

# Farmland Preservation & Conservation Easements

THURSDAY

JANUARY 29

6 - 7:30 PM

Bucyrus Public Library  
200 E. Mansfield St. Bucyrus, OH 44820

Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Ohio's largest land trust, will share information about farmland protection options for farmers and landowners in Crawford County and surrounding areas. Serving 29 counties across Northeast and Northcentral Ohio, the Land Conservancy has helped protect more than **39,000 acres on 350 working farms** keeping land in agriculture while supporting family ownership and long-term planning.



The presentation will focus on **donated conservation easements**, a flexible and widely used option that permanently protects farmland and, in many cases, may qualify landowners for **enhanced federal tax benefits**. Easement purchase options will also be discussed, including the Ohio Department of Agriculture's **Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP)** and the USDA's **Agricultural Land Easement (ALE)** program, which may compensate landowners for up to **75% of the appraised value of development rights**, subject to program limits. Land Conservancy staff work **one-on-one with farming families** to explain these options and help identify the best path forward based on individual goals, timelines, estate plans, and financial considerations. All are welcome, and questions are encouraged. This presentation is coordinated in partnership with the Crawford Soil & Water Conservation District.

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