

66th Annual Meeting Celebrates 40 Years of the Clean Water Act

October 18, 2012 is the 40th anniversary of the enactment of amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, resulting in what has become known as the Clean Water Act. It is also the date that Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is celebrating conservation at its 66th annual meeting and holding its Board of Supervisors' election.

To highlight the anniversary, the annual meeting will feature a panel of seasoned environmental professionals who will share their stories and reflect on their part in the implementation of the Clean Water Act.

The panelists will include Karl Gephardt, ODNR Deputy Director; Peggy Malone, retired Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Enforcement section of the Ohio Attorney General's office; and Chris Yoder, Research Director of the Midwest Biodiversity Institute. River Network board member Mary Jo Kilroy will moderate.

The evening will include dinner, conservation awards and a silent auction that benefits the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation Fund.

Public Election for Two Supervisors Held During Meeting

The election of members to the Board of Supervisors is a public election under Ohio Revised Code 1515 and an enduring example of grass-roots participation in local government. Each conservation district is overseen by a board of five volunteer supervisors who must be residents of the county and at least 18 years old. Voting takes place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. during the annual meeting, or can be accomplished by voting with an absentee ballot. In addition to Franklin County residents, non-residents who own land in the county are also eligible to vote with a notarized affidavit of eligibility. To see candidate biographies and more information on voting, visit www.franklinswcd.org.



A fire similar to this one in 1952 helped fuel the fervor for better water quality protection that led to the Clean Water Act in 1972
("Cuyahoga River Fire", Ohio History Central, July 1, 2005, <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=1642>)

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Soil and Water Information for You

Macroinvertebrate Sampling in the Rocky Fork Watershed

During the summer and early fall of 2011, volunteers worked with Kurt Keljo, watershed coordinator, to sample macroinvertebrates in the Rocky Fork Creek watershed. The sampling method produced data suitable for trend analysis and provided a baseline for future volunteer sampling in the watershed.

The data indicated water quality trends along the mainstem of Rocky Fork parallel to those found by the Ohio EPA in 2000, as did the data collected on Sugar Fork and Rose Run. Future volunteer sampling results can now be compared with these data to see whether the water quality in the Rocky Fork Creek watershed appears to be improving or declining at the eleven locations sampled. For more information, call Kurt at (614) 486-9613.



Volunteer Don Dean sampling macroinvertebrates on Rocky Fork Creek



Leave flowers standing, even after they have lost their petals. Migrating birds may need the energy from sources such as these black-eyed Susan seed heads.

Fall Tips for Backyard Conservation

- Plant cool season vegetables in your garden for a late harvest. Spinach, kale, collards and beets can handle some early frosts.
- Plant a cover crop in your vegetable garden for “green manure” to turn under before spring planting. It protects the soil from erosion and adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil once it’s turned under.
- Leave seed heads on flowers and grasses through the winter to provide for the birds that don’t migrate. They add some winter interest to the garden

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66th Annual Meeting Registration

Celebrating 40 Years of the Clean Water Act

Thursday, October 18, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The Boat House at Confluence Park

679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215

You can register online using PayPal at www.franklinswcd.org, or mail this form with a check made out to Franklin Soil and Water. Our address is 1328 Dublin Rd., Suite 101, Columbus, OH 43215. Please register by Monday, October 15. Tickets will be mailed, if time allows; otherwise they can be picked up at the door. Please present your ticket at the door.



Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip code _____

E-mail & Phone _____

Guests' Names _____

Individual tickets at \$40 each _____ Table of 8 at \$280 _____

Total Payment _____

Don't Forget the Silent Auction and Rain Barrel Raffle!

Several local businesses have generously donated goods and services for the Silent Auction. These include tickets to arts and entertainment venues, salon services, sports tickets and items for holiday gift-giving. Who can resist bidding on the limited edition, Columbus Bicentennial bobble-head collection?

We will also be selling raffle tickets for a terra-cotta colored 45-gallon rain barrel. You could take home an easy-to install barrel for only \$2.00!

Proceeds from the Silent Auction and the rain barrel raffle benefit the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation Fund, which supports the implementation of small conservation projects throughout Franklin County. Because of the Conservation Fund we have been able to provide trees for conservation plantings, install rain gardens and remove invasive species.

Agenda

- 5:00-6:00: Registration & Networking
- 5:00-7:00: Voting for Supervisors
- 5:00-7:30: Silent Auction
- 6:15: Dinner Buffet
- 7:00: Acknowledgements, Highlights & Conservation Awards
- 7:20: Panel Discussion of 40 Years of the Clean Water Act
- 8:00: Closing Remarks & Silent Auction Results

Upcoming Events

Fall Tips

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and the standing foliage provides shelter to small animals.

- Fall is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Plan for next year's spring color, wildlife food and shelter, nectar for pollinators and fall color when selecting native species.
- Once autumn leaves are raked up, shred them for use as compost in your garden or shrub borders (you can use your mower). Don't dispose of them along stream banks, as thick layers may smother ground-cover plants whose roots are holding the soil in place.
- Oak leaves provide a good insulating blanket for your perennial beds, just be sure to remove them before growth starts in the spring.

Sep. 18-20: Farm Science Review <http://fsr.osu.edu/>

Sep 19: Central OH Stormwater Roundtable & CWP Web Seminar "Get the Dirt on Stormwater" <http://www.franklinswcd.org/?p=4183>

Sep. 20 & 25: Environmental Law Enforcement Workshop <http://www.franklinswcd.org/?p=4118>

Sep 22: Combined Rain Garden/Rain Barrel Workshop for Westerville <http://www.franklinswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Westerville-Rain-Garden-Rain-Barrel-Wrkshp.pdf>

Sep. 25: USGBC Central OH Lunch and Leaders <http://sept2012nl-rss.eventbrite.com/>

Sep. 29: Rain Barrel Workshop for Canal Winchester http://www.franklinswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Registration_Sept.pdf

Sep. 30-Oct. 5: EcoSummit 2012 <http://www.ecosummit2012.org/>

Oct. 1: Conservation Stewardship Program Sign-up http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CSP/apply_csp.html

Oct. 3: MORPC Summit on Sustainability http://www.morpc.org/energy/green_region/summit.asp

Oct 5: Deadline for EPA Campus RainWorks Challenge www.epa.gov/campusrainworks

Oct. 9: Environmental Professionals' Network, 2nd Tuesdays Breakfast Club <http://epn.osu.edu/>

Oct. 9: Franklin County Info-Expo 11:30-2:00 Courthouse Lobby

Oct 18: Franklin Soil and Water Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' Election <http://www.franklinswcd.org/?p=4127>

Nov. 3 & 17 & Dec. 8: Educator Workshops <http://www.franklinswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/Fall-2012-Educator-Workshops.pdf>

Nov. 10: OEC Green Gala <http://www.theoec.org/greengala12.htm>

Nov 14: Nutrient Forum/Visioning Workshop http://www.tetrattech-ffx.com/ohio_nutrient/index.html



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