

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 SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHO ARE WE ?

WHAT DO WE DO?

WHERE DO WE DO IT?



Office Location:

Lorain County Agricultural Center
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What We Do

Provide technical assistance to individuals, groups and units of government in Lorain County for the management of natural resources including soil, water, forest and other related issues.

Technical Programs

- On-site technical assistance to farmers & landowners for a variety of soil, water, & related natural resource topics such as drainage, erosion control, water quality improvement, forestry, wildlife management, etc...
- Planning and survey design for conservation practices such as grassed waterways, filter strips, wetlands, erosion control structures, animal waste systems, composting facilities, high tunnel structures, fertilizer containment & chemical storage facilities (these practices are generally done thru NRCS with SWCD assistance)
- Pond assistance to local townships was suspended in January 2012 due to lack of funding for personnel (this program is on hold indefinitely)
- Subdivision reviews in unincorporated areas
- Agricultural Pollution Abatement Program
- USDA Programs -
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
 - Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
 - Wetland Reserve Enhancement (WRE)
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

NPDES—Phase II

County Erosion & Sediment Control & Stormwater Ordinance enforcement; soil erosion control & stormwater evaluation assistance for housing sites, commercial construction & lot splits; education assistance to the public on stormwater issues in Lorain County.

District Programs in Lorain County

- Annual Seedling Sale
- Spring & Fall Fish Sales for Pond Stocking
- County Fair Judging and Display
- Yearly Rainfall Summary
- Joel McRoberts Memorial Scholarships
- Area 2 Envirothon
- NACD Poster Contest
- Chronicle Telegram Monthly Column
- Lorain County Big Tree Contest/Photo Contest

Sale Items

The District has various items available for purchase including Lorain County plat books (2023 edition), Bluebird, Wren & Bat Boxes, Lorain County Soil Survey CD's, USGS Topographic and National Wetland Inventory Maps and historical aerial photocopies. There is also a straw mulcher available for rent. See our website for more info & pricing: <https://www.lorainswcd.com/>

SWCDs are legal entities of the State of Ohio and are administered by a board of five supervisors who serve three-year staggered terms. Technical, educational, and program development support is provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The Lorain SWCD Board of Supervisors meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month with the Annual Meeting held in September each year. All meetings are open to the public.