



Ross Soil & Water
Conservation District

Ross Conservation

Providing Leadership & Education for
the Stewardship of Natural Resources

MARCH
2023

About the District

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

Board of Supervisors

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

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

CALL 740-772-1711
Press Extension 3

District Staff

- **JT Flowers**
Ag Engineering Tech &
Wildlife Specialist
 - **Ben Givens**
Ag Engineering Tech &
Ag Construction Specialist
 - **Tabby Arnold 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
for more information and to
ORDER ONLINE

Free Ag Drone Workshop THURSDAY MARCH 30

When Lieutenant John Macready climbed in to an army surplus biplane in 1921 near Troy, Ohio, he became the world's first "crop duster." Now, a hundred years later and a hundred miles away, innovation is closer to the ground but still reaching new heights. Large commercial drones are now being used for aerial spraying and aerial seeding. As the district strives to lead in ag innovation, we are hosting a free workshop at **Noon on Thursday, March 30th** at the Ross County Fairgrounds. Peebles based company Midwest Air will demonstrate their agricultural drones outfitted with compartments for seeding & spraying. Ross SWCD has flown drones mainly for imaging since 2016 and the district will display our drone equipment plus maps drawn with drone data. There is no cost to attend. An RSVP is requested. Call 740-772-1711 or email admin@rosscountyswcd.org. The workshop and demonstration are free and open to the public and is scheduled rain or shine.



Midwest Air, LLC will demonstrate the DJI Agras drone outfitted for seeding and spraying insecticide and nutrients.

April Community Events

The 2023 **Envirothon** is April 25th at Lake Hope State Park. Contact us to find out how high school students can participate.

Look for the district with Ross County Garden clubs at the annual **Pump House Earth Gathering Festival** on April 15th.

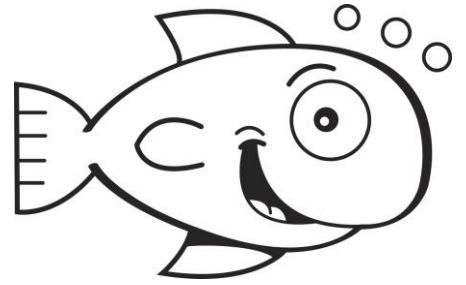
Supervisor Changes

As **Mike Anderson** resigns from the Board of Supervisors the district thanks Mike for his more than six years on the board and welcomes former FSA staff member **Billie Helterbrand** to the board.

Tree Sale Pick-Up FRIDAY MARCH 31

Pick-up day has changed. If you ordered trees please pick up your order from 7am-5pm on **Friday March 31st** at the Ross County Service Center, 475 Western Ave, Chillicothe.

Now Taking Fish Sale Orders



Order now for the annual pond stocking fish sale. The **order deadline is April 24th**. Use the order form on the back of this newsletter or order online now:

www.rosscountyswcd.org

Visit our website for information on stocking rates and how you can maintain a healthy pond. We have a new location at the fairgrounds. Pick up is in the **Show Arena** from 9am to 10am on Tuesday May 2nd. Please note the district does not ship and fish can only be picked up at this time. Please arrange for pick-up before placing an order.

Prep Your Pick-Up

You should plan to devote the entire morning to safely pick up and transport fish to your pond. Please **bring pond water from your pond** in 5-gallon buckets or similar tubs and containers with **unscented liners**. **Do not use lids** which could puncture the liner. Staff will inject oxygen for the fish to breathe on the trip home. Fish should be placed in your pond as soon as possible.





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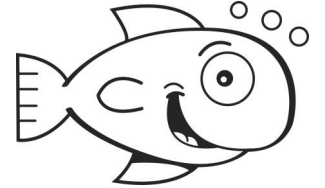
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**Ross Soil & Water
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2023 Fish Sale Order Form**



Name		Phone	
Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Email			

Order online at www.rosscountyswcd.org
Last Day to Order is **Monday April 24th**

SIZE	FISH SPECIES / PRODUCTS	PRICE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
2"- 3"	Largemouth Bass	\$ 1.10		\$
2"- 4"	Bluegill	\$ 1.00		\$
2"- 4"	Hybrid Bluegill	\$ 1.00		\$
4"- 5"	Channel Catfish	\$ 0.90		\$
2"- 4"	Redear Sunfish (Shellcracker)	\$ 1.00		\$
2"- 3"	Perch	\$ 1.10		\$
1"- 3"	Fathead Minnows (sold in hundreds) (recommend 1000 per acre)	\$ 8.00/ hundred		\$
6"- 8"	Japanese Koi (for duckweed control)	\$ 13.00		\$
8"- 10"	White Amur "Grass Carp" (sterile triploid)	\$ 16.00		\$
1 gallon	Nature's Pond Conditioner (NPC)	\$ 90.00		\$
5 gallon	Nature's Pond Conditioner (NPC)	\$ 375.00		\$
40 # bag	Optimal® Fish Food (small pellet)	\$ 50.00		\$
Handbook	"Pond Management, the Common Sense Guide" by Steve Fender	\$ 20.00		\$
ORDER SUB TOTAL				\$
Sales Tax Required as of 1/1/2022 • Add 7.25% (Order Sub Total X .0725)			SALES TAX	\$
Subject to supplier delays/substitutions • All sales final • Products NOT guaranteed				TOTAL \$

PICK-UP ONLY • 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. • Tuesday May 2nd • Ross County Fairgrounds

Please send this form with a check and proper sales tax made payable to:

ROSS SWCD

475 Western Ave Suite H
Chillicothe, OH 45601

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Call or email with questions • 740-772-1711 Extension # 3 • admin@rosscountyswcd.org