

WINDBREAK BENEFITS

Soil Erosion Prevention



Wildlife Habitat



Aesthetically Pleasing



SPECIES PLANTED

Conifers

Austrian Pine
Norway Spruce
Arborvitae
White Pine
Baldcypress
Eastern Redcedar
Blue Spruce

Hardwoods

Burr Oak
Pin Oak
Swamp White Oak
American Plum
Sargent Crabapple

Shrubs

Black Chokeberry
Silky Dogwood

Species selection depends upon landowner objectives and soil types.

Species planted may change periodically due to availability and interest.



For more information about the Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program visit the website off the Division of Forestry homepage:

<http://forestry.ohiodnr.gov/landownerassistance>



Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program



With fewer fence rows, less woodlots and fall tillage, Ohio farms lose more and more soil due to wind. Adding to the problem in northwestern Ohio are sandy soils that are very susceptible to wind erosion.

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is an inter-agency effort to assist landowners in establishing field windbreaks. The program is available in 17 counties: Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot.

Qualification

Landowners or tenants who actively farm agricultural land can qualify for the program. The windbreak can be from one to six rows wide, but must be at least 1,000 feet long. The field on which the windbreak is planted must be at least 10 acres in size. The program is for field windbreaks only. Farmstead and feedlot windbreaks do not qualify.

Services Provided

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is a full service program. Assistance available to the landowner includes an on-site inspection, windbreak design and help in completing the application. In the spring, a pre-emergent herbicide is applied and the seedlings planted. In the fall, the planting is inspected and a second herbicide application is made. Replacement seedlings are provided the following spring to the landowner to replant dead seedlings.

Landowner Responsibilities

The landowner may need to perform initial site preparation. This could include clearing brush from the area to be planted or plowing a strip for planting. The landowner is responsible for maintaining the windbreak. This includes some weed control and replanting seedlings that die. Specific information on site preparation and maintenance will be provided.

Cost-Share & Rental Payments

There are numerous cost-share programs available to landowners wishing to plant a field windbreak. Landowners may also be eligible to receive rental payments on the land where the windbreak is planted. For information on specific cost-share programs and rental payments, contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District or Farm Service Agency office.

Application

Contact your local SWCD office of the ODNR district office in Findlay to apply for a windbreak. A district technician or the private lands biologist will meet with you to determine eligibility and help develop a planting plan that insures a successful windbreak. Planting is done in early spring by the ODNR Division of Forestry, so it is best to contact them in the summer or fall and plan ahead for next year's spring planting season.

Sources for Assistance

The Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program is a cooperative effort involving the ODNR Divisions of Forestry, Wildlife, Soil and Water Conservation, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency, and your local Soil and Water Conservation District. For more information contact one of these offices:

Allen SWCD	(419) 223-0040
Crawford SWCD	(419) 562-8280
Defiance SWCD	(419) 782-8751
Erie SWCD	(419) 626-5211
Fulton SWCD.	(419) 337-9217
Hancock SWCD	(419) 422-6569
Henry SWCD	(419) 592-2926
Lucas SWCD	(419) 893-1966
Ottawa SWCD	(419) 898-1595
Paulding SWCD	(419) 399-4771
Putnam SWCD	(419) 523-5159
Sandusky SWCD	(419) 334-6324
Seneca SWCD	(419) 447-7073
Van Wert SWCD	(419) 238-9591
Williams SWCD	(419) 636-2349
Wood SWCD	(419) 354-5517
Wyandot SWCD	(419) 294-2311
ODNR Division of Forestry	
District Forester	(419) 424-5004
ODNR Division of Wildlife	
Private Lands Biologist . . .	(419) 424-5000