

Conservation Notes

*"Local leadership for
soil and water conservation"*



Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

Medina County Fair



Every year we have a display at the fair that allows us to provide outreach and education to the community.

We love being there, answering questions and interacting with the community!

This year's fair booth was Green Infrastructure, and fair-goers got to play Stormwater Plinko to see what happens to rain as it crosses our landscape. Blue pucks, representing rain drops, flooded our Plinko board. Some ended up captured by rain barrels, filtered by rain gardens, absorbed by natives roots, or soaked in by trees. However, not everyone's Plinko puck came out clean. Pet waste, leaky cars, and hot roads polluted some drops.

To get to the interactive information area from the Plinko area, kids climbed through a culvert and followed the path of rain. It was a hit! Kids saw the area as a playground; the lines between information and play broke down, and learning was fun and energetic. Fake dog poop was giggled at. Water flowed through pervious pavement to the amazement of onlookers. It was a blast, and most importantly, the message was clear: Slow water down, soak it in, and keep pollution off the land and out of the water.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and talked to us this year! We, as always, are grateful to be a part of the Medina County Fair.

2023 Fair Winners!

Best of Show Hay
Carroll Weinbroer

Best Haylage
Maple Valley Dairy

**Best of Show Hay
Jr.**
Emma Garrison

**Rain Barrel
Giveaway**
Melissa Juarez

**Harvest Bingo
Kid's Basket**
Anna Slansky

**Look for our
Special Edition
Newsletter
coming in early
October for
information on
our
Annual Meeting!**

Nominations now Open!

Conservation Community Member Award

Do you know someone who has done something to improve conservation in the community they live in?

Maybe they created a pollinator habitat, or helped to control invasive species, or even helped with soil conservation.

**Nominate them for the
“Conservation Community Member Award”!**

We want to hear about the wonderful work our community members are doing, and have them recognized for their efforts! Winner will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on November 9th!

Visit: medinaswcd.org for details



Honor an Educator!

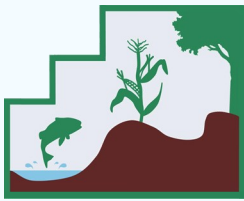
Do you know a teacher, scout leader, or other educator who gets children or adults out in nature and promotes conservation through their education?

If so, nominate them for Medina SWCD’s 2023 “Conservation Educator Award!”

Nominations are being accepted now until October 1st.
Winner will be recognized at our Annual Meeting on November 9th!

Visit: medinaswcd.org for details





Fall Native Plant Sale



Order form Due: September 5th **Pick up:** September 8th-9th 9am-2pm

All kits are \$20 and contain 8 plants (2 of each species)

For any questions call the office at 330-722-9322



Fall Pollinator: Plants that support pollinators through the fall.

Name	Height	Bloom	Light
Stiff Goldenrod <i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	4ft	Aug - Oct	Full to Partial
New England Aster <i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	5ft	Aug - Oct	Full to Partial
Sawtooth Sunflower <i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>	8ft	Aug - Oct	Full to Partial
Spotted Joe Pye <i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>	5ft	July -Sept	Full to Partial



Deer Resilient / Water Loving: Plants that can withstand deer browsing and wet soils.

Name	Height	Bloom	Light
Swamp Milkweed <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	4ft	June-Aug	Full to Partial
Virginia Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	3ft	June-Sept	Full to Partial
Riddell's Goldenrod <i>Oligoneuron riddelli</i>	3ft	Aug-Oct	Full
Monkey Flower <i>Mimulus ringens</i>	2ft	June-Sept	Full to Partial



Home Landscaping: Great options for manicured garden beds.

Name	Height	Bloom	Light
Wild Bergamot <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	4ft	July - Sept	Full to Partial
Ox-eye Sunflower <i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	5ft	June- Sept	Full to Partial
Smooth Penstemon <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	4ft	June-July	Full to Partial
Rattlesnake Master <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	4ft	July-Sept	Full

Mystery Plant #1	Mystery Plant #2	Mystery Plant #3	Mystery Plant #4
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Mystery: Love native plants and a good mystery? Try out this kit!

Name	Height	Bloom	Light
Mystery Plant 1	3ft	May - July	Full to Partial
Mystery Plant 2	3ft	April-June	Full to Partial
Mystery Plant 3	5ft	July - Sept	Full
Mystery Plant 4	5ft	July - Sept	Full to Partial

2023 Fall Native Plant Sale Order Form

Order now until September 5th

Pick up: September 8th & 9th, 9am-2pm

Complete and mail payment to: Medina SWCD
Or visit our office at 6090 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

****Cash or Check only****

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

Township: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

****For Office Use Only****

Cash ☐

Check or MO #: _____

Date: _____

Receipt #: _____

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Fall Pollinator: Stiff goldenrod, New England aster, sawtooth sunflower, spotted Joe pye.

Home Landscaping: Wild bergamot, ox-eye sunflower, smooth penstemon, rattlesnake master.

Deer Resilient/ Water loving: Swamp milkweed, Virginia mountain mint, Riddell's goldenrod, monkey flower.

Mystery: See flier for more information.

All kits include 8 plugs (2 of each species)

Native plant Kit	# of Kits	Cost
Fall Pollinator - \$20		
Home Landscaping - \$20		
Deer Resilient/Water Loving - \$20		
Mystery - \$20		
Subtotal		\$
Sales Tax	X 0.0675	\$
Order Total		\$

If you have any questions, please call Kellie Docherty at 330-722-9321

2023 Fall Fish Sale

Please make checks payable and mail to:

Medina County SWCD
6090 Wedgewood Road
Medina, Ohio 44256

*Payment must be included with order
No online, phone or credit card
orders accepted*

Orders are due by: September 20th
Pick up will be: September 28th
from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at our office

No reminders will be sent

**For pick up day you are required to
bring a 5 gallon bucket lined with an
unscented trash bag filled 1/2 full with
your pond water.***

****Not bringing required supplies will
result in an extra charge of \$5.00 per
container.***

One 5 gallon container per 50 fish ordered
One 5 gallon container per 2 Amur or Koi ordered
One 5 gallon container per 100 minnows ordered

Cut here and return with check

2023 Fall Fish Order Form

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State OH Zip _____

Daytime Phone (required) _____

Email _____

For Office use only:

Date: _____

Cash: ☐

Check: _____

Receipt: _____

Size	Species	Quantity	Cost	Total
2-3"	Largemouth Bass		\$1.10 each	
2-4"	Bluegill		\$1.00 each	
4-5"	Channel Catfish		\$.90 each	
2-4"	Hybrid Bluegill		\$1.00 each	
2-4"	Redear Shellcracker		\$1.00 each	
1"	Fathead Minnows		\$8.00 per 100	
8-10"	White Amur		\$16.00 each	
5-7"	Koi		\$13.00 each	
1 Gallon	Natures Pond Conditioner		\$90.00 each	
Subtotal				
Multiply subtotal by .0675 for sales tax				
Total enclosed				

Required for pick up day- 5 gallon bucket lined with an unscented trash bag filled 1/2 full with your pond water.

Garden Cover Crop

Garden Cover Crop mixes help to reduce erosion and compaction, and increase water permeation in the garden. They also hold minerals normally leached from your soil over the winter. Densely planted cover crops will suppress perennial and winter annual weed growth. The top growth and roots add organic matter to the garden soil. The cover crop's root system also opens passageways that help improve air and water movement and supports microbial life. This microbial life works synergistically with the roots, bacteria and fungi to improve soil health.

At the end of the garden season, one final effort can make a big difference: cover cropping. Tilling, weeding, harvesting and foot traffic tends to destroy soil structure. Planting cover crops is an easy way to revitalize the soil. Cover crops provide a number of advantages to the otherwise wasteful use of space during your garden's off-season.

Traditionally, cover crops are plowed under, crushed, cut , or pulled and used for mulch or compost. The advantage of rolling, crushing or using winter kill varieties is to leave the soil surface covered and relatively undisturbed, preventing weeds from growing.

1 lb bag \$10.00



Composition

Cow Pea
Mung Bean
Oilseed Radish
Ethiopian Cabbage
Oilseed Radish
Pearl Millet
Oats

Seeding Rate

200-300 sq feet/lb

Garden Cover Crop Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: Ohio Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden Cover Crop	No. Ordered	Cost
One pound bag		
Subtotal		
Sales Tax	X 0.0675	
Order Total		

Order deadline: September 8, 2023

Stormwater Health

You may often hear: "Everyone lives in a watershed", But what is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that drains to a larger body of water such as lake, river, ocean, etc.

This means any runoff, rainfall, and snowmelt that leaves your property will drain to areas like Lake Erie or the Ohio River. We are all connected by water, which means we all play a part in water quality.

Improving water quality as it runs through your property may seem intimidating, but it's simple! Here are some tips of what you can do to support the waterways in your community.

Use Pesticide & Fertilizer Sparingly

There's a time and place for everything, including fertilizer and pesticide. If you choose to use it, be sure to read the whole label completely. It is important to use these products correctly. Excessive use of pesticide and fertilizers can result in pollution of our waterways.

Always check the forecast before using it, if rain is in the near future it can result in the rain carrying away your product and polluting streams.

Plant Native

Native plants are species that grow naturally in Ohio instead of being brought over from other countries and states by people. Due to naturally growing in this region, they are adapted to Ohio's climate. This means they require little to no fertilizer to grow, saving you money and supporting healthy waterways.

Another great feature of native plants is their deep roots, some reaching up to 15ft deep! These deep, complex root systems work to filter pollutants out of our soil and water resources, contributing to a healthier watershed. Not to mention, native plants are the best options to support wildlife such as birds and pollinators within our watershed.

Contact Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District

There are many other ways to improve water quality. If you're interested in more of what you can do, give us a call!

We offer free site visits about backyard conservation, drainage, and more!



Courtesy NCDENR

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**Fish Sale, Native Plant Sale,
Cover Crop Sale, and
Community Nominations**

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Current Resident or

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the office of the Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District located at 6090 Wedgewood Road in Medina

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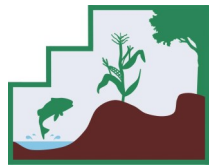
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Rocky River Watershed Council
Medina County Earth Day Committee
Medina County Fall Foliage Committee

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