



CALENDAR	
March 9	Williams SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
March 13	Soil Health Workshop
March 28	Tree Seedling Sale
March 28	Maple Syrup Festival
April 13	Williams SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
April 20	Pond Clinic
April 23	Electronics Recycling Event

POND CLINIC

Pond Clinic is Monday, April 20, in the Williams SWCD meeting room starting at 5:00 p.m. with a hot dog roast. Have all your questions answered on managing your pond, weed and algae control, fish management and anything else from Steve Fender, Fenders Fish Hatchery.

TREE SEEDLINGS FOR SALE

Tree seedlings can still be ordered from the Williams SWCD through March 27. This year the District is offering Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Arborvitae, Flame Maple, Northern Red Oak, and American Redbud. A ‘backyard pack’ is also available which includes 2 each of Flame Maple, Northern Red Oak, American Redbud, and 2 evergreens. There are a limited number of 4 to 5-foot tall root bag trees of Canada Red Chokecherry, October Glory Maple, and Princeton American Elm. Call the office for a tree sale form or visit the website. Trees can be ordered online this year by visiting the website.

FISH SALE

The Williams SWCD is taking orders for the annual Fish Sale through April 24. A number of fish are available to purchase to stock your pond. Fish pick up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. For questions or an order form, call the office.

# Williams Soil & Water Conservation District



Mission Statement

Provide education and services that will improve the stewardship and management of our soil, air, water, plant and animal resources.

About us

The Williams Soil and Water Conservation District was established in 1947 and is locally led by a volunteer, elected 5-member board who serve three-year terms. The 2020 Board of Supervisor members are Bob Short, Kevin Miller, Jon Hake, Otis Sloan, and Adam Perry. The overall mission of Williams SWCD is to promote the use of local natural resources for economic purposes, including agriculture, in a sustainable manner that also protects the environment. The Williams SWCD helps residents, landowners, businesses, and communities use, conserve, and protect the county’s soil, water, and land resources. The staff includes Chris Dancer, District Administrator; Bert Brown, District Technician; Anne Marie Michaels, Outreach & Education Coordinator; Manuel Lay, District Technician; Mary McCann, Administrative Assistant; and Reba Wicker, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician.

The Williams SWCD each year assists landowners in placing conservation practices onto their land, renting tillage equipment, educating adults and children by holding workshops and teaching in the schools, holding the annual tree seedling and fish sale, hosting a pond clinic and annual Field Technology Day, helping with the Maple Syrup Festival, along with many other services. Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. except for the following: September and October, which will be September 9 and October 13. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call ahead to be placed on the agenda.



Vision Statement

A leader in the community providing assistance to improve our land and water resources through educational programs, technical services and innovative practices to promote harmony among a diverse population.

## Maple Syrup Festival



Come see the portable sawmill demonstration by King Lumber. Talk with representatives from the Northwest Ohio Woodland Owners Association and Northwest Ohio Loggers Chapter and see samples of native hardwoods and more. Do you have tree and forestry questions? Then ask Daniel Bartlett or Don Schmenk with the Ohio Division of Forestry. Daniel will be found at the Williams Soil & Water Conservation District’s annual tree seedling sale.

Talk with Tim Sanders, a local taxidermist, and Joe Blosser, hunter and trapper, and see their magnificent exhibits of pelts and animal mounts. Events will also include learning everything about bees and beekeeping from Bethany Carlson and seeing and touching live reptiles and amphibians, learning about wildlife and programs from the Division of Wildlife, asking the Division of Wildlife Private Lands Biologist your questions, getting updates on the restoration and hunting of

wild turkeys from Jim Leffel, National Wild Turkey Federation. Talk with Jamie Walters, 2017 Ohio State Beekeeper of the Year, and members from the Black Swamp Beekeepers Association, about everything bees including honeybee knowledge, planting for pollinators, healthy colonies & more.

Representatives from the Williams County Master Gardeners and Montpelier Tree Commission will have interactive and educational displays and will be available to answer your questions.

A Sauder Village Natives & Newcomers representative will be available to teach how the Native Americans made sap into syrup and sugar blocks and children can experience a wigwam.

Bring your family and friends to the Williams County Fairgrounds in Montpelier on Saturday, March 28, for a fun-filled morning while enjoying “real” maple syrup, pancakes and sausage, seeing how maple syrup is made, plus loads of woodland and wildlife fun! There is no charge for the events or entry to the fairgrounds. There is only a charge for the breakfast.

This event is being sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Maple Syrup Producers, Williams County Fair Foundation, Williams County Fair Board, Williams Soil and Water Conservation District, and The Ohio State University Extension of Williams County.

If you would like more information, contact the Williams Soil and Water Conservation District at 419-636-9395 Ext. 3 or visit northwestohiomaplesyrupproducers.com.

## Tri-County Soil Health Workshop

You are invited to the second ‘Tri-County Soil Health Workshop’ to be held Friday, March 13, at the Kissell Community Building in West Unity, Ohio, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This workshop is sponsored by Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Hillsdale CD, and Williams SWCD.

This year there will be three dynamic presenters and a local farmer panel. Presenters will include: Jamie Scott “Cover Crops & Soil Health”, Dr. Jeff Andresen “Climatic Trends & Impacts in the Great Lakes Region” and Clint Nester “Using Data to Make On-Farm Decisions & H2Ohio Practices”.

Jamie Scott has been committed to cover crops on his 2,000-acre operation in northwest Indiana for the past 10 years, building a thriving cover crop seed business and consulting operation along the way. Every year sees him working with new combinations of cover

crops. His farm provides ample opportunity to put cover crops to the test across a wide variety of crops, conditions and soil types. “We’ve got everything from muck to loam, and it’s all in every pass of the field,” he says. Through his on-farm testing, Scott is constantly matching up different cover crops to create blends that address specific issues. “A cover crop needs to benefit our farm, our soil, rather than just being out there,” he emphasizes. “The only way to get through that learning curve is to try something,” says Scott. “The results are there. We’re seeing increased profitability.

Dr. Jeff Andresen is Professor of Meteorology/Climatology with Michigan State University’s Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences,



Jamie Scott



Dr. Jeff Andresen



Clint Nester

Extension Specialist with Michigan State University Extension, and the State Climatologist for Michigan. The primary focus of Andresen’s research has been the influence of weather and climate on agriculture, both in the USA and in international production areas. Dr. Andresen also served with the National Weather Service and with the USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board in Washington, D.C. He currently serves as director of Michigan’s Enviro-weather information system which supports agricultural pest and production management-related decision-making across the state and is an MSU extension specialist.

Clint Nester has worked with Nester Ag as a consultant since March 2010. Clint holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Envi-

ronmental Science from The Ohio State University. Prior to joining Nester Ag, Clint worked for an environmental engineering and consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio, and for the Allen County SWCD in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Clint handles the computerized mapping and VRT control files, manages the sampling operations, and provides soils consulting. He also oversees the Nutrient Management Plans required for EQIP programs.

The full-day workshop is only \$20 which includes lunch and refreshments. You can register online at [www.hillsdalecd.org](http://www.hillsdalecd.org) or send your payment and registration to the Williams SWCD, 1120 West High Street, Bryan, OH 43506. Call 419-636-9395 Ext 3 to reserve your seat or for more information.

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