



Decatur County Soil & Water Conservation District Update

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2012 Annual Meeting Monday, February 13, 2012

Knights of Saint John's Hall

312 S. Wilder Street, Greensburg

Catered Dinner served @ 6pm, followed by election, conservation award presentations, recap of 2011, and finishing with the Greensburg Show Choir.

Tickets: \$8/person at SWCD Office, 1333 N Liberty Circle E or 812-663-8685 x 3

Please RSVP by February 9th, 2012

SWCD Board of Supervisors

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2012 Supervisor Election and Appointment

The election of a District Supervisor for a three-year term will be conducted at the SWCD Annual Meeting. Persons attending the meeting who are of voting age and owns or rents land in the county may cast a vote for the supervisor. The board of Supervisors is made up of two appointed and three elected individuals who are willing to help promote conservation through activities of the district. Current member, Reuben Kissel, has decided not to run for another term. Matt Raver is running uncontested. The floor will be opened for nominations at the annual meeting.

Matt Raver lives and farms in Salt Creek Township. Matt and his family operate approximately 675 acres total of which 300 are tillable acres, 250 acres of woods, and 110 are in CRP. Matt works full time for Rippe & Kingston in Cincinnati as a Certified Public Accountant. He uses no-till on his farm and supports conservation practices to improve soil and water quality as well as improve wildlife habitat.

2012 Clean Water Indiana Grant Funding

A Note From FSA

The Decatur County SWCD cooperated with the Jennings & Bartholomew County SWCDs to submit a grant application for funding in the Sand Creek Watershed provided by Clean Water Indiana (CWI). The CWI Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution. Producers in the Sand Creek Watershed may be eligible for up to \$20.00 per acre for applying a combination of no-till, cover crops, nutrient management, and buffers, if needed. Funding is limited so please contact our office at 663-8685 x3 for more information.

To better keep producers informed, we would like to send a short monthly newsletter via email. Due to budget contracts FSA will not be mailing out newsletters. We do regularly send news releases to the local newspaper, however if you or your spouse have an email address, we feel we could keep you better informed of the current programs available and of any upcoming deadlines. Your email address will not be given out to any other business or producers. To submit your email address, simply complete the following and send to the FSA office:

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Tree Giveaway : April 21st, 2012

The Decatur County Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding our annual tree give away on Saturday, April 21, 2012. New for this year, we are asking for canned food/boxed food donations, which will be given to the Greensburg Community Bread of Life. The Bread of Life provides free meals to those in need. Donations are not required to receive trees, but are greatly appreciated. Approximately 1000 trees will be available on a 1st come basis at our office starting at 9:00am. There will be a limit of 5 trees per person.

Varieties available will include

White Oak—Red Oak—Bald Cypress—Flowering Dogwood—Tulip

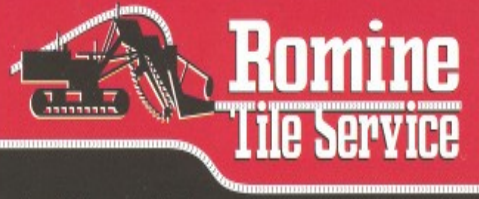
Planting trees is great for the environment, trees produce oxygen, and provide wildlife habitat and are aesthetically pleasing. Tree roots help to hold the soil and prevent erosion. Our office is located at 1333 N Liberty Circle; if you have any questions call us at 663-8685x3.

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Upcoming Events

February 13: Annual Mtg @ 6pm at St John's Hall
March 5: Board Mtg @ 7pm at USDA Service Center
April 2: Board Mtg @ 7pm at USDA Service Center
April 6: Good Friday (OFFICE CLOSED)
April 21: Tree Giveaway @ 10am at USDA Service Center
May 7: Board Mtg @ 7pm at USDA Service Center
May 8: Election Day (OFFICE CLOSED)
May 28: Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)

Rental/Sales Information

- * 2011 Plat Books—\$20
- * Decatur County Soil Survey data is available in several different formats—FREE
- * Straw blower rental: \$55 for half day, \$25 additional half day
- * No-till drill rental: 10' wide model—\$10/acre

Wetland/HEL Determinations

If you are needing a wetland or highly erodible land determination on your farm, please remember that it is imperative to allow adequate time for the determination to be completed before you are ready to begin working. Determinations should be requested **at least three months** before you are ready to begin. Please see FSA to fill out the proper paperwork.

Decatur County SWCD Mission

To promote the wise use of our soil, water, and related natural resources. Each county in Indiana has a soil and water conservation district (SWCD). SWCDs are subdivisions of state government led by a 5 member board of supervisors. SWCDs determine and address natural resource needs in their counties. SWCDs address issues such as agricultural conservation, urban conservation, forestry, wildlife, water management, and natural resource education.

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