



Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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Dear SWCD Supervisors, Administrators and Staff:

On behalf of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, I want to personally thank each of you who have shown the Federation and me, as your President, such tremendous support. When it came time to send out the annual dues notices to all eighty-eight of Ohio's Soil & Water Conservation Districts, it occurred to me that this was a great opportunity to reconnect with our District staff and Supervisors. The Federation is YOUR organization, and my goal has always been to meet the needs of each unique District in our great state.

To better serve you, **I need to hear from you!** What services do you need from the Federation? What ideas do you have to make conservation message and program delivery in Ohio even better? What trainings would be beneficial to your Board Supervisors and staff? What sessions would you like to see at the annual partnership meeting in February? PLEASE take a few moments to share your thoughts with me. You can reach me by email at peart.matt@gmail.com or by phone at 330-466-2470.

Your OFSWCD officer team and staff continue to work with the Administration, the Division, the General Assembly and NRCS to ensure funding for general District operation and installation of conservation practices across the state. **Your** continued support and involvement with the Federation is **vital**. Together, we have accomplished a great deal and as new opportunities continue to present themselves, we will do so much more. As your President, I want you to understand how important your dues are to this organization to ensure our OFSWCD staff is supported, and our outreach remains strong. With this said, included is a list that shares just a glimpse of the services provided by the Federation.

Attached with this correspondence is your annual dues invoice. It is my hope that you will remain faithful and diligent in supporting our great organization. Again, I welcome additional suggestions as to how we can better serve you. We want to ensure we are faithful in our service and fulfilling the promise to support your efforts as best possible!

Sincerely,

Matt Peart

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OFSWCD President



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OFSWCD Services Provided to Districts:

- ✓ Statehouse News and Legislative Information (both state and federal)
- ✓ ZOOM Account
- ✓ NRCS Contribution Agreement Opportunities
- ✓ NACD Technical Assistance Grant Support
- ✓ Backyard Conservation Materials
- ✓ Survey Opportunities through Survey Monkey
- ✓ Video Production opportunities through Animoto
- ✓ Press Kit Templates that include Flyers, Brochures, PowerPoints and More
- ✓ Legislative Efforts and Outreach
- ✓ Training Meetings Virtual and In-Person when Possible (Winter Area, Annual Meeting, SSS) - Networking Opportunities and Program Sharing
- ✓ Software Acquisition through TechSoup
- ✓ Formsite Registration Tool
- ✓ Technical Assistance and Guidance
- ✓ ARC GIS
- ✓ GrantStation
- ✓ RCPP
- ✓ Cooperator of the Year Signage
- ✓ Service Awards for Supervisors and Staff
- ✓ Participation in the Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative (OACI)
- ✓ Envirothon Support - Liability Insurance and Financial
- ✓ Farm Science Review - Outreach and Conservation Farm Family Awards Program
- ✓ Donation and Grant Opportunities using OFSWCD Non-Profit Status
- ✓ Tom Spellmire Leadership Academy in Partnership with OSUE
- ✓ NACD Boot Camp Opportunities
- ✓ OFSWCD is a member of the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO). As a result of this membership, we have access to materials such as strategic planning drafts, employee handbook templates, board member engagement initiatives, speakers and other various programs that can further assist Districts by providing tools, contact and other key items to ensure immense success.
- ✓ And so MUCH MORE!