

*Fall Edition 2018*



## ***Supervisors' Election Results***

At the District's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting **Rodney Campbell** and **Ann Wolfe** were elected to serve three year terms beginning in 2019 on the Board of Supervisors.

**Ann** lives in Nimishillen Township with her husband, John. They have three grown children. She works on the family's farm operation, alongside her husband, John's brother, and their father. Ann is a 4-H advisor, chairs the Stark County 4-H Home Economics Committee, serves on the Stark County-OSU Extension Board, and is an active member of the Stark County Farm Bureau where she previously served on the county board of directors.



**Rodney** resides in Minvera with his wife, Cindy, and their three children. He grows corn, beans, and wheat as part of the Campbell Bros. Farms in Homeworth, Ohio. Rodney served on the Board of Supervisors from 2001 to 2016 and is currently finishing the term of a supervisor who resigned. He is an active member of the Stark County Farm Bureau.



We bid a fond farewell to **Chuck Midcap**, whose term on the Board ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. Chuck served for six years on the Board, the last year as chair, and brought steady leadership as well as a commitment to fiscal responsibility to the District. We are grateful to Chuck's service to the District and wish him the very best.



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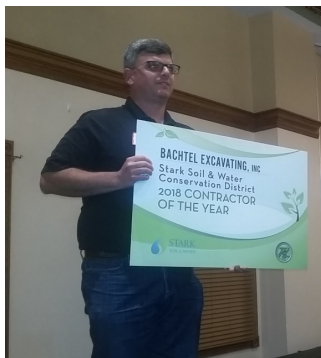
The State of Ohio Auditor's staff recently completed a review of the District's financial records for 2016 and 2017. A copy of the auditor's report is available at <https://ohioauditor.gov/>

## Stark Soil & Water Fall Award Winners

**Hay and Grain Best in Show** was awarded to Jarrod Dawson for his 1<sup>st</sup> cutting legumes entry at the 169<sup>th</sup> Stark County Fair .



**Contractor of the Year** was given to Bachtel Excavating, Inc. This new award recognizes an individual or company that demonstrates a consistent commitment to implementing and promoting best management practices on construction sites so that soil, water, and other natural resources are protected and conserved in Stark County. Bachtel is well-known for implementing best management practices right the first time, maintaining them as required, and addressing issues or concerns promptly. Matt Bachtel accepted the award on behalf of his company.



**Cooperator of the Year** award was presented to The Wilderness Center, a 650 acre nature preserve in Wilmot. The award is given to an individual, organization, or farm family that demonstrates a consistent commitment to protecting and conserving soil, water, and other natural resources in Stark County. The organization was honored for imagining and completing four extensive restoration projects on its preserve. Lead by Wilderness Center's Gary Popotnik and Adam Beichler, staff, contractors, and volunteers expanded and enhanced a portion of the Sugar Creek, planted over 4,000 trees in an old farm field, removed thousands of invasive species and wild grape vines on 150 acres, and planted 12 species of wildflowers in a field to support pollinators.



## FUN FACTS!

- ⇒ Only ONE heaping coffee mug of salt covers **250 square feet** or **10 sidewalk squares**.
- ⇒ The District's urban staff has conducted **980 inspections**, responded to **276 drainage concerns**, and reviewed **452 pollution prevention plans** so far this year. That is a lot of mileage on the district vehicles!



# Upcoming Fall Events

## ODA Nutrient Management and Agriculture Pollution Overview:

Nutrients from farms and their potential impact on water quality in Ohio is a hot-button topic and not going away. Many farmers as well as the public are unaware of the rules and regulations. Our goal is to provide that information to our local producers. To achieve this goal, we will be holding an informational session with Ohio Department of Agriculture staff to review the rules, risk, fines, and how to handle unexpected circumstances if they arise. There will also be time for questions and additional information for tips and tools to help farmers be proactive with winter manure management.

**LOCATION:** USDA Service Center - 2650 Richville Dr. SE, Massillon, Ohio 44646

**DATE/TIME:** November 20, 2018 @10:00am - 12:00pm

## Stark SWCD Board Meeting:

**LOCATION:** USDA Service Center - 2650 Richville Dr. SE, Massillon, Ohio 44646

**DATE/TIME:** November 21, 2018 @ 8:45am

## Thanksgiving Day:

Our office will be closed November 22nd-23rd.

## Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast:

Join Stark Soil and Water Conservation District's board members, staff, and partners for the monthly Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast! The topic of discussion is Timber management. Come learn about the potential economic and recreational benefits of your woodlands. *Meals are optional and at your own expense.*

**LOCATION:** Thompson's Dairyland - 7519 Columbus Rd. NE Louisville, Ohio 44641

**DATE/TIME:** December 6, 2018 @ 9:00am

## Stark SWCD Board Meeting:

**LOCATION:** USDA Service Center - 2650 Richville Dr. SE Massillon, Ohio 44646

**DATE/TIME:** December 19, 2018 @ 8:45am

## Christmas Day:

Our office will be closed December 25th.

## Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast:

Join Stark Soil and Water Conservation District's board members, staff, and partners for the monthly Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast! The topic of discussion is FSA programs. *Meals are optional and at your own expense.*

**LOCATION:** Thompson's Dairyland - 7519 Columbus Rd. NE, Louisville, Ohio 44641

**DATE/TIME:** January 3, 2019 @ 9:00am





## *Got Gullies?*

**Many factors contribute to or cause field gullies: increased rainfall rates and/or poor water infiltration; concentrated flow from a neighbor's land; compaction from field equipment; blown main tile line; and/or bare soil. Failure to fix gullies will eventually reduce crop productivity and may even cause agriculture pollution (sediment in waterways) and/or lead to a non-compliance designation for HEL (highly erodible land) fields.**

**Stark SWCD offers technical assistance to landowners to help determine the cause of the gullies and the most cost efficient and effective system to fix and prevent them. One of the best solutions is a permanent grassed waterway. Properly designed and constructed, waterways anchor soil and handle 10-year storms lasting 24 hours. Cost share options to install them are available through USDA-NRCS.**

**If you are interested in assistance, please contact Jay Jordan, District Technician, at 330.451.7643**