

CRAWFORD SOIL AND WATER  
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## SWCD Upcoming Events

### Community Cleanup!

**Saturday May 4th**  
**10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Join us for this great  
community service  
opportunity at one of our  
4 cleanup locations:

Aumiller Park & the Crawford  
County Fairgrounds – Bucyrus

Galion Bike Trail – Galion

City Park – New Washington

### Photo Contest!

Do you have a great  
photo of Crawford  
County? Enter it in our  
photo contest!



The contest is open  
to youth and adults  
with a cash prize!

Photo categories are  
Agriculture, Nature,  
and Trees.

### Pond Clinic!

**Thursday June 20th**  
**5:15 - 7:45 PM**

Johns Pond,  
2699 Carey Rd, Bloomville

### Neighbor to Neighbor Conservation Series

**Thursday June 27th**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Growing Apples & Strawberries

The Pickwick Place,  
1875 N Sandusky Ave, Bucyrus

## H2Ohio Hay Buffer Payments Available

The Crawford SWCD, along with the Ohio Dept. of Ag, is offering a new opportunity for landowners to enroll hay buffers into the H2Ohio Working Lands Buffer Program. The purpose of this program is to utilize cropland to improve water quality by filtering surface water before entering our ditches, streams and rivers. Eligible acres must be adjacent to a watercourse and must be planted to an approved forage stand. The hay buffer must be at least 20 feet in



width, up to a maximum of 300 feet in width. Harvesting of the hay buffer is allowed and encouraged, either through grazing or by mechanical means. Eligible participants will receive \$200 per acre per year for two years. Certain restrictions do apply, for more detailed information contact the Crawford SWCD office at 419-562-8280.

### Calendar of Events

April 8th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS  
Closed in Observance of the Eclipse  
April 12th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM  
April 19th: Fish Sale Orders Due  
April 19th: Fish Sale Pickup 2:00 PM  
April 24th: Area 1 Envirothon, Allen County  
April 24th: Tree Sale Pickup 3:00-6:00 PM  
April 25th: Tree Sale Pickup 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM  
May 4th: Community Cleanup! Contact the office to register!  
May 10th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM  
May 27th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS  
Closed in Observance of Memorial Day  
June 12th: Conservation Camp, Camp Michael 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
June 14th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM  
June 19th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS  
Closed in Observance of Juneteenth Day  
June 19th: Conservation Camp, Camp Michael 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
June 20th: Pond Clinic, 2699 Carey Rd, Bloomville 5:15-7:45 PM  
June 26th: Conservation Camp, Camp Michael 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
June 27th: Neighbor to Neighbor – The Pickwick Place 6:00-8:00 PM  
July 4th: Crawford SWCD and NRCS  
Closed in Observance of Independence Day  
July 12th: Crawford SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 AM  
July 15th-20th: Crawford County Fair

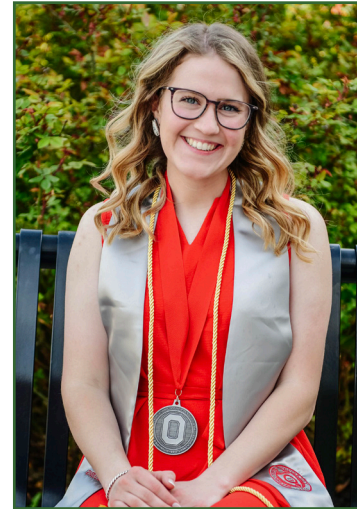
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Board Meeting Dates: (Public Welcome)**  
2nd Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

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H2Ohio/Ag Tech  
Nutrient Management Technician

## New Nutrient Management Technician

Hello all! My name is Hannah Ziegler, I am the new Nutrient Management Technician serving the counties of Crawford, Marion and Wyandot. A graduate of The Ohio State University, I obtained my Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Communication and Animal Science. My passion for the agriculture industry began at a young age with my involvement in my family's beef cattle and grain operation, and continued through my years of 4-H and FFA. I am excited to join this highly-skilled team of individuals in the tri-county area. I look forward to gaining more knowledge to formulate a variety of plans for our producers to utilize in their operations. It's great to be back in my home community, feel free to contact me at any of the offices for your future needs!



## Spring Applied Manure: Nourishing with Nitrogen

Spring has sprung and the 2024 planting season is soon to arrive. Wheat fields are turning a lush shade of green and are firming up across our area; and producers are making decisions about how to maximize soil and plant health through a variety of practices before putting the planter in the ground. One simple and cost-effective solution to achieving desired nitrogen levels is to apply manure. Whether you are considering liquid manure as a top-dress for wheat or applying composted manure before planting corn, incorporating or injecting manure can increase available nitrogen by 60-80% (University of Minnesota, 2021).

The key to applying manure from any livestock specie at the correct rate is to know the manure's nitrogen content and what levels are desired to be reached for a given crop. If you are interested in manure sampling or the development of a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) to better manage your nutrient applications, contact the Crawford SWCD office today!



## Spring Storm Water Tips

You know what they say, "April showers bring May flowers". While the start of spring and warmer days to come is certainly exciting, it's important not to overlook what else comes with an increase in seasonal rain – stormwater pollution. Stormwater is water that comes from precipitation and snow/ice melt. The water either soaks into exposed soil or remains on top of impervious surfaces like pavement or rooftops. Most stormwater will eventually evaporate, but often times it will flow as runoff to another location. As the water runs it picks up pollutants along its path including debris, sediment, pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste and more. This polluted stormwater can cause soil erosion, stream impairment, flooding, fish and wildlife habitat loss, and reduced groundwater levels. Although stormwater pollution cannot be eliminated completely, you can do your part in preventing it. Check out these ways to help prevent stormwater pollution this spring.

### Only Rain Belongs in the Drain!

Be sure to check that your local storm drain is clear of debris to ensure proper flow, and it's always important to remember that storm drains are not garbage disposals.

### Use Lawn Chemicals Correctly!

Make sure you are always reading the label and applying correctly, during the correct weather events, never apply right before an anticipated rain event.

### Pick Up Pet Waste!

Pick up, bag, and dispose of pet waste properly to assure that unhealthy bacteria are not flowing into our local waterways.

### Plant Native!

When it comes time to choose either grass seed or decorative plants, go native. Native plants are going to be more drought tolerant, which will require less water, they provide food and habitat for local wildlife, and they provide a beautiful landscape!

Further information on any of these events can be found at [www.crawfordswcd.org](http://www.crawfordswcd.org), on Facebook, or contact our office at 419-562-8280 ext #3.