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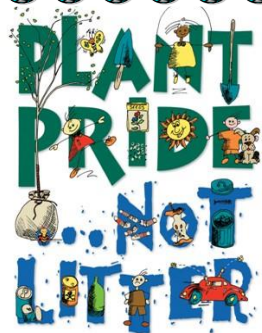
USDA Announces Increase to Certain Incentive Payments for Continuous Conservation Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is increasing incentive payments for practices installed on land enrolled in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is upping the Practice Incentive Payment for installing practices, from 5 percent to 20 percent. Additionally, producers will receive a 10 percent incentive payment for water quality practices on land enrolled in CRP's continuous sign-up. FSA administers CRP on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corporation. "The Conservation Reserve Program provides agricultural producers and landowners with a tool to conserve natural resources on their land that is less suitable for farming," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "We offer a number of CRP initiatives, including continuous CRP, which greatly benefits natural resources like water. Increasing the incentive payment gives farmers even more reason to participate in continuous CRP, one of our nation's largest conservation endeavors."

Under continuous CRP, producers can enroll environmentally sensitive land devoted to certain conservation practices with signup available at anytime. FSA automatically accepts offers provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the number of acres FSA is allowed to enroll in CRP, which was set by the 2018 Farm Bill. Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-land conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended primarily to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marks its 35-year anniversary this month. Program successes include:

- Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, which is enough soil to fill 600 million dumptrucks;
- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95% and 85%, respectively;
- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road;
- Creating more than 3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, which is enough to go around the world seven times; and
- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increasing populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows and many other birds.

The successes of CRP contribute to USDA's [Agriculture Innovation Agenda](#) and its goal of reducing the environmental footprint of U.S. agriculture by half by 2050. Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the Department-wide initiative to align resources, programs, and research to position American agriculture to better meet future global demands. For more information on CRP, visit fsa.usda.gov



April & May are Perry County CLEAN-UP Months!!

Do your part, participate!

GREAT community service project!

...Make it an EARTH DAY Event!



Report back to us what you did!

- Directions:**
1. **SAFELY!** using gloves, pick up trash
 2. Pile what you picked up on the ground
 3. Separate **TRUE Trash** & **RECYCLABLES** in **2 separate piles...**
 4. TAKE PHOTOS OR MINI VIDEO like shared on FB! (60 seconds or <)
 5. THEN Please **RECYCLE** bottles/cans/cardboard
THEN **properly dispose** of the rest... (the TRUE trash!)
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AERATOR SYSTEMS INSTALLED AT BUCKEYE LAKE

In mid-April, Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow (BLT), a water quality- focused non-profit, brought to life a long-planned goal of installing aerators in some of Buckeye Lake’s canals. These aerator systems will pump air into perforated tubing that was placed at the bottom of the canal, allowing air bubbles to rise to the surface and break up algae before it concentrates into mats. Summer-time algal blooms have occurred often in recent years, and the canals are some of the hardest hit waterways. Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow has made it their mission to reduce algae, this canal project being the latest to address the issue. So far, two areas around Buckeye Lake have received the new aerator systems: Millersport Canal and Heron Bay. Tubing was connected to an electric-powered pump and hauled onto a pontoon boat from which it was uncoiled into the water, forming long lines of bubbles that are visible from the surface. The increased dissolved oxygen will greatly improve water quality. Grand Lake St. Mary’s, which had extreme algal conditions, used the same method to remove mats as thick as 6 inches. Grand Lake’s success was the initial inspiration for BLT’s aeration project. If the project proves successful for Buckeye Lake, it is BLT’s ambition to install aerators in every canal where algae outbreaks occur.

2021 CONSERVATION ART POSTER CONTEST

Trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they absorb carbon from the atmosphere, stabilize the soil, filter water, provide healthy habitat for wildlife and offer many additional benefits – for nature, people and biodiversity. Not only is it necessary to protect existing trees and plant new ones, but it’s also important to advocate and educate about trees and forest conservation within your community.



The 2021 Perry SWCD poster contest saw many exceptional posters illustrating the importance of trees. Even though it was difficult, the judges picked 4 posters to continue on to the State contest. They were:

- K-1 category – Haley Abram, 1st, Holy Trinity
- 2-3 category – Hannah Clouse, 2nd, Holy Trinity
- 4-6 category – Samantha Hykes, 4th, Thornville Elem.
- 7-9 category – Camryn Adams, 7th, Sheridan Middle

The overall winner was Camryn Adams. Camryn’s poster will be placed on a tee shirt and given to the 1st and 2nd place winners of each grade.

The Perry SWCD Board of Supervisors and staff would like to congratulate all who participated as well as their teachers who encouraged them to participate.

Monitoring Rainfall

Keeping track of rainfall on your property is a simple but informative habit to keep. There’s no question that the past few years have seen some unusual amounts of precipitation, but just how much precipitation are you really getting? Due to local weather patterns, the exact amount of rain we get during a storm can be different all across the county. Even your neighbor down the street might receive a different amount of rain than you do. Knowing your precipitation levels can help you make informed decisions about planting needs, water table levels, and drainage management.

One online organization that makes tracking rain easy is the ‘Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network’, called CoCoRaHS for short. It is a grassroots network of volunteers that collects precipitation data from participants and combines it all into a public map. Since it is a community project, anyone can join in. Anytime it rains, hails, or snows, volunteers take measurements on their property and record it on the CoCoRaHS website. This information is useful for meteorologists, hydrologists, city utilities, USDA, engineers, farmers, and even the National Weather Service. By providing data, volunteers are filling in pieces of the weather puzzle that affects everyone in the area.

So far CoCoRaHS has over 20,000 members in all 50 states. And the website’s data has already been used locally. Several community gages exist in Licking County and Fairfield County, and the Fairfield SWCD utilizes this data as part of their work with storm water systems. Creating stations at Buckeye Lake would be useful too because understanding how precipitation variability affects nutrient output would go a long way to finding and fixing the highest loading areas. For more information, we recommend checking out www.cocorahs.org, where you can access maps, historical data, and details on how to participate.

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PERRY SWCD IS MOVING

The Perry SWCD will be moving in June 2021. The office will be located at 212 S. Main Street in New Lexington. The second week of June, the office will be transitioning to the new office space and will be closed to the public. We still will be able to take phone calls. Our mailing address will be

Perry Soil and Water Conservation District








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NRCS will remain in Somerset at 109 East Gay Street.

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UPPER RUSHCREEK

By David Snider, DPA

About one hundred and ten years ago, the young fellow who would eventually be my granddad spent the night in jail along with his compadres for dynamiting fish in Rush Creek at the fairgrounds. That is the last record we have of fish in Rush Creek near New Lexington. Today, the nearest fish in the main channel are at Township Road 175, just east of Junction City. Numbers and species increase as you move downstream as all the side tributaries contribute their waters.

The subsurface and surface mining in the coal measures near Rehoboth have contributed to low quality habitat and poor-water quality in the upper reaches of Rush Creek. But things are beginning to change. The Upper Rush Creek Revitalization Project, the brainchild of Mark Sells of Bremen and former Lancaster Bingo SEO, was created to address these water and habitat quality issues. Sells has created partnerships with Perry and Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA-NRCS, Rural Action, County Commissioners, Rush Creek Conservancy District, Ohio University, private landowners, private foundations, and the Foundation for Appalachia, among others.

The partners' vision to create a sustainable project that cannot only improve water and habitat quality but can serve as an economic development engine grounded in health, outdoor recreation, and education for generations to come. Many of the tools and best management practices are familiar to residents in southeastern Ohio but some experimental regimens will also be deployed.

For further information you can visit the Upper Rush Creek Revitalization Project on Facebook or the Perry Soil and Water Conservation District website at www.perryswcdohio.org. At this writing, contributions through the Foundation for Appalachia, Upper Rush Creek Revitalization enjoy a 50% match. Therefore, \$1.00 contribution to the Upper Rush Creek Project will result in a \$0.50 match, thus \$500 become \$750. For further information contact the Foundation at www.appalachianohio.org or 740-753-1111. Somewhere out in the firmament, my granddad would be smiling that these, our best efforts to restore and revitalize his favorite fishing hole!

