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**SUMMER/ FALL 2014**

**LORAIN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING  
 IN COOPERATION WITH  
 LORAIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU  
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 4, 2014, 7:00PM  
 @ THE NEW NEW RUSSIA TWP HALL**

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.



**T**he Board of Supervisors will hold their annual meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014, in cooperation with the Lorain County Farm Bureau.

The election of two supervisors will take place from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with

dinner at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief business meeting, various awards, and scholarship presentations during the evening.

Tickets are \$13.00 each with dinner provided by Big Dog Catering. Tickets are on sale now through August 29—

*Use order form on the back page.*

**No** tickets will be sold at the door.

*Mark your calendar and plan to join us!*



**SUPERVISOR ELECTION**

**A**n election of two supervisors to the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be conducted at the annual meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at New Russia Township hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are three candidates vying for two seats on the Board: J. Lawry Babitt, Jessica Duplaga and John Grills. The two highest vote earners among them will be elected. Absentee ballots will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on August 14, 2014, and continuing until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the election. You may request your ballot in person, in writing or by calling the District office at 440-326-5800.

**FALL FISH SALE—  
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**STRAWBLOWER FOR RENT**

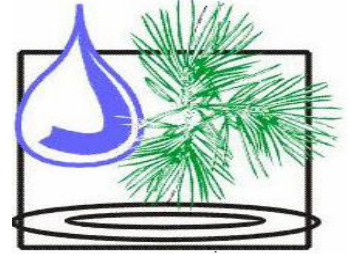
The Lorain SWCD has a straw-blower for rent that will make covering your new lawn or ditch seeding much easier. Minimum rental fee is \$50 per four meter hours. The blower uses 40-45 bales of straw per acre. The trailer requires a 2" ball hitch for pulling. Call the office to schedule a rental time.



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## LORAIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to the two Lorain SWCD poster contest winners sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)! Sarah Talmage was the 1st place winner and Isabelle Gianetti was the 2nd place winner. Their posters depicted the theme: "Dig Deeper: Mysteries in the Soil" and incorporated strong conservation messages. Thank you to the teachers in Lorain County who promoted the contest!

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Michaela Price from Wellington HS who was the recipient of the Joel McRoberts Memorial Scholarship. She will be attending Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in the fall to study Agricultural Communications. Zachary Jackson is the winner of the Joel McRobert's Continuing Education Scholarship. He is a student at the University of Northwestern Ohio studying Agricultural/Diesel Mechanics.

### Receive your newsletter by email

The District is finding ways to cut costs: If you would like to switch to the electronic version, please email [lconrad@loraincounty.us](mailto:lconrad@loraincounty.us) and we will send the next newsletter by email. Please include your mailing address so we can remove you from that

### ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Lorain County and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm, or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot.

There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: (1) at the annual meeting, which will take place at New Russia Twp. hall on September 4, 2014, with voting from 6-7:00 p.m.; (2) at the SWCD office until 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2014; or (3) vote absentee starting August 14, 2014, by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the SWCD office at the following address:  
*Lorain SWCD, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria OH 44035 440-326-5800*

Two (2) Supervisors will be elected. Nominees are:

1. J. Lawry Babitt
2. Jessica Duplaga
3. John Grills

## FALL FISH SALE

THURS., OCTOBER 9, 2014, 10:00-11:30 A.M.—AG CENTER PARKING LOT — 42110 RUSSIA RD, ELYRIA

The truck from Fender’s Fish Hatchery of Baltic, Ohio, will be here at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to distribute orders.

Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, Redear Shellcrackers, Flathead Minnows, and Triploid White Amur are available.

**On pick-up day, you will need to bring a container filled with your pond water to pick up your order**— approximately 5 gallons of water for each 100 fingerling size fish. We suggest using a trash can with a new plastic liner—then put in the pond water so the top of the bag can be tied shut for transportation. Remember, the Amur are 10-12” long and need a suitable container.

Triploid White Amur are stocked to control leafy pond vegetation. Algae is not a preferred food. Since the Amur were first stocked in Ohio the fall of 1987, you may need to replace your Amur. The life expectancy is in the 10 to 12 year range. Recommended stocking rates for the Amur are 2 to 5, per surface acre of water, based on how much weed cover is in the pond at its worst point over the summer.

Other stocking recommendations are 100 Largemouth Bass and 500 Bluegill per surface acre of pond area. Channel Catfish can also be stocked in ponds that are 1/2 acre or larger. Though they will not reproduce in a pond, they do provide excellent fishing. A 4—6” long Catfish stocked this fall will double in size by next spring.

### FISH SALE ORDER FORM

**Order deadline date: Monday, October 6, 2014**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Mail and return with payment to:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lorain SWCD

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

42110 Russia Road, Elyria, OH 44035

Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ County where Amur are stocked: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Species</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
Largemouth Bass	2-4 “	\$0.90	_____	_____
Bluegill	3-5 “	\$0.80	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	4-6 “	\$0.80	_____	_____
Redear Shellcracker	2-4”	\$0.90	_____	_____
Yellow Perch	4-6”	\$0.85	_____	_____
Flathead Minnow	per 100	\$7.00	_____	_____
Triploid White Amur	10-12 “	\$14.00	_____	_____

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

### BY: ROCEMI MORALES, RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST

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### **2014 Farm Bill streamlines, consolidates conservation programs**

The 2014 Farm Bill is streamlining key conservation programs while investing about \$18.7 billion in conservation programs offered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service over the next five years. The bill provides about \$3.4 billion for fiscal 2014 for NRCS-administered programs.

The bill streamlines some conservation programs and consolidates and expands conservation authorizes of NRCS.

The new Farm Bill is great for America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners as it continues, consolidates and expands the conservation opportunities that are available.

A comparison of programs included in the 2008 and 2014 bills is available in the NRCS website. Current contracts enrolled in Farm Bill programs are not affected.

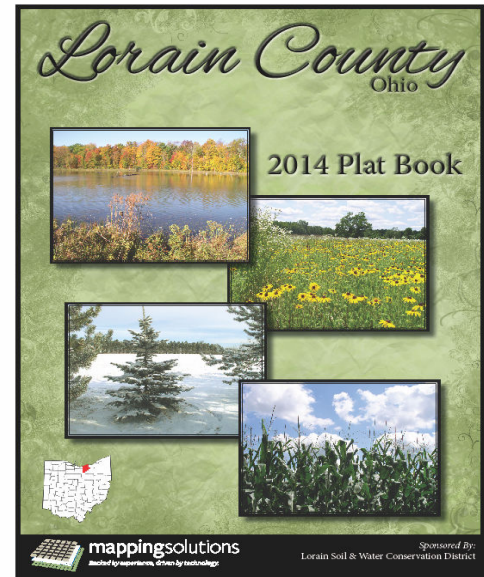
Key program changes include:

- Financial assistance programs: The Environmental Quality Incentives Program, or EQIP, will absorb the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and make similar practices available. The Conservation Stewardship Program and Agricultural Management Assistance will be continued.
- Easement programs: The agency's key easement programs will be merged into a new program called the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, or ACEP. ACEP includes the former Wetlands Reserve Program, Grasslands Reserve Program and Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program. Funding for wetland and grassland protection expired Sept. 30, 2013, and the 2014 Farm Bill reinstates funding for these critical efforts under ACEP.
- Partnership programs: The agency's regional conservation efforts have a home in a new program – the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, or RCPP. Critical conservation areas for this new program will be designated by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. NRCS will also select project areas at the state and national level.

To learn about technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted) or local USDA service center. For more on the 2014 Farm Bill, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/FarmBill](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/FarmBill).

## ITEMS FOR SALE

<b>Plat Books—2014 Edition</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Aerial Photocopies</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>USGS Topographic Maps</b>	<b>\$ 8.50</b>
<b>Nat Wetland Inventory Maps</b>	<b>\$ 2.50</b>
<b>Soil Survey CD</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Tree Marking Flags</b>	<b>\$ .15</b>
<b>Bluebird &amp; Wren Houses</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>
<b>Bat Box</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>
<b>Glass-Sided Bird Feeder</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Wood Duck Box</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>



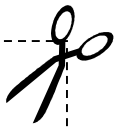
### Coming Together to Protect Water Quality 4R Tomorrow

Clean water is a cornerstone of our daily lives, not to mention important for Ohio's natural ecosystems and the wildlife. The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) launched the 4R Tomorrow program, with the assistance of the Ohio Soybean Council. The 4R Tomorrow program educates and promotes wise nutrient management to conserve water quality and soil health using the 4R nutrient stewardship principals and conservation practices— right fertilizer source, right rate, right time, and right placement -- and backyard conservation practices.

Examples of these practices include:

- Always choose a fertilizer that is phosphorus-free, unless a soil test shows a need for this nutrient.
- Feed your lawn in the spring and fall when the grass is actively growing.
- Set your mower at the highest setting. Taller grass is stronger grass. It builds deeper roots that enables the plant to find water and nutrients and better withstand periods of heat and drought.
- Use a mulching mower, so that grass clippings and leaves can be returned to the soil where they will break down and add natural nutrients and organic matter to the soil.
- Sweep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizer that land on driveways and sidewalks back onto the grass to help keep nutrients out of waterways.

The grass roots and soil microbes act as a natural water filter to capture and break down pollutants. Grass, trees, and plants in your lawn and community landscaping also keeps the soil in place, preventing erosion and absorbing water. Healthy grass can absorb most of the runoff from roofs, patios, driveways, sidewalks, and streets that would otherwise go directly into storm sewers, lakes, and streams. To learn more about 4R Tomorrow and the 4R nutrient stewardship principles go to [www.4RTomorrow.org](http://www.4RTomorrow.org)



# Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District

## Annual Meeting ~ Thurs., Sept. 4, 2014

### In cooperation with Lorain County Farm Bureau

### New Russia Twp. Hall, 46300 Butternut Ridge Rd., Oberlin

### Supervisor Election: 6:00—7:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

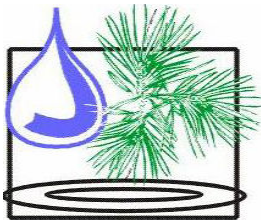
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For reservations: Please return this form to Lorain SWCD, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 or call the SWCD office at 440-326-5800 — Deadline is Fri., Aug. 29, 2014**



#### LORAIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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PH: 440-326-5800 Fax: 440-326-5807  
[www.lorainswcd.com](http://www.lorainswcd.com)

#### DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

- Will Schlechter— Chairman
- John Born— Vice-Chairman
- John Grills— Secretary
- Robert Ternes, Jr.— Treasurer
- Dean Rollin— Member

#### DISTRICT PERSONNEL

- Laurie Conrad—Secretary
- Sandy Denes—Administrative Assistant
- Tom Jones—Phase II Coordinator
- Bob Pandy—District Technician
- Karl Schneider—Natural Resources Coordinator

#### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

- Derrick Harmon—Lorain/Medina District Conservationist
- Rocemi Morales—Resource Conservationist
- Dale Barr—Soil Conservation Technician

#### LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Ted Kalo, Lori Kokoski, Tom Williams

#### Associate Members

- Ron Baumann
- Neil Breyley
- Dan Buttler
- Dave Conrad
- John Forthofer
- David Manning
- Alan Pitts