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Mission: To increase public awareness and provide technical assistance in conserving our soil, water, and other natural resources.

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Soil Drainage and Testing

Good soil makes for good plants. The right nutrients in the right amount go a long way toward growing healthy crops. But nutrients aren't the only gift soil can give you. With the right drainage properties, soil can let you retain the right amount of water for just about any purpose. Sandier soils, which have large, open spaces between the grains, let water move through easily, allowing for drier growing conditions – whereas clay-heavy soils, with smaller grain sizes and a tighter squeeze between each particle, filter water very slowly. Particle size makes all the difference in what plants can grow in your field. And engineering practices, such as the construction of wetlands, rely on knowledge of local soil types so that water flows – or doesn't flow – the way it's supposed to. The properties of soil vary by location too: by county, by parcel, even by different sections of your backyard. There are many types of soil, and though some types are more common than others in Perry County, you never really know what you have until you test it.

Soil tests are frequently done to analyze nutrient composition, pH, particle size, and organic matter concentration. Before adding fertilizers to the ground, it's always good to know what's there ahead of time to ensure you're applying just what you need. Too little fertilizer and plants will become unhealthy; too much and the fertilizer will wash away, negatively impacting lakes and rivers. A soil test will inform you what nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium ratio is needed in a particular location. It will also inform you what the drainage is like, and how wet you can expect the soil to be. When taking a soil test, it's important to collect samples from several different locations in an area (normally at least four, up to eight in larger fields) because of the tendency for soil type to change even across your backyard. About two cups of soil per location, dug from six inches down using a soil probe or auger, is a standard for measurement. There is typically a fee for each sample (usually less than \$10), but the cost is well worth knowing what the composition of your soil is. If you are interested in conducting a soil test, there are resources online for collection tips, where to send samples, and what your results mean. There are also several local resources for more information on soil testing including the Perry Soil & Water office, NRCS, and the OSU Extension office.

July 2020

PERRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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2020 GLENFORD FORT PRESERVE HIKE

The Glenford Fort Preserve, an ancient Adena –Hopewell hilltop enclosure, dated to 270 BCE, was utilized for ceremonial purposes. The “fort” which is open to the public on a limited and permit basis, offers pleasure for everyone from the archeologist to the nature enthusiast.

The 2020 Glenford Fort Preserve Hike will take place on August 8th. It will begin at 11 am and end at 2 pm. This year's hike will look a bit different from years past. Due to COVID-19, we will not be offering food or a speaker at the noon time hour. We will have stations as before with personnel there to answer any questions. There are several new trails that have been developed since last year.

Perry SWCD has been given access by the Perry County Commissioners' the newly purchased property that is adjacent to the Perry SWCD property and part of the Glenford Fort Complex. We are asking that any person that is interested in this opportunity needs to meet at the parking lot near the Nature/Education Center at 9 am. At that time, Steve Glade, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, will lead the group over the Wilson Mound and surrounding areas. This area is not open to the public at this time.

In order to operate within the parameters set up by the Ohio Health Department and the Perry County Health Department, we ask that participants observe social distancing.

In these uncertain times, we are also asking that people that are interested to pay attention to our facebook page and our website, www.perryswcdohio.org on August 5th. We will confirm if the hike will or will not occur.



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- No Ceramics or Dishes
- No Plastic Toys/Plastic Lids

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PERRY COUNTY GUN CLUB

Just a few updates regarding the Perry County Gun Club.

- The Perry County Sheriff's Department just hosted the "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" event on July 18th.
- The Slow Joe's British Motorcycle Show occurred on July 24th and 25th.
- The Dam Rehabilitation Project is moving forward. The plans and designs are being checked by ODNR. Once we get approval, the bidding process will begin and then construction.



Beverly Decore-Trovato— Beverly and her husband, Michael, reside in Saltlick Township. Beverly is the Practice Manager at Jeffrey J. Haggenjos DO, INC. When asked why she wanted to serve as a Supervisor, Beverly said "I not only want to represent the entire county on all aspects the agency provides, but I would like to encourage the agency to work more closely with community leaders in the southern portion of Perry County. This part of the county is surrounded by forests, hiking and horse trails, as well as ATV trails that all need attention and proper conservation practices for our future generations. Educating our youth by involving the with all the programs through the SWCD is a great asset. I want to see all these continue as well as grow. I am very passionate about protecting our environment and the work of the SWCD. I believe this can be accomplished if we all work together. We need to make sure the natural resources continue to be protected from pollutants and any other dangers that would hinder them. There are some great opportunities in the Southern part of our county that remain untapped, and I feel with the entire board working on improving this area, it could open doors for "outsiders" to visit and enjoy." Beverly enjoys gardening, golfing, kayaking, hiking, traveling, antiquing and just about anything that involves being outdoors. She is very interested in preserving the community which she lives in, as well as surrounding communities. She enjoys volunteering in the gardens and parks. Beverly is a life time resident of Perry County. She studied Biology at the University of Rio Grande and Pre-medicine at Ohio University. She has worked in the healthcare field for 31 years. She was recently appointed Mayor of Shawnee. She attends St. Bernard's Church and is a member of Perry Country Club, The Buckeye Trail, Eastern Stars Blue Bell 151 and Destination Shawnee.



Rich Maxwell— Richard and Margo Maxwell reside in Hopewell Township with their 1 child . Richard works at Hopewell Township Fire Department. He owns and operates a sheep/cattle operation. He has completed projects including heavy use pad, mortality compost- ing facility, fencing, water system, seasonal high tunnel, and pasture management. When Richard was asked why he wanted to serve as a SWCD Supervisor, he answered, "I am passionate about conservation and sustainability for future generations. Being a supervisor allows me to be more involved in helping and educating others of the importance for conservation. I am an outside the box thinker and well rounded. I would love to help the Soil and Water Conservation District move forward." Richard's interests and hobbies include showing cattle, beekeeping, and firefighting. He helps Sheridan FFA Alumni with pedal pulls. He hunts and enjoys time with his family. Richard has been a resident of Perry County his entire life. He has worked as a firefighter/EMT for 19 years. He is President of the Perry county Farm Bureau. Richard is also a member of the Sheridan FFA Alumni . In addition, he served as county organizer for the Ohio State Trappers Association for 8 years.

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Malynnda (Mindy) Franks - Mindy and her husband, Mark , reside in Mt. Perry. Mindy wants to live in a world of innovation where taking care of each other and our surroundings comes first. She considers herself new to Perry County since 2014 when she sold her farm in Muskingum county where she reared her children. In looking to become involved in activities and projects around the area, Mindy became an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) in April 2017 and recently became President of the Perry county Chapter of the OCVNs. Her career as an Administrative Assistant for the State of Ohio is winding down with more than 23 years of experience reading, writing, and providing non-legal interpretation of Ohio law, so she is familiar with governmental processes and hopes her knowledge can assist in a positive way. Mindy says that her personal mission statement is "to use my gifts of imagination, analysis, creativity, and visualization to make change in the world for the better, and to nurture, encourage and inspire others to do the same in their own way."