



# 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; Josh Imber, District Technician/H2Ohio Program, 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 November 9 to be held at 7:00 p.m. 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.



## CALENDAR

- Nov 9 — Williams SWCD Open House & Election
- Nov 9 — Williams SWCD Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 14 — Williams SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

## Conservation Assistance Available to Landowners

The Williams SWCD provides several types of services and one of them is technical assistance. This means we can come out to your farm or property and aid in the development of an engineering plan for various practices such as grassed waterways, tile, water control structures, erosion concerns, wetlands, and manure storage. With this service the SWCD staff will come out and survey and develop a design to best aid the situation. This service is free of charge and is available regardless if the project is being done on your own or going through an NRCS or FSA program. Contact Manuel Lay, District Technician, at the Williams SWCD by calling 419-636-9395 or stop by our new location at 11246 State Route 15, Montpelier.

All Williams SWCD, ODA, USDA & OSU programs, services, and assistance are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, age, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, disability, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap, or veteran status.

## WE HAVE MOVED!!

The Williams Soil & Water Conservation District is excited to announce that we have moved to our new location. Our new address is 11246 State Route 15 in Montpelier (which was formerly the Enrichment Center). Our new location is centrally located in the county and has plenty of room to hold workshops and events. Our phone number is the same – 419-636-9395. We look forward to seeing and working with everyone on State Route 15!!



## SWCD Open House & Election at NEW LOCATION

You are invited to the Williams Soil and Water Conservation District’s (SWCD) Open House and Board of Supervisors Election.

The Williams SWCD Open House and Election will be held today Monday, November 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at our NEW LOCATION at 11246 State Route 15, Montpelier. Five dedicated people serve on the SWCD board helping to guide soil and water conservation in Williams County. We would like to thank our current board members for their service: Berdon “Bob” Short, Kevin



John Hake  
Nominee



Logan Reese  
Nominee

Miller, Jon Hake, Otis Sloan, and Adam Perry. There are two positions open on the Williams SWCD Board of Supervisors. Jon Hake and Bob Short are each running for re-election and Logan Reese is a candidate. You can vote at the Open House. If you would like biographies on the candidates or Williams SWCD election rules, please call the office.



Berdon ‘Bob’ Short  
Nominee

During the Open House, the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Cooperator of the Year award will be announced. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served. Covid guidelines will be followed and masks and social distancing are required.

The Williams SWCD Board and Staff invite you to come together to cast your vote with people who have the mutual interest of conserving our land and water for those who live beyond us! We hope to see you at this year’s Williams SWCD Open House AT OUR NEW LOCATION as we commemorate 73 years of conservation in Williams County. For more information, please call the Williams SWCD at 419-636-9395 or stop by at 11246 State Route 15, Montpelier.

## WLEB Nutrient Application Regulations

By: REBA WICKER, WLEB Nutrient Specialist

With winter season creeping up on us, Reba and the Williams Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) just wanted to remind producers and nutrient applicators of laws and regulations when applying manure or fertilizer in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) which includes Williams County.

After being signed into law in July 2015, the Ohio Revised Code 939.08 or commonly known as Ohio Senate Bill 1, prohibits fertilizer applications:

- to frozen or snow-covered ground
- when the top 2 inches of soil is saturated from precipitation
- if the forecast calls for a 50% chance of precipitation exceeding 1 inch in the following 12-hour period

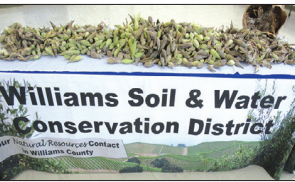
This also prohibits manure applications:

- to frozen or snow-covered ground
  - when the top 2 inches of soil is saturated from precipitation
  - if the forecast calls for a 50% chance of precipitation exceeding ½ inch in the following 24-hour period
- \* Applicators are responsible for checking and keeping records of rain forecasts when applying. \*

Restrictions do not apply if the application is injected into the ground, is incorporated within 24 hours of surface application, or is applied to a successful growing crop.

\* Discharge or pollution into Waters of the State will be in violation of the Agricultural Pollution Abatement Program, Ohio Revised Code, and Ohio Administrative Code. \*

For more information or questions and concerns about these regulations, please call the Williams SWCD office at 419-636-9395.



**THANK YOU**  
Williams County for your support again in collecting milkweed pods during our annual collection. The seeds will be used to establish new plantings and additional habitat for the monarch butterfly throughout the Buckeye state. It also serves as a food source for monarchs as well as many other pollinator species.

## Northwest Ohio Field Windbreak Program



The purpose of the Northwest Ohio Field Windbreak Program is to plant field windbreaks that provide protection against soil loss due to wind erosion and wind damage to crops.

Landowners or tenants who actively farm agricultural land can qualify for the program. Plantings where the purpose is the protection of home sites or farmsteads, landscaping, or ornamental use are not eligible for this program. The application deadline for windbreaks to be planted in the Spring of 2021 is December 1, 2020, to the Forestry office. Contact the Williams SWCD, 419-636-9395, for more information.

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