



Ross Soil & Water  
Conservation District

# Ross Conservation

Providing Leadership & Education for  
the Stewardship of Natural Resources

JANUARY  
2024

## About the District

*The Ross Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
elects an all-volunteer*

### Board of Supervisors

- **Brice Acton**  
Chairman
- **Pam Snyder**  
Vice Chair
- **Billie Helterbrand**  
Secretary
- **Philip Gray**  
Fiscal Agent
- **Nancy Ames**  
Supervisor

*Staff assist Ross County  
residents with runoff and  
drainage, advise on Farm  
Bill projects and promote  
conservation practices*

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**Press Extension 3**

### District Staff

- **JT Flowers**  
Ag Engineering Tech &  
Wildlife Specialist
- **Ben Givens**  
Ag Engineering Tech &  
Ag Construction Specialist
- **Tabby Sharp**  
Ag Engineering Tech &  
Urban Specialist
- **Greg Rouse**  
GIS Coordinator
- **Bob Neal**  
District Administrator

### NRCS Staff

- **Landry Roe**  
District Conservationist
- **Kelton Collins**  
Soil Conservationist

## Visit our Website

[www.rosscountyswcd.org](http://www.rosscountyswcd.org)  
for more information and to  
**ORDER ONLINE**

## Stormwater Management

In 2023, the Ross County Board of Commissioners approved Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Regulations for Ross County. The regulations apply to commercial and industrial development including major subdivisions. **This does not include normal agricultural practices or buildings.** The regulations were established to effectively manage stormwater and minimize erosion from development. Ross County has designated the administration and enforcement of these regulations to the Ross Soil and Water Conservation District. A permit is required for all development equal to one-half acre or greater. Permits and a copy of the complete regulations are available online at [www.rosscountyswcd.org](http://www.rosscountyswcd.org).

## SWCD Education & Outreach

The district is proud to support ag and natural resources education. Last fall Ross SWCD hosted a soil pits practice.



*FFA students learn the techniques for measuring slope at a practice soil pit.*

The 2024 **Envirothon** is scheduled for April 23rd at Camp Oyo near Portsmouth. Contact Ross SWCD to find out how your high school can compete against schools from 17 counties in central, southern, and southeast Ohio in an outdoor academic competition studying soil science, forestry, aquatics, and wildlife. The district also supports FFA Career Day in September.

## Classroom Presentations

District personnel are available to make classroom presentations about topics related to conservation and natural resources. You can make contact and find a list of topics on the district website.

## Tree Sale 2024

Ross SWCD is now accepting orders for the annual tree sale. Orders are **due February 14th**. The annual tree sale is a long-standing conservation project intended to get tree seedlings planted to prevent soil erosion and provide for a more healthy environment. Tree pickup day is scheduled for March 22nd.



Trees are offered in bulk at prices near wholesale cost to the district. The order form is on the back of this newsletter and you can order online through February 14th at:

[www.rosscountyswcd.org](http://www.rosscountyswcd.org)

## Fish Sale Preview

The district will hold our spring fish sale for your annual pond stocking. Our next newsletter will have ordering details. The last day to order fish is April 15th. Pickup day is scheduled at the Ross County Fairgrounds in the Show Arena at the end of April.

## Sales Tax Notification

Soil and Water districts across the state are now required to collect sales tax. Some purchases will stay tax exempt for producers who can claim a farming exemption. However, the district is required to collect sales tax on tree and fish sales. The tax rate in Ross County is **7.25%**. Please multiply your order amount by **.0725** and then add amount to the total.



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# Ross Soil & Water Conservation District 2024 Tree Sale Order Form



Name		Phone	
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Email			

Order online at [www.rosscountyswcd.org](http://www.rosscountyswcd.org)  
Deadline to Order Trees is **Wednesday February 14th**  
*or while supplies last*

Trees in PACKET	TREE SEEDLING PACKETS Tree seedlings are typically between 6 and 18 inches tall	PRICE	PACKETS	AMOUNT
2	<b>FRUIT PACKET</b> 2 - Dwarf Grimes Golden Apple	\$ 33.00		\$
24	<b>WILDLIFE PACKET</b> 4 each of : Chinkapin Oak, American Elderberry, American Plum, Hazelnut, Persimmon, and Shagbark Hickory	\$ 25.00		\$
20	<b>HARDWOOD PACKET</b> 4 each of : Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, and Tulip (Yellow) Poplar	\$ 20.00		\$
	<b>DECIDUOUS TREE PACKETS</b>			
25	Black Cherry	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Black Walnut	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Northern Red Oak	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Sugar Maple	\$ 30.00		\$
25	White Oak	\$ 20.00		\$
	<b>CONIFER TREE PACKETS</b>			
25	Bald Cypress	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Eastern Redcedar	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Eastern White Pine	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Norway Spruce	\$ 20.00		\$
25	Virginia Pine	\$ 20.00		\$
ORDER SUB TOTAL				\$
Sales Tax Required as of 1/1/2022 • Add <b>7.25%</b> (Order Sub Total X .0725)				<b>SALES TAX</b> \$
Subject to supplier delays/substitutions • All sales final • Products NOT guaranteed				<b>TOTAL</b> \$

**TREE PICK UP • 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Friday March 22nd • Ross County Service Center**  
Please send this form with a check and proper sales tax made payable to:

**ROSS SWCD**  
475 Western Ave Suite H  
Chillicothe, OH 45601

See complete tree descriptions and order online at [www.rosscountyswcd.org](http://www.rosscountyswcd.org)