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**Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Celebrating 70 years of conservation at
Annual Meeting and Board Supervisor Election**

08/24/16 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO—Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its 70th Annual Meeting on Thursday September 15, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215. A public election for one member of the Board of Supervisors will be held concurrently.

Enabled under Ohio Revised Code 940, soil and water conservation districts are subdivisions of the State of Ohio organized along county boundaries. Franklin Soil and Water officially began its work to improve and protect Franklin County soil and water resources on May 11, 1946 as a result of action by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the Dust Bowl. Since then, the Board of Supervisors and staff have presented yearly updates on programs and accomplishments to Franklin County residents and landowners.

The five-member Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Franklin Soil and Water. The two candidates for one open seat are Chris Wible and Anuja Sriparameswaran, MD [[Short biographies of the candidates](#)]

Residents or landowners, firms and corporations that own land or occupy land in Franklin County and are 18 years of age or older may vote for supervisors. A non-resident landowner, firm or

corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. [[More information on voting for Board of Supervisors](#)]

The Annual Meeting this year will be a historical retrospective on conservation and soil and water conservation districts. Our evening speaker will be Larry Vance, former chief of Division of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ODNR. Proceeds from the Annual Meeting and silent auction are dedicated to the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation Fund, which is used to install conservation projects that assist in the protection and improvement of soil and water resources in Franklin County. The Conservation Fund also awards yearly mini-grants promoting on-the-ground conservation, especially small or on-going projects that may not meet the criteria of larger grant programs.

WHAT: Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' Election

WHERE: The Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring Street, Columbus OH 43215

WHEN: Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Highlights, program updates, including the Conservation Stewardship and Conservation Teacher of the Year Awards, begins at 7:00 p.m.

WHO: Franklin County residents and landowners; local, county and state elected officials; municipal and township employees; local, county, state and federal agency employees

WHY: Participate in election, stay up-to-date on County conservation programs, network, sit-down dinner from the Boat House restaurant, & great deals on items in silent auction

HOW MUCH: Tickets are available to order through Eventbrite:

www.fswcdcelebrating70.eventbrite.com

- \$38 Individual Tickets
- \$70 Pair of Tickets
- \$300 Table for Ten

*It is not necessary to register in order to vote. Registration covers entry to event and dinner.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote land-use decisions for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.