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Two New Supervisors Elected to Conservation District Board

10/2/17 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO – Susan Ashbrook and Emily Weber have been elected to the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at a public election held September 28, 2017 at the Boathouse at Confluence Park, 679 W. Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio. There were three highly qualified candidates for residents to vote for; Susan Ashbrook, Andrea Gorzitze, and Emily Weber.

Susan Ashbrook will be a new face to the Franklin Soil and Water Board of Supervisors but brings with her over 30 years of environmental experience. She spent 15 years with the Ohio Attorney General's office as an environmental attorney enforcing Ohio's environmental laws and the next 15 years with the City of Columbus in various capacities. Most recently, Susan served as the Assistant Director for Sustainability for the Department of Public Utilities. Susan is a resident of the City of Columbus.

Emily Weber will be taking on a new role within our organization as a board member. She previously served as Assistant Director. Throughout her 10 years working for Franklin Soil and Water she facilitated numerous regional environmental projects with local, state and federal agencies to improve water quality and sustainability, and implemented environmental policies and regulations across jurisdictional boundaries. Emily Weber is a resident of Dublin.

Jennifer Fish, Director of Franklin Soil and Water, said, "We are excited to have two outstanding individuals join our board of supervisors. They both bring unique experiences and enthusiasm for conservation that will elevate our organization."

Enabled under Ohio Revised Code 940, soil and water conservation districts are subdivisions of the State of Ohio organized along county boundaries. The five-member Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Franklin Soil and Water. Supervisors must own land or reside in Franklin County. They serve, unpaid, for three-year terms as elected public officials. Franklin Soil and Water receives non-mandated funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, local municipalities and from the state as match funding.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote responsible 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.

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