

2021 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK-MERCER SWCD

Mission: To protect and improve the soil, water resources and natural habitats in Mercer County; and, to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.

Vision: To be the primary source of information and technical assistance related to soil and water conservation in Mercer County, Ohio.

Item 1: Water Management

Goal: Provide technical assistance concerning flooding and water management.

Action	Timeframe	Staff Involved	Measurable Goal
1. Help cooperators develop water detention/retention plans.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Develop 2 plans to alleviate flooding problems.
2. Assist with flood mitigation	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Assist 5 individuals with plans.

Item 2: Nutrient Management

Goal: Provide technical assistance concerning the management of nutrients from agriculture facilities.

Action	Timeframe	Staff Involved	Measurable Goal
1. Provide technical assistance for installation of animal waste management systems.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Assist with the installation of 3 animal waste structures.

2. Assist local units of government and cooperators in dealing with manure complaints and allegations of improper manure application.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Investigate all reported complaints, enter the information into Beehive and review at board meetings.
3. Develop CNMP's or NMP's that guide and evaluate producer's goals and identify BMP's for all cooperators.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Develop and/or update 50 plans.
4. Assist with implementation of the distressed watershed rules.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Monitor all 135 producers in the GLSM watershed to ensure they are following the rules.

Item 3: Erosion

Goal: Reduce soil erosion and sediment pollution.

Action	Timeframe	Staff Involved	Measurable Goal
1. Oversee the construction of grass waterways.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Design and install 5 grass waterways.
2. Oversee the construction of wetlands.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Design and install 2 wetlands.
3. Conduct tillage transects.	Spring & Winter	SWCD Staff	Complete 2 annual tillage transects for the WLEB watershed.

Item 4: Drainage

Goal: Provide technical assistance to cooperators and contractors to improve drainage of agriculture properties.

Action	Timeframe	Staff Involved	Measurable Goal
1. Assist both voluntary and Senate Bill 160 groups on drainage projects.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Complete 2 group tile projects per year.
2. Provide technical assistance to individuals and the Engineer's office on drainage issues.	Ongoing	District Technicians, Watershed Technicians and District Engineer	Provide assistance on 5 projects if requested.
3. Develop watershed maps.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Develop 50 maps as requested

Item 5: Outreach/Education

Goal: Provide education and information to students, the general public and partnering agencies to promote the conservation of our natural resources.

Action	Timeframe	Staff Involved	Measurable Goal
1. Organize AG Education Series on a variety of topics throughout the year.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Hold 8 AG Education Series events. Work with a committee to develop a list of speakers and topics.
2. Participate in Ag Solutions & LRC Meetings.	Ongoing	District Administrator	Attend 4 Ag Solutions and/or LRC events and meetings.
3. Provide reports for monthly LIA Meetings.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Attend 10 LIA meetings per year and provide an office update.
4. Participate in WCSM's Spectrum program.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Be a guest on the program 4 times during the year.
5. Assist landowners with maintenance of woodlots and contact with the area forester.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Provide information to 3 landowners if requested.
6. Provide technical support and information for individuals building	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Provide information to 6 homeowners if requested.

homes and/or businesses in rural areas.			
7. Promote the District through social and traditional media outlets.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Make 36 posts to the District Facebook page and submit 10 press releases.
8. Provide Mercer County residents an opportunity to purchase tree seedlings and fish through our annual sales.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Submit press releases and post to Facebook. Send information to all county employees.
9. Develop an educational display for the Mercer County Fair.	Summer/Fall	SWCD Staff	Staff booth 8 hours per day during the fair.
10. Organize and host All AG Banquet.	Fall	SWCD Staff	Host 100 guests at the 2021 celebration of conservation and agriculture.
11. Present information and lessons on agriculture and conservation to school aged children as requested.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Give a minimum of 12 presentations throughout the year.
12. Provide assistance to local schools that participate in the Envirothon.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Facilitate a minimum of 5 teams to attend the Area IV/State Envirothon.
13. Sponsor poster contest to coincide with Stewardship Week.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Distribute 2,500 placemats depicting theme and winning placemats to be used at area restaurants during Stewardship Week.
14. Provide education and tree seedlings to all 3 rd and 4 th graders through the T.R.E.E. program.	Spring	SWCD Staff	Visit all 7 elementary schools in the county, give a lesson, booklet and seedling to the 3 rd and 4 th graders.
15. Offer two college scholarship to Mercer County students.	Winter/Spring	Education Technician	Send scholarship information to 6 county schools, WSU-Lake Campus and media.
16. Provide education programs at county 4-H Cloverbud Camp.	Ongoing	Education Technician	Present 1 lesson to all campers at Mercer County 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp.
17. Host county soils judging contest.	Fall	SWCD Staff	Offer event to all 5 Ag teachers and their students.

18. Promote the installation of filter strips and cover crops.	Ongoing	SWCD Staff	Send 2 press release and post to Facebook information on the impact of filter strips and cover crops.
19. Organize and host conservation camp for the youth.	Summer	SWCD Staff	Offer event to 50 students in the county.
20. Develop a nonpoint source implementation strategy plan.	Ongoing	Watershed Technicians & District Engineer	Work towards the development of 1 new NPS-IS plan for a HUC-12 watershed.