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Soil Health Field Day at Roemke Farms
September 4, 2019 at 8am-3pm

Today more than ever Agriculture continues to face the challenge of reducing nutrient loss into nearby streams. We can create soil health by implementing practices to improve soil structure therefore reducing run-off.

JOIN US at Roemke Farms 12125 State Road 101 Harlan, Indiana 46743

- **Hear from dynamic & informative Speakers / Ag Professionals / Invited Guests**
- **Compare different cropping management systems and how their root associations compare**
- **Find out which tools help you understand the microbe biosphere within your soils**
- **Explore cover crop equipment and best management cover crop practices**
- **Take a dive in Lake Erie with water quality issues and management practices**
- **Learn how to stay safe with an AEP electrical safety demonstration**
- **Lunch will be served**

Thank you Soil Health Partnership & the Natural Resources Conservation Service for helping to support this event.

PARP & CCA Credits available **Please RSVP by calling 260-484-5848 x 3**

Evening with the Amish
Dr. Jill Clapperton
September 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm

JOIN US at Ruben Graber Pallet Shop at 15822 Trammel Rd Grabill, IN 46714

- **Dr. Jill Clapperton will speak and answer questions regarding soil health, cropping systems, management practices and organisms in the soil**
  - **Jill is owner and founder of Rhizoterra, Inc and is an expert soil health biologist**
- **Dr. Chris Winslow will discuss Lake Erie water quality issues and nutrient Involvement**
  - **Chris works for Ohio State University and is a biological water quality researcher and farm nutrient placement advocate**

Shiver Me Timbers, Farmers on the Rivers

Throughout the years, agricultural farming practices have intensified. Increasing yield is the main driver of larger fertilizer inputs and larger animal operations contribute to a higher percent of manure produced. Mother Nature and extreme weather events play havoc on our farming operations and our rivers with unintended results. Phosphorus loading and E-coli are large players with the issues within our rivers. Come learn first hand how these events tied with our farming operations affect our water quality in our rivers leading to Lake Erie. Let's work together to enhance farming operations and river water quality in order to enhance the overall quality of our environment.

This trip will provide you with a hands on experience on three of Fort Wayne's main rivers leading to Lake Erie. Come learn about water quality issues the rivers are having as well as what programs that are happening downstream to mitigate these issues.

People of all ages, backgrounds and experience levels are welcome. We can accommodate groups up to 10 people or up to 30 people. Please call as soon as possible to reserve a date for your group. Availability is on a first call basis. This tour is ideal for producers, retailers and landowners.



FREE ADMISSION!

Please Call Allen Co. SWCD at 260-484-5848 Ext. 3 to book your tour today!

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All programs and services of the Allen County SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age or disability.

Meet the Newest Member of the Conservation District Team



Hello my name is Kelly Moore and I am the new Office Manager. I was raised in Woodburn and I am the 4th generation to live on my family's farm. Our family has raised just about every kind of livestock over the years and we are supporters of FFA and 4-H. My daughter Torie is a senior at Purdue University and my son Dalton is a junior at Trine University. I am excited about this new opportunity and look forward to the adventures! Please stop by, introduce yourself and say hello!

Equipment Available for Rent

Great Plains Turbo Max w/ Valmar Seeder $16 / acre (includes tractor, subject to availability)
Great Plains Turbo Max without the Valmar Seeder $11 / acre (does not include tractor)
Phillips Harrow $6 / acre on first 200 acres, $4.50 / acre after 200 acres
Interseeder $6/acre + $55 / tach hr. for tractor
Salford 522 Air Seeder $16 / acre (price includes unit, tractor & operator)
*$1/acre discount if paid within 10 days of invoice.







A Day at the Lake Recap

From beautiful skies to stormy rains, we had a great turn out for our annual Day at the Lake trip to Put-In-Bay, Ohio. With 49 attendees, we had a diverse group of people from university and agency personnel to land owners and students. We immersed ourselves with tours around Ohio State Universities research facility and indulged at a local eatery. Unfortunately, we could not embark on the research vessels due to thunder and **lighting storms in the area. If you missed this year's trip,** please join us next year to learn all about lake Erie and do not be afraid to invite your friends!



Remember, this extraordinary trip only costs $20 and you will take home memories that last forever.

Upper Maumee Implementation Grant

Cost-Share is now available! This grant is focused on implementing best management practices within the critical watersheds listed in the Upper Maumee Watershed Management Plan. Those critical watersheds include: Black Creek, Marsh Ditch, Six-Mile Creek & Trier Ditch. Practices eligible for cost-share are cover crops, filter strips, conservation tillage, nutrient management, residue management, drainage water management, gypsum, comprehensive nutrient management plans (CNMP) and equipment modifications!

Call the SWCD office for more info!



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FREE Soil & Manure Sampling:

Free soil and manure sampling is being offered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Great Lakes Commission (GLC).

Farms must be located within the
Auglaize River Watershed- Brown Ditch - Flatrock Creek

St. Mary's River Watersheds- Blue Creek—Headwaters Blue Creek

Upper Maumee River Watershed- (entire watershed)

The goal of this program is for growers to know how much phosphorus is already in their soil in order to make better fertilizer decisions. Contact Lindsey Bluhm at 260-210-2477.

NEW! Auglaize Watershed Cost-Share Program

A cost-share program is being offered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) through a grant from the Great Lakes Commission (GLC). This grant is for producers that farm in the Indiana portion of the Auglaize Watershed (both Allen and Adams Counties). There is up to a 75% payment rate. Conservation practices include but are not limited to: Cover Crops, Drainage Water Management Systems, Equipment Modifications, Gypsum Applications, and more.

Don't wait, get signed up today! There are limited funds and is done by a first come first serve bases.

For more questions or to sign up, call Lindsey Bluhm at (260) 210-2477.

Rates subject to change





Upcoming Events

SWCD Board Meeting @ 8 a.m.

August 28
Sept. 25
Oct. 23
Nov. 27
Dec. 18

Sep. 4th
Soil Health Field day at Roemke Farms

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