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Tree Order Forms Are Now Available

The 2019 Tree Order Forms are now available in the office. The species available are: American Arborvitae, Austrian Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Eastern White Pine, Norway Spruce, Eastern Red Cedar. Also American Cranberry, Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Common Lilac, Red Bud, Red Maple, Swamp White Oak, Sweet Gum, and White Flowering Dogwood. The seedlings are packaged in packets of ten.

Again being offered are four semi dwarf fruit tree varieties: Honeycrisp apple, Gala apple, Red Haven peach, and Bartlett pear. The fruit trees are individually ordered and are 4' to 6' in height with a trunk diameter of 5/8". The apple trees require a pollinator.

Two seed packets are offered. America Wildflower and Butterfly/Hummingbird blend.



The Wildflower seed contains 12 different annual and 17 different perennial species adapted for this area. The Butterfly/ Hummingbird blend contains 18 different annual and 5 different perennial varieties. Each 1 ounce packet will cover approximately 300 square feet.

This program is open to the public and orders will be accepted until March 15, 2019. Payment is required when orders are placed. There is no warranty or guarantee on the seedlings.

Orders will be available for pickup from the office the week of April 17 & 18, 2019. Post cards will be mailed with information on the specific delivery date and time.

Stop in the office if you have questions or need help in developing a planting plan for a windbreak. Pictures and species information are available.

The SWCD has a Facebook page at :

Van Wert Soil & Water Conservation District

Check it out !

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- ◇ TREE ORDERS ARE BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 15, 2019
- ◇ FISH ORDER FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE

Habitat Grant Available From Pheasants Forever

By: Steve Brown, P.F. Biologist

A grant is available through the Black Swamp Pheasants Forever Chapter #260, for landowners taking part in establishing pollinator/wildlife habitat on their property.

With the purpose of assisting landowners wishing to establish native habitat for wildlife and pollinating insects, the Black Swamp Pheasants Forever Chapter #260 is offering a one-time completion grant of

\$200.00 per acre with a maximum of 5 acres. Grant incentive funds are limited by the Chapter at \$5,000 per year and are offered on a "first come, first served" basis. The payment will be paid to the landowner by Black Swamp Pheasants Forever once the project has been completed according to the proposed plan. Land that is not eligible for Farm Bill funding such as CRP will be considered in this

grant opportunity. Landowners assisted through this grant must agree to maintain the habitat for 5 years.

Please contact Steve Brown, Pheasants Forever Wildlife Biologist, at our office on 1185 Professional Dr., Van Wert or call 419-327-7349 for additional information and/or application forms. Steve may also be reached via email at: sbrown@pheasantsforever.org.

Fish Fingerlings for Sale

The SWCD will be taking orders for fish fingerlings soon. The types of fish available are: largemouth bass, blue gill, channel catfish, minnow, and white amur. The bass, blue gill, and channel catfish are available in lots of 25, the minnow in lots of 100 (500 min) and the white amur are ordered individually (2 min).

The fish sale is an opportunity for pond owners to stock or restock the ponds at a reasonable cost.

Orders will be accepted until April 24. Payment is expected when placing the order. The fish will be delivered to the SWCD office on Monday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.

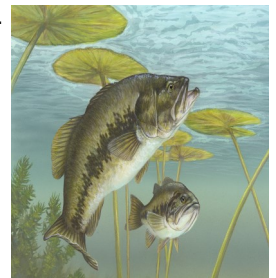
Stocking recommendations for a one acre pond are:

- ✧ 100 largemouth bass
- ✧ 500 blue gill
- ✧ 100 channel catfish
- ✧ 500-1000 fat head minnow

White amur recommendations are based on the amount of weed cover in the pond. If the

pond has 20-40% vegetation the recommendation is 10 amur; above 40% weed cover the recommendation is 15 amur.

Orders will be boxed and ready at the time of delivery. Order forms are available in the office or on the website.



Pardon The MESS !!!

Our building is undergoing a building project, so for the next couple of months we would like to let you know that we **ARE** open, but it may be a bit messier than usual. Check the SWCD/NRCS door if there is an alternate entrance to get to the our offices. The SWCD and NRCS will be located in the current location. However the

Farm Service Agency will be to the north of us in the addition.

We have been informed by the building owner the timeline for completion is the middle to end of February.



Winter Manure Application

With the winter season upon us, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation would like to remind producers and nutrient applicators of laws and restrictions on manure application.

Ohio Senate Bill 1 clarifies and enhances the restrictions on manure application within the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB).

Application restrictions in the WLEB include:

- On snow-covered or frozen soil;
- When the top 2 inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation;

- When the local weather forecast for the application area contains greater than fifty percent chance of precipitation exceeding one-half inch in a 24-hour period. o Applicators are responsible for checking and keeping forecast information before application. Any source of weather prediction is acceptable.

Restrictions do not apply if:

- The manure is injected into the ground;
- Manure is incorporated with 24 hours of surface application, using a tillage tool operated at a minimum of 3-4 inches deep;
- The manure is applied onto a growing crop;

- The chief of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation has provided written consent for an emergency application. Contact the division in case of an emergency.

Producers are reminded to use best management practices when applying manure and follow USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide Standard 590.

For more information about manure application, producers and applicators can contact the ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation at 614-265-6610 or dswc@agri.ohio.gov.

Minimum Setback Distances for the Application of Manure and Other Organic By Products ^{5/, 6/}

Type of Sensitive - Setback Area	Setbacks Based on Methods of Manure Application		
	Surface Application	Winter Application Frozen or Snow Covered Soils ^{7/}	Surface Incorporation W/ 24 Hours OR Direct Injection
Residences / Private Wells down slope from the application area.	100 ft.	200 ft.	100 ft.
- Sinkholes	300 ft.		100 ft.
- Pond or Lake	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , with the remaining 100 ft. setback in non-vegetative Setback ^{2/}	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , with the remaining 200 ft. setback in non-vegetative Setback ^{2/}	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/}
- Streams - Ditches - Surface Inlets	- 35ft. Vegetative Barrier ^{1/} , OR - 100 ft. setback in non-vegetative Setback, OR - 35 ft. in non-vegetative setback ^{3/}	200 ft.	None
Grassed Waterway	35 ft.	200 ft.	None
Field Surface Drains	35 ft. ^{4/}	200 ft.	None
Public Wells	300 ft.	300 ft.	100 ft.
Developed Springs	300 ft. upslope	300 ft. upslope	300 ft. upslope
Public Surface Drinking Water Intake	300 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.

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Upcoming 2019 Dates ~

January 1	New Year's Day—Holiday
January 2	Tree Seedling Sale Begins
January 9	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
January 16	Park District Board Meeting—2 PM
January 21	MLK Day—Holiday
February 13	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
February 18	President's Day—Holiday
February 20	Park District Meeting—2 PM
February 25-26	OFSWCD Annual Mtg in Columbus
March 13	SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
March 15	End of tree sale
March 20	Park District Meeting—2 PM