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WINTER/ SPRING 2010

LORAIN SWCD'S 2010 SEEDLING SALE

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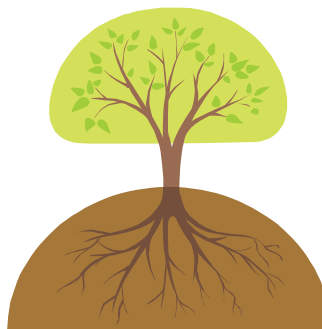
The Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve the natural resources and environment in Lorain County.



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The 2010 Annual Conservation Seedling Sale is now underway at the Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District office. Windbreak 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 16, 2010

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Payment must accompany order.

Deadline date for ordering is

April 13, 2010.

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.

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

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 (Monday.—Thursday. 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.).

District
Conservationist's
Column



Wetland Reserve Program

NRCS is currently accepting applications for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

WRP is a protection program that involves the restoration of previously drained or destroyed wetlands. Approved areas will be set aside as federal easements for either 30 years or perpetually. USDA will make one-time payments for restoration and cost of the easement.

The WRP is currently being expanded in Ohio with federal funding earmarked to enroll 35,000 acres over the next three years. Currently about 15,000 acres are enrolled as easements throughout the state.



Land eligible for WRP includes agricultural fields, pasture, recently constructed wetlands and drained woodlands. Areas must include wetland-type soils (hydric) in order to be eligible and restoration must take place. Minimum size contract is 10 acres. Agricultural land will be removed from production

⇒ **Existing natural wetlands are not eligible for enrollment.**

WRP also has a stream component that allows riparian areas along perennial flowing watercourses to be enrolled.

Additional information is available at www.lorainswcd.com. Follow the links to the USDA-NRCS/Farm Bill/WRP. State and national links are also available through this site.

All applicants must establish program eligibility in order to enter applications. Contact the NRCS office at 440-326-5800 for additional information.

The Wetland Reserve Program is not for everybody. The primary issue most people have with the program is being part of a 30 year or perpetual easement, which is held by USDA. If this is not a major concern to you, then WRP may be of interest to you. If so, give me a call and we can discuss program details and whether or not you may be eligible.

WRP is a great alternative to wet fields where drainage improvements are expensive or impractical.



JOEL MCROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Joel McRoberts Memorial Scholarship was created in 1998 in memory of Joel, District Technician with the Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District for 20 years. Joel died in 1997 of leukemia. The scholarship was created at the request of his widow Connie McRoberts, of Litchfield.

The scholarship is available to any student in Lorain County who will be majoring in an agriculture or natural resources management related field at any two or four year college. They must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Originally, the scholarship started at \$500 per student and was increased to \$1000 a few years later. Recently the scholarship has been expanded to include two awards annually. This now includes one for an incoming freshman and one for any current college student with at least one year completed.

With the generosity of the individuals in Lorain County the scholarship has grown with time.

Joel McRoberts was a big supporter of agriculture and higher education. Although he never attended college, he understood the value of education and always encouraged students to further their education and better themselves.

Joel was devoted to farming and the farmers in Lorain County. He had a deep appreciation of our natural resources and their protections. This memorial scholarship is administered in his honor.



JOEL McROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered by the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00. High school seniors (Lorain county residents) who will enroll in an agricultural or natural resource related two or four-year course of study are eligible to apply. **Application deadline is April 30, 2010.**

JOEL McROBERTS CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered by the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District. The scholarship amount is \$1,000.00. Applicants (Lorain county residents) must be enrolled as a full-time student in a two or four-year course of study, in an agricultural or natural resource related field. **Application deadline is July 31, 2010.**

Applications can be requested by visiting the lorainswcd.com website, from your high school guidance counselor, from the Lorain SWCD office, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH, 44035, or by calling the office at (440) 326-5800.



Pines

Austrian Pine. Graceful very hardy, rapid growing evergreen with rugged horizontal branches. Endures heat and cold, is tolerant of dust and smoke, and grows well in a variety of soils. Ideal for ornamental single specimen planting; good for Christmas trees, windbreak, and soil erosion control.



Eastern White Pine. A majestic evergreen beauty when planted as a single specimen tree, this very hardy pine grows stately and gracefully tall. Needles are soft and bluish-green in color. Bark is thin, smooth and greenish-brown, turning darker as trees mature. With adequate moisture, growth can be 12" to 18" per year. Ideal for specimen planting, shade windbreaks and appealing Christmas trees.

Spruces

Colorado Blue Spruce. Dense, conical shape with short needles, dark green to deep blue. Prefers rich, moist soil in full sun. Medium growth to 100 feet. *Note from nursery:* All Colorado Blue Spruce offered is bed run. The seed we plant is of the finest quality from dependable sources. Color in Colorado Blue Spruce is influenced by spacing and soil fertility. We make no representation as to percentage of blue trees. Bed run—green to blues.

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

Fraser Fir. A medium-sized pyramidal growing fir of great beauty. Good for ornamentals and Christmas trees. Pre-



fers cool soils and a north exposure.

Deciduous Trees

Red Oak. Select strain, collected from genetically superior specimens in Northwest Pennsylvania. Fast-growing oak, maturing with a broad round head, leaves turning a red to reddish-brown in Autumn. Will tolerate a wide range of soil types from acid to alkaline. Mature height 75 to 80 feet.

Sugar Maple. A hardy shade tree with dark green foliage that turns shades of red and orange in fall. Mature height 60 to 70 feet.

Shade & Ornamental Trees, and Shrubs



Eastern Redbud. Vase shaped tree with purplish pink flowers that bloom in spring. Green foliage turns yellow in fall. Height 20 to 30 feet; width 25 to 35 feet.

Kousa Dogwood. Grows to 40 feet. Dense green foliage. Bright red berries are food

Roselow Sargent Crab. A USDA release; matures to around 8 feet high by 10 feet wide, white fragrant flowers, bearing dark red fruit.

Perennials

Daylily, Stella D'Oro. A wonderful repeat blooming dwarf daylily. Golden yellow flowers with darker throat all summer. Height 12 inches. Organic, well drained soil. These are neat, compact plants and make wonderful low borders; space 1 foot apart.

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.

Flamenco red Hot Poker. Also known as Torchlily. This plant sports fiery-red, vivid orange, soft yellow flower spikes arranged in a bottle-brush shaped head. Flowers bloom atop long straight 2 feet stocks. Spreads 18 to 24 inches. This variety blooms June through September, four weeks earlier than standard Red Hot Pokers. This plant requires good drainage, yet appreciates a good supply of moisture when blooming. Planting before mid summer is recommended. This plant creates a tropical look to your garden. Perfect for cut flowers, borders and hummingbirds love it!

Zebra Grass. An exotic looking warm season grass growing to a height of 4 to 7 feet.

Spread 3 to 5 feet. Distinctive yellow and green banded grass blades. In late summer silvery white plumes appear. Prefers well drained soil. Very tolerant of heat and humidity. Dramatic as a mass planting or grouping. Low maintenance eye-catching accent.



Dwarf Fountain Grass. This dense, compact mounding grass has gracefully curved foliage that radiates out from a central point. Narrow, rich green, glossy leaves grow only to a height of 24 to 30 inches with comparable spread.

All descriptions for seedlings are on Lorain SWCD website.

www.lorainswcd.com

2010 SEEDLING SALE ORDER FORM

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

# of pkts	# per packet	Name	Size	Cost	Total
	5 seedlings	Eastern White Pine	10-16"	\$7.00	
	5 seedlings	Austrian Pine	10-20"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Norway Spruce	12-14"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Colorado Blue Spruce	10-18"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Fraser Fir	12-20"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Red Oak	12-18"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Sugar Maple	12-18"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Eastern Redbud	12-18"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Kousa Dogwood	12-18"	7.00	
	5 seedlings	Roselow Sargent Crab	12-18"	7.00	
	each	Stella D'Oro Daylily	pot	3.00	
	each	Munstead Eng. Lavender	pot	3.00	
	each	Red Hot Poker Flamenco	pot	3.00	
	each	Zebra Grass	pot	3.00	
	each	Dwarf Fountain Grass	pot	3.00	
				TOTAL	\$

Also available for purchase the day of pick-up: Bluebird & wren houses, bat boxes, single & double squirrel feeders, jar & glass-sided bird feeders, Ohio Landscape Plants booklet & tree flags.

Order Deadline: April 13, 2010

Return this form with payment to:

Lorain SWCD

42110 Russia Road

Elyria OH 44035-6813

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date _____ Rec. No. _____

Check No. _____ Cash _____

STRAW BLOWER FOR RENT

Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District has received a grant from the 2009 Great Lakes Basin Commission for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control grant. We were able to purchase a commercial Tailgate Straw-Mulcher to rent to landowners in Lorain County. The mulcher is designed for all mid to large-scale commercial and residential jobs with a capacity of shooting up to seven tons of straw per hour and shooting up to 35 feet out. The blower/mulcher is mounted on a trailer for easy transportation.



- A cash deposit of \$100.00 is required prior to use.
- Rental fee is a minimum of \$50.00 per half-day rental (4 hours or less). Time over four (4) hours will be billed at \$15.00 per meter hours
- Payment for rental is cash or check.
- Renter **must** present a copy of their homeowner's insurance for equipment use. This copy will stay with the rental agreement. Blower is **not** covered by renter's insurance.
- Overnight usage – renter must arrange in advance. The fee is \$100.00 plus a \$15.00 per hour charge.

Call the District office for more information on rental 440-326-5800.



This grant is to help prevent erosion and sediment control to local drainage ways and is partially funded through a grant provided by the Great Lakes Basin Commission with funds from the United States Department of Agriculture



*The Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District sincerely thanks the
Lorain County Commissioners for their funding support and
Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Ohio Soil and Water Commission and Ohio Department of Natural Resources
And the Residents of Lorain County*

POND WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 13

5:00–6:00 registration

6:00–7:30 p.m. workshop

Lorain County

Agricultural Center

42110 Russia Rd, Elyria

\$10.00 registration fee

The presenter will be Steve Fender from Fender's Fish Hatcheries in Baltic, Ohio. Steve is the author of the book "Farm Pond Management" (The Common Sense Guide, Vol. I). The book will be available for purchase that evening for \$20.00.

Some of the topics that will be covered are: vegetation control, stocking and harvesting, aeration and anything pond related.

Room size limits attendance to



50 people. Please call in your reservation by:

Monday, April 12

to the District office: 440-326-5800. The registration fee is \$10 and can be paid the night of the workshop.



FISH SALE

We are taking orders for fingerling-size fish for stocking your ponds.

TUESDAY

MAY 11, 2010

10:00 AM–11:30 AM

AG CENTER PARKING LOT

42110 RUSSIA ROAD

The truck from Fender's Fish Hatchery of Baltic, Ohio, will be here for delivery on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to distribute orders.

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

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 trash bag—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 Blue-

gill per surface acre of pond area. Yellow Perch and Redear Sunfish (Shellcrackers) can be stocked at the same rate as Largemouth Bass. 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. The stocking rate is 50 per surface acre of pond area. A 4–6" long Catfish stocked this spring will double in size by next spring.

Order Deadline:

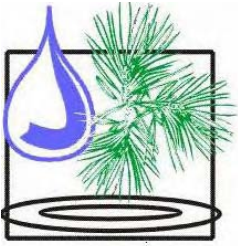
Friday, May 7, 2010

Remember to enclose payment with your order.

Order form

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FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Order deadline date: Friday, May 7, 2010

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone # (required): _____

County where Amur are stocked: _____

Mail and return with payment to:

Lorain SWCD

42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH 44035

<u>Species</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u># ordered</u>	<u>\$ Total</u>
Largemouth Bass	2-4 "	\$0.85	_____	_____
Bluegill	3-5 "	\$0.75	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	4-6 "	\$0.80	_____	_____
Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker)	2-4"	\$0.90	_____	_____
Yellow Perch	4-6"	\$0.75	_____	_____
Flathead Minnow	per 100	\$7.00	_____	_____
Triplod White Amur	10-12 "	\$13.00	_____	_____

TOTAL \$ _____