



HOLMES SOIL & WATER
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Conserving Holmes County since 1947

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To All of Our Partners,

It has been a busy year at Holmes SWCD. We have had many new and exciting projects, events, and celebrations of our 75 years. We are always looking to expand our programs and conservations goals. Here are some accomplishments over this past year:

Increase Awareness of Conservation Issues.

Tom Graham 5th Grade Conservation Farm Tours separate for East and West Holmes, along with Holmesville • Field days and special events including; Ohio Grazing Conference, Coffee & Conservation, Earth Day tree planting activities, grassed waterways, Family Farm Field Day, Multi-County Soil Health, and Tree Farm of the Year Field Day • Classroom presentations, Native fish tanks in classrooms, State and National Envirothon competitions for high school students, Soils team practice with FFA • Holmes County Fair Kids Day activities • Customer Appreciation Breakfast in partnership with Holmes County Farm Bureau and Ag Pro • Farm & Dairy conservation column and local Bargain Hunter articles • Our largest Tree sale • Technical assistance to ongoing public projects throughout Holmes County

Implement Programs and Practices to Improve Conservation.

Conservation planning and nutrient management planning • Technical assistance to evaluate, design and oversee projects • Secure funding assistance for producers through USDA, Ohio EPA, MWCD and other sources • Investigate livestock pollution complaints and offer assistance • Stream sampling in Killbuck Watershed • Alpine Cheese Water Quality Trading (WQT) Program • Design and coordination of livestock exclusion fencing projects

Improve Soil Health and Water Quality.

Cover crop seeding program • Conservation planning • Grazing planning and assistance • Technical assistance and design of conservation practices • Subdivision reviews for sediment and erosion control plans • In-Stream log-jam removal projects • Working with County partners on planning, Ohio EPA, MWCD and H₂O funding, along with acquisition for several new wetland projects in the Killbuck watershed

As a Partner in Conservation, your donation will support these activities throughout the next year with our goal to reach even more of Holmes County's residents, farmers, landowners, and students. You will receive a certificate and all partners will be given recognition as part of our annual meeting, on our print and digital media platforms.

We sincerely hope you will consider supporting our district as we continue to enhance the rich history of conservation in Holmes County!

Sincerely,

Trevor Berger