



Semi-Annual Update June, 2015

Erie Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to the protection, preservation and restoration of natural resources by providing education, funding opportunities and technical assistance to all land users.

Education Tech. Assistance Highlights

Our educational programs reached a wide array of audiences including school age (k-12), general public, storm water and resource management professionals, and local, state, and federal public officials. Specific conservation messages of nutrient and soil loss reduction, wildlife, hunter education stream monitoring, and soil health reached over 21,000 in the first half of 2015 through various media and direct contact.

Educational Events

45 Events
3,618 Participants

Media outreach

10 News articles
13,500 Newsletters

G.R.E.E.N. Bean Clean-up Trailer

12 Events
792 Volunteers
4,000 lbs Trash collected
28 Tires cleaned up



Technical assistance given to our residents and landusers range from drainage concerns, soil test interpretation, agricultural and backyard conservation planning, composting, wildlife conflicts and management, sediment and erosion control for construction sites, water quality, and soils/natural feature identification.

Agriculture

14 Producers/ Landowners
227 Acres of Cover Crops
7 Crop Damage (Wildlife)
3 Habitat / Nuisance Wildlife
Cost Share
\$ 5,675 Cover Crops
\$15,525 Drainage Structures

Homeowner/Resident

29 Site visits/office contacts



Developer

13 Site plan reviews
18 Construction inspections



iEvolve

Funded by the National Science Foundation the District is working directly with students from Perkins and Sandusky Schools to integrate citizen science of soil with classroom learning. Additional project partners include Bowling Green University, Ohio Sea Grant, & Toledo Zoo.

Stream Monitoring

The program is entering its 8th year and is currently monitoring water chemistry and biological communities in the Mills, Pipe, Sawmill, and Old Woman Creek watersheds.

28 Volunteers
24 Sites
3 Report Cards

Conservation Innovation Grant

Funded by NRCS the District is working with local farmers, neighboring SWCDs, and Heidelberg University to help calibrate watershed planning models to better target nutrient and sediment reduction projects to reduce impacts to Lake Erie.

Funding

Funding for the District comes from many, varied sources: Erie County Commission, Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, grants, and non-profits.

Primary Funding Sources

Prior Year Carry-Over	\$9,435
County Commissioners	\$100,880
Storm Water Program	\$51,000
State Match Funds	\$115,898
ODNR, Division of Wildlife (Watershed and Wildlife)	\$108,562
Friends of Old Woman Creek	\$7,500
Total	\$393,275

Secondary Sources

Storm Water Reviews and Inspection
Grant Project Awards
No-till Drill Rental
Straw Blower Rental
Donations / Sponsorships
Agreements for Project Deliverables

Partners

Partnerships / Community Involvement

Erie County residents benefit from the successful programs offered by the SWCD as a result of the strong and productive partnerships we share with many organizations and individuals.

Some of our partners:

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| Erie County Agencies and Boards | Chagrin River Watershed Partners |
| Sandusky City Tree Commission | Erie County Conservation Workgroup |
| Old Woman Creek NERR Advisory Board | Local Watershed "Friends" Groups |
| Heidelberg CIG Grant Project | Erie County General Health District |
| Bowling Green State University | Perkins Local Schools |
| Erie County Earth Day Committee | Sandusky City Schools |
| ODNR, Division of Wildlife | Sandusky River Watershed Coalition |
| Huron SWCD | Seneca SWCD |

Team

Board of Supervisors:

- Roger Rowland, Chair
- Kurt Heyman, Vice-Chair
- John Nuhn, Secretary
- Steve Deehr, Fiscal
- Tom Wensink, PR

Staff:

- Eric Dodrill, Director
- Celine Hemminger, Admin/Fiscal
- Tim White, Wildlife Specialist
- Breann Hohman, Watersheds /Asst. Director
- Melissa Fetter, Urban Technician

NRCS

- Kevin Kaltenbach, District Conservationist



A special thank you is given to those who volunteer their time continually to support and participate in the many programs coordinated by the District. Stream monitoring, cleanup events, rain barrel classes, and educational events would not be possible without these special people.

Erie SWCD is an equal opportunity employer and provider.