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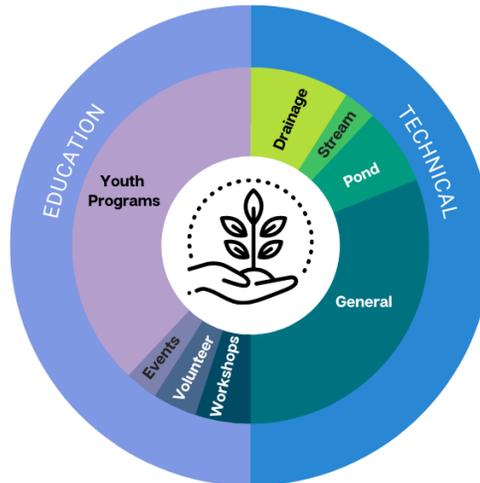
Fall 2022

Goodbye 2022

Kelly Crout, District Director

I am thankful that 2022 seemed to be a more “normal” year, and that we were very busy, especially in the spring and summer months. The fall and winter is a chance for our staff to regroup and recharge, looking back at our accomplishments this year. We also start to look to next year, building our programs, planning our workshops, and striving to assist our residents of Butler County. Our biggest task going into 2023 is finalizing our strategic long range plan, which many of you have been a part of. We look forward to saying goodbye to 2022 and we eagerly look forward to 2023.

During our annual meeting in August, we handed out a report on our numbers for the year. I would like to highlight a few. The total number of field calls were: General Technical Assistance 240, Erosion and Drainage 69, Pond 51, and Stream 24. We held 35 Workshops for landowners and homeowners, 30 BEST volunteer events, attended 22 community events, and devoted 4,990 hours strictly to assistance, education and events.



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Healthy Stream Ecosystems

What do they look like?

Ashlee Widener, Water Resource Specialist

Streams in Ohio are dynamic, always changing systems that have undergone several changes over the course of human settlement. From channelization to damming of streams, humans have impacted streams in many negative ways throughout the past hundreds of years. These impacts have left streams with poor habitat and low-diversity biological communities.

Thankfully, since the implementation of the Clean Water Act in 1972, many steps have been taken to help restore stream conditions and improve biological communities. Several streams in Butler County that were severely impaired have 'bounced back' from pollution due to restoration efforts, such as the Mill Creek. Assessing water chemistry, habitat, and biological communities can tell us a lot about how well a stream is doing and if it can support certain aquatic life uses and recreational use.



Elk Creek in Middletown has been designated as Exceptional Warmwater Habitat by Ohio EPA in 2005.

In Butler County, we do have a few Exceptional Warmwater Habitat streams that support very diverse fish and macroinvertebrate communities, including segments of Elk Creek and Four Mile Creek. Unfortunately, we also have a few streams that are designated Modified Warmwater Habitat and only support macroinvertebrates and fish that are tolerant to habitat impairments or pollution, like Dicks Creek.

Assessing Stream Ecosystems: Water Chemistry

Water chemistry can give preliminary insight into what types of biological communities to expect in a stream. High levels of pollutants like heavy metals, nutrients including nitrate and phosphate, and ammonia can tell us that a stream is being impaired by some activity, whether that be stormwater runoff from urban areas, effluent from wastewater treatment plants, or agricultural runoff. Other indications of poor stream health can be low pH, low dissolved oxygen, and high sedimentation which can all negatively impact aquatic organisms.

High levels of fecal coliform and E. Coli also indicate

contamination that can be detrimental to not only aquatic organisms but also can be harmful to any person who comes in primary contact with the water. Healthy streams tend to have low levels of bacteria, nitrates & phosphates, heavy metals, ammonia, and have a neutral pH of around 7 or 8. Streams with these water qualities will typically be able to support a highly diverse, intolerant community of fish and bugs, while others with poor water quality will most likely have low diversity and many tolerant species.

Habitat

Similar to water chemistry, habitat present can also give insight into what type of fish and bug communities will be present. In Ohio, we can use the Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index (QHEI) to assess stream habitat. Streams with several different habitat types, like woody debris, aquatic vegetation, and large boulders, have the capability of supporting a diverse ecosystem or several different species that rely on those habitats. Woody debris in streams, like logs or tree roots, provides cover and feeding grounds for many fish, including sunfish and catfish. Boulders with space underneath also provide habitat for smaller fish. Deep pools are great spots during low flow conditions, and are inhabited by suckers like golden redhorse and large catfish like channel catfish.

Clean, clear substrate like cobble and gravel in riffles also provides excellent habitat and feeding grounds for several sensitive fish and bug species. Darters are very small fish found in the perch family that reside in these well oxygenated riffles. Many are intolerant to siltation on substrates, so in riffle poor streams full of sediment, there will likely not be many darters present. Sensitive macroinvertebrates like stoneflies, mayflies, and caddisflies also enjoy well oxygenated, silt free substrate in riffles. In streams with heavy siltation and pollution, you would be more likely to find midge larvae, black flies, and flatworms.

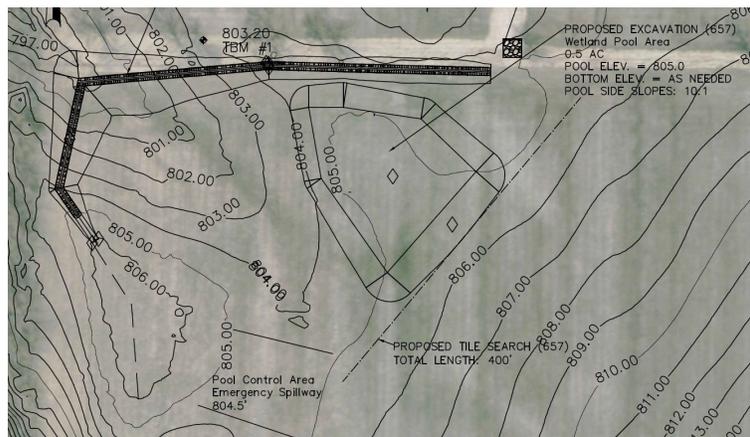
Biological Communities

Healthy stream conditions consist of good water quality and a wide variety of habitat types. If the water quality is good as well, pollutant tolerant species will also be present. Good macroinvertebrate community will consist of stoneflies, mayflies, caddisflies, damselflies and dragonflies nymphs. Good fish assemblages will consist of madtoms, suckers like redhorses, darters, smallmouth bass, rosyface shiners, and other sensitive fish species.

If water quality and habitat is poor, then you would be more likely to find pollutant and generalist species, such as midge larvae, flatworms, and leaches for macroinvertebrates and central stonerollers, creek chubs, bluntnose minnows, and green sunfish for fish species. If you only find pollutant tolerant species, then there is a chance that the stream may be impaired from pollution or habitat degradation. Thankfully, through restoration work, streams do have the potential to be restored and support diverse fish and macroinvertebrate communities.

Cook Wetland Breaks Ground

Brady Smith, Rural Specialist



A view of the plans shows the design of work to be performed.

The wetland restoration project at the property of Bob and Candace Cook broke ground on September 13th, 2022. The 250 acre property is primarily dedicated to conservation practices such as pollinator plantings and warm season grass prairie, providing habitat for many upland bird species. The wetland restoration project focuses on a 2.5 acre area of hydric (wetland) soils. Hydric soil is soil which is permanently or seasonally saturated by water, resulting in anaerobic, or low oxygen conditions.

In Butler County we only have 2 types of wetland soils Patton (PA) and Ragsdale (RA), so finding remnants of these can be tricky. Over many years of agricultural activity the topography of the wetland had become less defined and the site began to lose many of its characteristics.



Heavy black soils make up much of the site, giving clear indication this is a legacy wetland.

Planning phases began over a year ago when soil cores were taken and confirmed that under years of deposition lay the dark highly organic layer that makes Ragsdale soil so special. Just under this thick, heavy layer of sticky black soil lay the key to a wetland soils function, the clay layer. Clay subsoil was field verified to be roughly 40% clay, just perfect to construct levees and seal vernal pools necessary for restoring the wetland.

Butler SWCD, USDA NRCS, and Pheasants Forever have all had important roles in the planning and execution of this process. However, without the support of the Cook family this project would have not happened. Bob and Candace have worked tirelessly to convert their property into a true sanctuary for wildlife and providing habitat for rare and endangered species. The wetland restoration project and supplemental wildlife plantings affirm the Cook's commitment to habitat restoration and will benefit the surrounding Four Mile Creek valley for years to come.



Looking across the lower pool berm, nearly 7 feet of fill has been placed in this area to hold water.

Southwest Ohio Equine Education Expo

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Location: Reily Township Community Center, 6093 Reily Millville Road, Oxford 45056

Cost: Free

Join Butler SWCD and OSU Extension, Butler County for the 2022 Southwest Ohio Equine Education Expo.

Doors open at 8:00 AM for attendees to talk with expo vendors and enjoy a continental breakfast. Presentations begin at 9:00 AM with topics including pasture management, forage needs, stocking rates, sacrifice & dry lots, and manure management.

If you are interested in or currently have horses, donkeys, mules, or other equine related livestock or services please plan to attend. Although the cost is free to attend, please register by visiting www.butlerswcd.org or calling (513) 887-3722.

Fall Gardening & Lawn Management

Lynn White, Education & Volunteer Specialist



People either love or loathe the fall ritual of raking up leaves. For those that detest it, the good news is that leaves play an important role helping to maintain healthy soil and ecosystems. As they decompose, they return nutrients to the soil. Leaves are also good for wildlife, some butterflies and most

moths depend on leaf layers for part of their life cycles. Almost all backyard birds depend heavily on the insects and spiders that live in the leaf layers to feed their young.

When should you rake? When a leaf layer covers a significant portion of your lawn it can smother the grass. A good rule of thumb is that you should be able to see the grass. If the lawn looks more brown than green, then the leaves should be moved or removed.

A great option is to mulch the leaves. Once the leaves have dried out, mow them. It may take a few passes with the mower, especially for larger, thicker leaves. This will allow the nutrients and organic matter to benefit your lawn, a free source of fertilizer!

If you do decide to rake or use a blower - where are you going to put the leaves? The best options include composting or you can add leaves to your garden or flower beds. This layer of leaves will insulate the ground under trees and shrubs and break down to add organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

If you do rake the leaves and don't mulch or compost them, then you will have to dispose of them. If you live in a community where the leaves are taken by the city, do not rake them into a pile in the gutter, place them on the edge of the grass near the curb. Leaves raked into or left in the streets pile up and move downhill when it rains, flowing into storm drains. This is where the problems starts. Large masses of leaves can plug the storm drain causing water to backup. This backup can flood streets leading to accidents. Leaves that don't clog the storm drain are carried through the pipe and wash directly into county streams and ponds.

Don't assume Mother Nature will easily process this "natural material" without giving any consideration to the carrying capacity of the water. Leaves are full of nutrients, phosphates, and nitrogen. These same nutrients that can help your soils, will overload the water with organic matter. Excess organic material can also create an oily sheen on water. An oily sheen can also be due to oil, or from bacteria.

To tell if it is from oil, poke it with a stick! If it separates, it's likely natural. If it forms back together it is likely oil. If so, take a picture, note your location, and report it to the Butler County Stormwater District by calling (513) 785-4120.

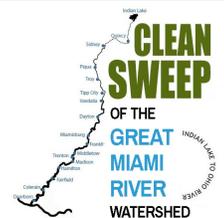
Leaves that naturally fall into streams contribute to this issue, but the waterway can handle this breakdown for a healthy ecosystem. By adding your yard waste, be it leaves or grass clippings, streams and ponds quickly get out of balance. This imbalance results in fish and aquatic life kills. When the plant matter breaks down, the decomposing organisms use up much of the dissolved oxygen in the deeper water. This makes the bottom water in ponds and river impoundments uninhabitable for fish and other animals.

The unwanted plant matter also causes the bottom of ponds and streams to become blanketed with decomposing organic material, blocking some species from laying eggs. Imbalances can result in excessive spring algae growth in neighborhood ponds. No one wants to look at pond scum, so many homeowner associations spend thousand of dollars to combat this.

If you employ a landscaping company for your lawn and garden maintenance it may be necessary to educate them and insist that the service us a best management practices instead of taking the easy approach of dumping yard waste into waterways. After all, you pay the bills.

For more tips on ways to protect your local streams, please visit our website at www.butlerswcd.org.

2022 Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River



The cleanups are over for 2022. We wish to thank all of the amazing volunteers and sponsors for their assistance, without you this event would not exist. This year we had nearly 350 volunteers who helped pick up a significant amount of trash along the river banks of the Great Miami River and its tributaries.



Cool Weather Planting

Nichole Banks, Natural Resource Tech

The weather has officially cooled off and autumn is here. Mother Nature is rarely so timely! Regardless of how the season comes or goes, one thing is for certain, now is the best time to get flora like trees, shrubs, and perennials in the ground.

The cooler season, roughly from mid-October to the end of December, is the best period to plant because it creates a great combination of conditions for all forms of greenery to get established. The soil is still holding warmth from the hot summer days, yet the ambient air temperature is much lower. There is plenty of moisture still left in the air and soil before winter freezes most of it, and the bitter cold winds have yet to start. Most plants tend to go dormant in the cooler months, when this happens they direct all of their energy into their root systems.

If a perennial is planted during this time it gives them a head start on growth come spring; they can focus most of their energy into their root stock through the fall and winter, and emerge stronger in the spring. Since there is plenty of moisture available, this means less water inputs from gardeners, which we all know means less work! In addition to not having to water regularly, you also don't need to add any fertilizer until the plants reemerge in the spring. Another benefit to planting in the fall is the fact that there are less weeds and pests to contend with, making survival for plants that much higher.

Fall is also a great time to plant seeds as well. Many native seeds need to go through a frost or cooling period, called stratification, in order to sprout in the spring time. Make sure to do your research on the type of seeds you are planting though. There are lots of seeds that must have their hard coats removed in a process called scarification, and each seed can have unique needs.

If you are planning on planting in the fall a great sustainable practice you can implement is to use our fallen leaves as mulch. The best practice would be to gather the leaves whole and simply sprinkle them evenly over where you planted. As the leaves naturally decompose they will introduce much needed nitrogen among other vitally important nutrients to the soil that will help your plants flourish come spring. And as an added bonus, you are inadvertently keeping many 'good' bugs on your property by not shredding or throwing away your leaves.

If you have any questions pertaining to planting, or the benefits of keeping your leaves on your property, feel free to reach out to our office and we will gladly assist you. Happy fall!

Spotted Lanternfly

Found in Cincinnati

Brady Smith, Rural Specialist



What is Spotted Lanternfly and what does it mean for our region? According to the USDA, "The Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is native to China and was first detected in Pennsylvania in September 2014. Spotted lanternfly feeds on a wide range of fruit, ornamental and woody trees, with tree-of-heaven being one of the preferred hosts. Spotted lanternflies are invasive and can spread long distances by people who move infested material or items containing egg masses. If allowed to spread in the United States, this pest could seriously impact the country's grape, orchard, and logging industries."

In short, Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an alien species that, like other invasives, can and will harm native ecosystems and industries vital to our national and local economies. On October 12th, 2022 a small population was positively identified in Cincinnati, just 20 miles from Hamilton, Ohio, and was likely transported via other plant materials from a nearby population in Vevay, Indiana. If left unchecked, fall trips to apple orchards may be a thing of the past. It is important for state departments of agriculture, DNR's and the USDA to take action to control and suppress this pest as quickly as possible.

SLF's host plant tree-of-heaven is also an invasive species. Tree-of-heaven commonly grows in brownfield sites, along railroad right of ways and in industrial areas. Simply removing tree-of-heaven can greatly reduce the possibility of SLF populations setting up shop in your neighborhood.

If you are a resident and believe you have spotted the SLF on private or public property please report immediately. Reports can be made online at <https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/plant-health/invasive-pests/slf> or by calling your local Ohio State Extension Office - OSU Extension, Butler County (513) 887-3722. Report and exterminate new populations by smashing or by collecting in a plastic bottle and freezing for 24 hours. More information about SLF can be found online at OSU Extension, Ohio Department of Agriculture, or from the USDA.

NRCS Welcomes New Employee

Edwin Sanchez joins the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the position of Soil Conservationist. Edwin originally from Honduras (Central America), graduated from the University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Agricultural Science and Technology, with a focus in Agronomy and also received a certificate in sustainable agriculture.



He began his career with NRCS as a soil conservationist intern, assisting the district conservationist, John Williams, with various tasks including highly erodible land determinations, Conservation Reserve Program re-enrollment, file organization, and project layouts. In addition to those duties Edwin also completed NRCS pathways program requirements. During his internship, Edwin demonstrated a positive attitude and was more than happy to assist Butler Soil and Water Conservation District on several occasions with events.

After completing his internship with NRCS, Edwin decided to take on the Soil Conservationist full time position available, and has stated he is excited to help both Hamilton and Butler County producers address natural resource concerns on their operations and further advance NRCS's mission in these areas.

2023 Tree & Shrub Sale

Attention Butler County Residents: Butler SWCD is in the beginning stages of planning for next year's new and improved Tree & Shrub Sale.



Once everything is prepped we will be announcing some exciting news. So keep an eye on our website, social media channels, and email blasts for continued updates and important information on changes and dates of ordering and pick-up.

If you are interested in being on our email list, so that you receive an email when tree sale begins, please visit www.butlerswcd.org or call (513) 887-3720.



Natural Resources Conservation Service News Urban Agriculture

Urban agriculture pioneers are taking action in their communities, growing not only fresh, healthy produce, but increasing the opportunity of providing knowledge to their neighbors about the importance of reducing the food deserts in their areas. Through some community gardens, vegetables are being grown and donated to those who need it, and children and adults alike are learning about agriculture first-hand. Farmers' markets are offering easy access to fresh food in areas where grocery stores, like Kroger, are several miles away. Urban farming is also providing a new way of increasing the income of some urban residents.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has begun to serve all agricultural areas, whether they are small, large, conventional, organic, rural, or urban. The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has branched out to urban areas by potentially offering a conservation practice call a Seasonal High Tunnel. Affectionately also sometimes called a hoop house or plastic greenhouse, vegetable producers are starting to take advantage of this practice.

The purpose of the high tunnel is to grow produce underneath a permanent or temporary structure that extends the growing season for the crops. When extending the growing season, that mean farmers can provide their communities with healthy, local food for a much longer period of time during the year.

The sign-up deadline for 2023 EQIP is November 14, 2022.



If you or someone you know is interested in the Seasonal High Tunnel structure, please contact John Williams or Edwin Sanchez at (513) 887-3720.

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2022 Garden Series: Backyard Wildlife

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Hamilton Ecological Education and Nature Center, 101 Joe Nuxhall Way, Hamilton 45015

Cost: Free

Join Butler SWCD and OSU Extension, Butler County, and Hamilton Conservation Corps for the last session of the 2022 Garden Series.

The topics discussed will focus on drainage & water features as well as amphibians of Ohio. Please note that the Hamilton Ecological Education and Nature Center is next to Wake Nation in Joyce Park, and maps often take you to the wrong address. The nature center had a large greenhouse next to it.

Although the cost is free to attend, please register by visiting www.butlerswcd.org or calling OSU Extension at (513) 887-3722. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Recordings of past sessions can be found at www.youtube.com/butlerswcd.

Upcoming BEST Volunteer Events



If you are looking to give back to the community you live in or are in need of volunteer hours join Butler SWCD at a BEST Volunteer event; held monthly. There are events all around the county so look for an event near you!

- **Saturday, November 5**
Invasive Removal at Riverside Natural Area, Hamilton 45015
- **Saturday, December 3**
Invasive Removal at Silvoor Biological Sanctuary, Oxford 45056
- **Thursday, December 8**
Holiday Decorations for Wildlife at Butler SWCD Office, Hamilton 45011

For more information on each BEST Volunteer event and to sign-up please visit www.butlerswcd.org/volunteer.