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WINTER 2008

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.



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LORAIN SWCD'S 2008 SEEDLING SALE

The 2008 Annual Conservation Seedling Sale is now underway at the Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District office. Wind-break stock can now be ordered. Reserve the items that you would like now. They will be ready for pick-up in time for spring planting. Orders are accepted on a first come, first serve basis since there are a limited number of each packet available.



Please check and inspect your order **before** you leave the pick-up point. Every effort is made to provide sound and healthy stock at pick-up. For best results and survival rates, seedlings should be planted as soon as possible after pick-up. No refunds will be made on orders not picked up. Do not call Grobe Fruit Farm.

Order pick-up dates are:

Friday, April 11, 2008

Noon to 6 p.m.

and

Saturday, April 12, 2008

9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Payment must accompany order.

Deadline date for ordering is

April 4, 2008.

Reminder post cards will be sent out one week prior to pick-up.

Pick-up is at Grobe Fruit Farm

43857 Telegraph Road (SR 113)

Elyria

The District reserves the right to make minor substitutions should an item not be available. Extra seedlings or packets will be for sale during pick-up times. All stock is inspected and offered without warranty.

Visit our web sight @ lorainswcd.com to print an order form and view the detailed description of each item being offered for sale. The detailed item descriptions can also be viewed at the office during working hours (Mon.—Fri. 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.).



ALL DRAINAGE AND LAND CLEARING WORK ON AGRICULTURAL LAND
STILL REQUIRES THAT THE SITE BE CHECKED FOR POTENTIAL WETLANDS.

Some farmers are thinking that wetlands and Swampbuster rules no longer apply to agriculture. This is **NOT** the case. Anybody who intends to do any of the following needs to have these areas checked for wetlands:

- Clearing land for new fields
- Installing tile in existing farm fields
- Clearing fencerows
- Draining wet spots
- Filling in wet spots or low areas
- Converting old pasture to cropland
- Replace tiles that have quit working through an area of standing water
- Etc.

Recently there were a number of potential violations locally that were able to be headed off at the last minute that could have created serious financial situation for the farmers. Don't assume that an area is not a wetland just because it doesn't have cattails growing in it. There are about a thousand other plants that are identified that can grow in wetland-type situations.

There have been several violations in adjoining counties where producers were cut off from farm payments until they restored the wetland. Don't get caught in this situation.

If you are planning on doing any of the above activities on agricultural land please let the Program Technicians at the Farm Services Agency know. They will mark the area for us to check. Don't risk your farm payments!

USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

For a detailed explanation of the cost-share program go to the Farm Bill tab on the SWCD website at www.lorainswcd.com

I have attempted to localize the USDA conservation cost-share program for Lorain County on the districts new website. Many people complained that the national sites didn't seem to explain how the process worked locally. Hopefully this will clear up some of the confusion. Let me know if you have questions.

2008 SEEDLING SALE

PKT		Species		Size	Cost
A	Each	White Pine	1 gal. pots		\$10.00
B	Each	Austrian Pine	1 gal. pots		10.00
C	Each	Norway Spruce	1 gal. pots		10.00
D	Each	Colorado Blue Spruce	1 gal. pots		10.00
E	Pkts of 5	White Pine	Seedlings	8-15"	5.00
F	Pkts of 5	Austrian Pine	Seedlings	10-18"	5.00
G	Pkts of 5	Scotch Pine	Seedlings	10-18"	5.00
H	Pkts of 5	Norway Spruce	Seedlings	12-18"	4.00
I	Pkts of 5	Colorado Blue Spruce	Seedlings	12-18"	4.00
J	Pkts of 5	American Arborvitae	Seedlings	12-18"	8.00
K	Pkts if 5	Douglas Fir	Seedlings	10-18"	5.00
L	Pkts of 5	Red Maple	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
M	Pkts of 5	Northern Red Oak	Seedlings	12-18"	8.00
N	Pkts of 5	White Flowering Dogwood	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
O	Pkts of 5	Butterfly Bush	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
P	Each	Mountain Blue Bachelor's Button	Pot		3.00
Q	Each	Black-Eyes Susan	Pot		3.00
R	Each	Ruby Bells Coral Bells	Pot		3.00
S	Each	Munstead English Lavender	Pot		3.00
T	Each	Arizona Sun Blanket Flower	Pot		3.00
U	Each	Snowmound Spirea	Pot		3.00
V		WILDLIFE PACKET—	Wildlife Pkt		17.00
		2 each—Amer. Cranberry	12-18"		
		2 each—Red Osier Dogwood	12-18"		
		2 each—Hazel Nut	12-18"		
		2 each—Shadblow Serviceberry	12-18"		
		2 each—Black Chokeberry	12-18"		
	Also available:	Bluebird House			8.00
		Wren House			8.00
		Bat Box			8.00
		Single Squirrel Feeder			8.00
		Double Squirrel Feeder			12.00
		Jar and Glass-Sided Bird Feeders			12.00
		Tree Planting Bars			25.00
		Tree Flags—\$.15 each	25/\$3.50	50/\$6.00	100/\$10.00
		Ohio Landscape Plants booklet	Reduced price:		1.00

Pines

Austrian Pine. Rugged, fast-growing. Tolerant of smoke, soot and salt. Dark green 4-6" long needles. 60 ft.



Scotch Pine. Fast growing. Pyramidal shaped. Short, bluish-green needles. Grows on most sites. 60 ft in height.

White Pine. Fast growing in a variety of soils. Soft, light green needles in clusters of five. Tolerates some shade. 80 ft.

Spruces

Colorado Blue Spruce. Dense, conical shape with short needles, dark green to deep blue. Prefers rich, moist soil in full sun. Medium growth. 100 ft.

Norway Spruce. Fast growing. Shiny green, short needles. Grows on most sites, except where soil is sour or water soaked. Full sun, grows to 100 ft.

Conifers

American Arborvitae. Dense, green pyramidal tree. Flat green, scale-like needles. Grows on most sites. Medium to fast growth. 40 to 60 feet.

Douglas Fir. Medium to fast growing. Dense, symmetrical shape with soft, short green needles. Prefers moist, well drained soil, good air circulation and full sun, grows to 50 ft.

Deciduous Trees

Red Maple. Dense green foliage, to reddish-brown in autumn. Does not do well in wet areas. A good lumber tree. To 75 ft.



Northern Red Oak. Moderate growing 60 to 70 feet with equal spread. Grows best in sand to rich loamy soil in full sun. Tolerates

moist soils.

Shade & Ornamental Trees, and Shrubs

White Flowering Dogwood. Grows to 40 feet. Dense green foliage. Bright red berries are food for birds. Does best in rich, moist soil. The White Dogwood is considered to be the best ornamental of all trees.

Butterfly Bush. Mature height of 6-8 feet with full sun. Vigorous growing deciduous shrubs producing long spikes of flowers July—September.

Flowers

Mountain Blue Bachelor's Button. Also known as Cornflower. Blooms are thistle-shaped, cornflower-blue in color. Perennial grows to 12-24 inches and spreads 18-24 inches. Blooms May through June and very drought tolerant. Attracts butterflies.



Black-Eyed Susan. Perennial. Bright gold, daisy-like

flowers with brown centers from mid-summer into fall. Compact growing habit. Prefers full sun and well drained soil. 24 to 30 inches tall.

Ruby Bells-Coral Bells. Compact, semi-evergreen growing to 12-18 inches, spreads 10-12 inches. Fragrant ruby red bell-shaped flowers May-August. Full sun to part shade.

Munstead English Lavender. The most compact form of lavender. Very aromatic, small bright lavender-blue flower spikes. Semi-evergreen, aromatic gray foliage retains its sweet fragrance for years when cut. Height 12 to 16 inches. Spread 12 to 24 inches. Excellent dried flower, cut flower, or can be used to make a low growing hedge. Attracts butterflies.

Arizona Sun Blanket Flower. Full sun, grows 10-12 inches and spreads 12-18 inches. Large 3-4 inch brightly colored daisy-like flowers, red with a bright yellow. Blooms June-September. Tolerant of dry, sandy, poor soil but well drained.

Snowmound Spirea—small ornamental shrub, maturing at about 5 ft tall by 5 ft. wide. Does best in full sun. Foliage is green to chartreuse in fall. Small clusters of berries in summer. Flowers in late May like a mound of snow.

Wildlife Packet

American Cranberry. Deciduous shrub can grow 7-10 ft with arching branches. Fall color ranges from yellow-red purple. Flowers white flat-topped clusters. Fruit is read in fall and important for winter wildlife.

Red Osier Dogwood. Can grow 6-12 feet, can be trimmed. White flowers in white and good for wildlife. Trigs are red in winter.



Hazel Nut. Fast growing 8-15 ft. Full sun with orange to yellow leaves in fall. Great for wildlife

Shadblow Serviceberry. Full sun to shade, grows 10-20 ft. White flowers in spring, yellow mix in fall. Berries late fall and winter for wildlife.

Black Chokeberry. Fast growing shrub 3-6 ft. Full sun to full shade with white flowers in spring. In fall blackish purple berry. Fall color attractive purplish red. Great for wildlife.

All descriptions for seedlings are on Lorain SWCD website.

www.lorainswcd.com

2008 SEEDLING SALE ORDER FORM

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

# of Pkts	Packet letter	Description	Price	Total
ORDER TOTAL:				

Order Deadline: April 4, 2008

Return this form with payment to:
 Lorain SWCD
 42110 Russia Road
 Elyria OH 44035-6813



OFFICE USE ONLY
 Date _____
 Rec. No. _____
 Check No. _____
 Cash _____ Other _____

WINTER MANURE APPLICATION

The regulars at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Department of Agriculture are looking at winter application of livestock manure on frozen and snow-covered ground. However, that option may be lost if livestock producers continue applying manure in conditions that allow runoff from the field. Best management practices can be used to minimize runoff from the field. USDA-NRCS has developed a Waste Utilization Standard 633 that outlines practices, which must be followed in order to minimize the runoff.

The following criteria must be met in order to apply manure on frozen and snow covered ground:

- Application rate is limited to 10 wet tons/acre for solid manure with more than 50% moisture, and 5 tons/acre for manure with less than 50% moisture. Liquid rate is limited to 5,000 gallons/acre.
- Applications are to be made on land with at least 90% surface residue cover.
- Manure shall not be applied to more than 20 contiguous acres. Contiguous areas of application must be separated by at least a 200 ft. filter strip.
- No manure applied within 200 ft. of all grassed waterways, surface drainage ditches, streams, surface inlets, and water bodies.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SEEDLING SALE PICK-UP

Fri., April 11th — Noon to 6 p.m.

Sat., April 12th — 9 a.m. to noon

FISH SALE

Mark your calendar for May 13, 2008, for fish pick-up at the District office. A newsletter and order form will follow this spring.

LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

The Lorain County Fair will open it's doors on Monday, August 18th. Hope to see you in the Soil & Water barn at the fair!

MCROBERT'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

A \$1,000 scholarship is available to a Lorain County student who is enrolled in a two or four year program in an agriculture or natural resources related field. An application form is available from the Lorain SWCD office or your high school guidance counselor and need to be returned to the Lorain SWCD by the April 30, 2008 deadline.

A \$1,000 Continuing Education



scholarship is now available to a Lorain County student is continuing their education in a two or four year program in an agriculture or natural resources related field. Application forms are available at the office and need to be returned by the July 31, 2008 deadline.