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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 2009 SEEDLING SALE

The 2009 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 date is:

One day only

Friday, April 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Payment must accompany order.

Deadline date for ordering is

April 10, 2009.

Pick-up is at Grobe Fruit Farm
43857 Telegraph Road (SR 113)
Elyria

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

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 website @ 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.).

District
Conservationist's
Column



USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAM SIGNUP

At this time we are unsure of what programs will be conducted for landowner signup for 2009 funding. The 2008 Farm Bill re-authorized most of the USDA conservation programs but at this time the scope of these for the coming year is not clear. Below is a summary of current USDA conservation cost-share programs and their status.

At a minimum, we anticipate a late winter/early spring application period for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). In the past EQIP has provided incentives for waste storage structures, erosion control practices, precision farming, grassland management, fencing and other livestock practices. Funding varies by practice but generally covers 50-75% of cost of construction. Interested participants must be USDA "program eligible" and have a minimum of \$1000 of agricultural income annually.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is administered by the Farm Services Agency. At this time a whole field-whole farm signup has not been announced. However under their continuous signup, landowners can apply for filter strips, grass waterways, windbreaks and wetlands to be entered into 10-15 year contracts. Eligible land must have certified crop history 4 out of 6 years between 1996 to 2001. Land entered in CRP is removed from crop production, planted to grass and/or trees and left idle. Under most circumstances removal of crops is prohibited.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is a component of CRP and allows extra incentive for construction of wetlands and establishing windbreaks and general tree plantings along rivers, stream and ditches. CREP is available now.

The Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) is also uncertain at this time. WHIP provides incentives for the construction/installation of practices that improve wildlife habitat. Incentive levels can be up to 75%. WHIP funds can be used just about anyplace that has habitat potential.

NOTE: All of these programs are for private lands. Cost share incentives are based on statewide costs. Contact our office or visit the lorainswcd.com website for additional information.

On a personal note I would like to wish Bob Pandy a long and prosperous retirement. Bob has been a staple at our office for the 26 years that I have been here. He has been the primary designer of conservation practices in Lorain County for almost 35 years. Anybody who installed a pond, waterway, tile system, waste storage structure, erosion control structure or wetlands in Lorain County had a plan with Bob's name on it. He was a "Master of the Drafting Table". His retirement will leave us with a huge hole in our staff that our young technicians will try to fill. We will all miss his knowledge, his spirit, his dedication and especially his "laugh". Good luck Bob! You have done a lot of good for Lorain County. You have made it a better place.

2009 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	12-18"	7.00
F	Pkts of 5	Austrian Pine	Seedlings	10-20"	7.00
G	Pkts of 5	Scotch Pine	Seedlings	10-20"	7.00
H	Pkts of 5	Norway Spruce	Seedlings	12-20"	7.00
I	Pkts of 5	Colorado Blue Spruce	Seedlings	10-18"	7.00
J	Pkts of 5	American Arborvitae	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
K	Pkts if 5	Douglas Fir	Seedlings	10-18"	7.00
L	Pkts of 5	Scarlet Maple	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
M	Pkts of 5	Pin Oak	Seedlings	12-18"	7.00
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	Early Sunrise Coreopsis	Pot		3.00
Q	Each	Super Enorma Mix English Daisy	Pot		3.00
R	Each	Munstead English Lavender	Pot		3.00
S	Each	Arizona Sun Blanket Flower	Pot		3.00
T	Each	Dragons Blood Sedum	Pot		3.00
V		WILDLIFE PACKET—	Wildlife Pkt		17.00
		2 each—Magenta Crabapple	12-18"		
		2 each—Red Osier Dogwood	12-18"		
		2 each—American Hazelnut	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

Scarlet Maple. Rapid grower in wide range of soil conditions. Bright red flowers in spring followed by yellow to scarlet leaves in fall. Can grow to 40-60 ft.



Pin Oak. A fast growing tree prefers somewhat moist soil. Bright green leaves followed by yellow to radiant red in fall. Can grow to 75-80 ft.

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.

Perennials



Early Sunrise Coreopsis. Large golden-yellow, semi-double blooms reach a height of 18-24"; spreads 12 inches. Blooms for several weeks starting in June thru

September. Grows easily in any garden soil, but prefers a rich, moist soil. Attracts butterflies.

Super Enorma Mix English Daisy. Dark green basal leaves form a low clump that spreads horizontally approx. 12 inches. Very large daisy-like, fully double 3" flowers in shades of red, peach, rose, pink & white in early April thru June. The profuse flowers form a 6-8" high colorful carpet. Plant in full sun or partial 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 yel-

low. Blooms June-September. Tolerant of dry, sandy, poor soil but well drained.

Dragons Blood Sedum. Commonly known as Stonecrop. Low growing succulent ground cover 4-6 " in height. Spreads 12-16". The thick, flesh deep green leaves have a reddish-bronze tinted margin. Blood red flowers cover the foliage early to late summer, lasting through autumn. Plant in sun or partly shaded area.

Wildlife Packet

Magenta Crabapple

A USDA selection with pink flowers followed by small dark red fruits. Foliage is magenta colored. Excellent for wildlife plantings.



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

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

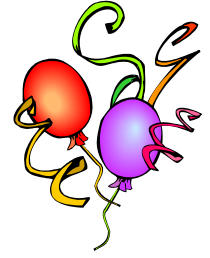
Shadblow Serviceberry. Full sun to shade, grows 10-20 ft. White flowers in spring, yellow mix in fall. Berries late fall and winter for wildlife.

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

BOB PANDY RETIRES...



Robert Pandy, long-time technician with the Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District, will be hanging up his field boots one last time on February 27, 2009, and will retire from a long and distinguished career.

Bob has been working with the Lorain SWCD since 1974, completing almost 35 years of public service to farmers and landowners of Lorain County.

Bob interacted with a lot of people in his time including landowners, staff and SWCD supervisors. He has been here for over half the time that the SWCD has been in existence. We can look around the county and see numerous conservation practices that he was part of including ponds, ditches, waterways, livestock structures, and a variety of ones we don't like to talk about. These practices represent a lifetime of work and have had considerable impact on improving our environment.

Bob is an "old school" conservationist. He still used the drafting table instead of the computer for drawing plans. He doesn't use a cell phone much. He prefers the field over the office and doesn't really much like paperwork. (He still doesn't have a computer or cell phone of his own). Times are changing and he knows it's time to turn the reigns over to the young technicians.

Bob will be retiring to his farm in Pittsfield Township. He is looking forward to taking care of all the things that need done.

Don't forget about us Bob and stop by once in a while. You know we will call occasionally and ask your opinion. (We would like to "download" all the conservation knowledge in your brain but I guess they don't make a computer that big yet)!

Good luck Bob and enjoy your retirement. You deserve it.



**Open House for
BOB PANDY'S RETIREMENT**

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

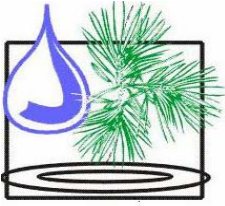
1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Please join us in wishing Bob

A fond farewell...

Refreshments will be served

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SEEDLING SALE PICK-UP

Friday, April 17th

9:00 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

(Note: 1 day only pick-up time)

24th. Hope to see you in the Soil a Soil & Water barn at the fair!

FISH SALE

Mark your calendar for May 12, 2009, 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

MCRBERT'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 agricultural 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, 2009 deadline.

A \$1,000 Continuing Education scholarship is also offered. Applications are available at the office and are due July 31, 2008.