



2010 Annual Report

The Board of Supervisors for the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to provide this annual report for 2010 to the citizens of Medina County. Our accomplishments would not be possible without funding from the Commissioners, State Legislature, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Funding is also provided by grants, and the sale of seedlings and fish, and workshops. Conserving our natural resources continues to be the number one priority. The District is governed by a 5-member board of supervisors that are elected by the citizens of the county each year at our annual meeting. Five staff members are charged with carrying out the duties of the District.

Conservation Application & Technical Assistance	
◆ Livestock Waste facilities	5
◆ Pollution Abatement visits	4
◆ Manure Nutrient Mngt. Plans	3
◆ Conservation Easement Inspections	5
◆ Pond Permits	27
◆ Pond site issues	16
◆ Riparian Forest Buffers	8 ac.
◆ Grassed Waterways	2
◆ Subdivision concept plans	2
◆ Riparian setback reviews	1
◆ Equipment rental	8
◆ Drainage assistance	25
◆ Stream restoration	2
◆ Stream assistance	8
◆ Erosion assistance	20
◆ Soils assistance	7
◆ Woodland management	50 ac.
◆ Watering facility	1
◆ Wetland Restoration	1
◆ Hay Show entries	57

Education
<u>Adult Education</u>
Assistance—jurisdictions involved with the Upper Chippewa Creek watershed project and continued to carryout education for the Phase 2 communities.
Conducted—Rain Barrel workshop, Forestry Field Day, Dam Safety.
Participation—Earth Day, Medina County Fair, and the Fall Foliage Tour, Contractors Workshop, Leadership Medina County.
<u>Youth Education</u>
Classroom presentation—Brunswick, Buckeye, Cloverleaf, Highland, Medina City, St. Francis, Career Center, and Wadsworth schools.
Land Labs—Highland High School.
Teacher Workshops—Living Green, Wild School Sites, No Child Left Inside.
Contests—Envirothon, Recycling at Fair, Coloring contest for Earth Day.
Communication—TEACH newsletter, District newsletters, articles in Gazette & The Post.

Phase 2—Balanced Growth
Phase 2 —The District continued to assist local communities primarily in meeting the public involvement and public education components of their stormwater management plans. Entities involved include Brunswick Hills, Hinckley, and Wadsworth Townships, the cities of Brunswick, Medina and Wadsworth, as well as Medina County.
Balanced Growth Initiative — We continue to act as a liaison between the communities within the Rocky River Watershed for the Cities of Brunswick and Medina, and Hinckley, Lafayette, Medina, Montville and Sharon Townships) and the State.
The District assembled a partnership with 25 agencies, organization and jurisdictions and selected the criteria needed to identify priority conservation and development areas within the Upper Chippewa Creek Watershed . The jurisdictions involved includes the City of Medina, the Villages of Chippewa Lake, Gloria Glens, Seville, and Westfield Center, and Guilford, Lafayette, Montville, and Westfield Townships.



April Fish Sale— We sold a total of 23,692 fish to 76 customers. At our first fall sale we sold 3685 fish to 24 customers. Fish sold included bass, bluegill, catfish, perch, shell-crackers, minnows & white amur.



Tree packing at Geig's Orchard with the assistance of the Landscape and Design class, Medina County Career Center. A total of 12,080 seedlings, 272 potted, 40 bluebird houses, 55 packets of flowerseeds and many miscellaneous items were sold.



2010 Big Tree was this Eastern Cottonwood on Frank Kostecki's property. The tree measures 29.5' in circumference, 110' tall, with an 86' crown.



Students at St. Francis School planting a **rain garden** on school grounds.



Stream cleanup—Girl Scout Troop 501 and their families at Johnson Picnic Area, Hinckley Lake.



Forestry Day at the Heath Farm, Erhart Rd., with 100 participants.

Annual meeting held at University Park Center



Lowell and Justin Wolff received the Cooperator of the year award from Steve Fulton & Jim Dieter



Gracie Sue Morgan and her grandson were honored for their CREP tree planting by Bill Jordan.



Sheri Hudak, Brunswick High School, was the Teacher of the Year

The District is a local unit of government supported by funding from the County and a percentage of state matching dollars on these county funds that pays salaries and benefits for 5 employees. A grant from the Ohio Water Resource Council provides funding for our Balanced Growth project. Seven jurisdictions involved with the Phase II program, seedling and fish sales provide supplemental funding for many of our workshops, newsletters, and education program. Funding continues to cause the staff to operate on reduced hours.

Financial Statement January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

	District Funds	Special Funds	Capital Improvement Fund	University Tech Park	CREP	Balance
Balance Jan. 1	251,320.08	5,911.29	40,201.18	14,383.93	14,344.96	326,161.44
Receipts						
Local government	12,000.00	126,925.00				138,925.00
State government	1,378.00	121,936.00				123,314.00
Seedling sales	16,569.00					16,569.00
Fish sales	7,138.15					7,138.15
Interest	1,304.85			29.21	23.16	1,357.22
Education	5,382.84					5,382.84
Rentals	495.00					495.00
Mini Grant	280.00					280.00
Other	3,355.08					3,355.08
Total income	47,902.92	248,861.00	-0-	29.21	23.16	296,816.29
Expenses						
Salary	1,000.00	183,111.93				184,111.93
Benefits		68,572.18				68,572.18
Supplies	7,823.69					7,823.69
Equipment						
Contract Repairs	857.79					857.79
Contract Services	2,607.65				8,700.00	11,307.65
Rent	26,607.25					26,607.25
Service Fees	1,490.10			6.50		1,496.60
Education	411.00					411.00
Travel	2,298.04					2,298.04
Advs. / Printing	3,795.58					3,795.58
Resale	17,127.69					17,127.69
Other	12,308.65					12,308.65
Total expenses	76,327.44	251,684.11		6.50	8,700.00	336,718.05
Balance Dec. 31	222,895.56	3,088.18	40,201.18	14,406.64	5,668.12	286,259.68

This is an un-audited financial statement

2010 Board of Supervisors

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Partnerships/Memberships

Medina County citizens
 Medina County Commissioners
 17 Medina County townships
 Cities of Brunswick, Medina, & Wadsworth
 Villages of Chippewa Lake, Gloria Glens,
 Hinckley, Homerville, Lodi, Seville, Spencer,
 and Westfield Center
 Ohio Federation of Soil and Water
 Conservation Districts
 Medina County Farm Bureau
 Medina County Township Association
 Western Reserve Resource
 Conservation Development
 Black River RAP
 Rocky River Watershed Council
 Chippewa Creek Maintenance Task Force
 Muskingum Watershed Joint Board

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