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Two Supervisors Re-Elected to Conservation District Board!

10/2/18 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO – Jessica D’Ambrosio and Anuja Sriparameswaran have both been re-elected to a new three year term on the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. The public election was held Thursday, September 27, 2018 at Franklin Soil and Water’s office in Columbus, Ohio. Three highly qualified candidates ran for the two open seats; Jessica D’Ambrosio, Anuja Sriparameswaran and Abigail Rhodebeck.

Jessica D’Ambrosio is currently the Board’s Vice Chair and has been on the FSWCD board since 2013. With this win she will begin her 3rd term running from 2019-2021. Jessica is currently the Western Lake Erie Project Director for The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, where she works with agriculture to keep farming productive and profitable while protecting Lake Erie and its tributaries. Her expertise in this area has helped lead our work keeping local watersheds safe and healthy here in Franklin County.

Anuja Sriparameswaran will be returning for her 2nd term as a Board Supervisor, first joining the board in 2016. Anuja is a board certified pediatrician at the department of Ambulatory Pediatrics at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at the OSU College of Medicine. Anuja is a strong advocate for the reduction of medical waste in Columbus Ohio and is sincerely concerned of the long-term environmental health of our water soil and air. With her background, Anuja brings new and interesting ideas to our board with a focus on environmental health for children.

Jennifer Fish, Director of Franklin Soil and Water, said, “We are very fortunate to have residents who have enough passion for conservation and our programs that they are willing to not only volunteer their time to serve on the Board of Supervisors but run competitively in a public election. We had an excellent slate of candidates this year and wish they could all serve on our board of supervisors. We depend on these elected officials to represent the Franklin County community and ensure proper oversight of our operations”

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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