilization, erosion control practices, liquid fertilizer storage, access road, heavy use area protection, precision farming strip tillage, and a variety of other practices.

2007 cost share incentives were at a 65% rate for animal waste storage practices and 50% for everything else. This may change in 2008. Note that we do NOT offer cost share on machinery or general farm buildings.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



[DITCH QUESTIONS](#)

Call the office for ditch and drainage questions. We can make arrangements for a site visit. 440-326-5800

[SEALED BIDS](#)

The District is accepting sealed bids for the following:

[Ricoh Copier: Alficio 350](#)  
[Digital](#)

Please submit in a sealed envelope by Noon on September 17, 2007. The Lorain SWCD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

[FAIR](#)

The Lorain County Fair starts August 20th. Hope to see you in the Soil and Water barn!

[FALL FISH SALE](#)

The District will have a fall fish sale for those who need to restock their ponds. The date and time will be announced in the next newsletter

[HAVE YOU MOVED](#)

If you have moved, please call the District to update us on your new address at 440-326-5800.

[KEYS LEFT AT SPRING FISH SALE](#)

A set of keys on a yellow fob (including a John Deere key) was left in the office at the May fish sale.

[ANNUAL MEETING](#)

Tickets are available for the District's Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 8th, 5:00 p.m. at the Soil and Water Barn at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Reserve your tickets now!