

Facts about Athens SWCD

The Athens Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) was organized in 1946 for the purpose of planning and carrying out programs for the conservation of our natural resources. The District, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, operates under the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code and is governed by a board of five supervisors who are elected by the landowners of Athens County and serve staggered three-year terms. The District covers approximately 322,560 acres in Athens County.

Cooperation with the Athens SWCD is on a voluntary basis and anyone needing assistance in solving natural resource problems may apply for help by contacting the office. Technical aid in planning and applying needed conservation practices will be furnished by District staff and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel assigned to the District. The District also provides a wide variety of conservation education programs to both youth and adult audiences. Education programs are compliant with curriculum standards. All services provided by the District are free of charge to the public.

Funding for the District's work is provided by the Athens County Commissioners, the City of Athens and the Athens County Auditor. Additional financial assistance is provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

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All programs and services are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap.



Athens Soil and Water Conservation District

"Serving the conservation needs of
Athens County since 1946"

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"Leaders in responding to the
changing conservation needs of rural and
urban communities by providing quality
technical and educational assistance"

"Provide leadership by promoting the
wise use and enhancement of Athens
County's natural resources for current
and future generations."

Services

Technical Assistance

- Promote stabilization and expansion of agriculture in Athens County
- Conservation planning for wise land use
- Planning, engineering and design of agricultural conservation practices for soil erosion and sediment control
- Soil survey interpretation
- Pond site evaluations and management
- Recreational land planning
- Stormwater management
- Pasture and hayland management
- Animal waste management
- Water quality management
- Forestry/Invasive management
- Building/subdivision site reviews



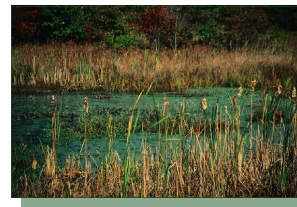
Information and Education Assistance

- Adult environmental education programs
- Classroom and outdoor youth environmental education programs
- Sponsor district scholarship
- Sponsor forestry camp scholarship
- Pond management workshops
- Forest management workshops
- Publish bi-monthly newsletter
- Sponsor 5th grade poster/essay contest
- Sponsor 1st grade coloring contest
- Sponsor high school essay contest
- Sponsor rain garden workshops
- Sponsor rain barrel workshops



Wildlife Management Assistance

- Wetland development
- Wildlife management
- Wildlife education programs



Products

- Current and historical aerial photographs
- Topographic information
- No-till drills, lime spreader and seeder equipment rentals
- ATV attachment seeder rental
- Athens County plat books
- Geotextile fabric material
- Annual wildlife tree seedling sale
- Blue Thumb Guide to Raingardens
- Bluebird & Bat Boxes (Seasonal)
- Plantskydd
- Annual fish sale
- Marking flags



Partners

The Athens SWCD partners with other agencies, organizations and volunteers to provide technical assistance and implement available cost share programs to meet the resource needs of Athens County landowners.

Partners include ODA Division of Soil and Water Conservation; ODNR Division of Forestry, Division of Wildlife; Ohio State University Extension Service; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency; Athens—Meigs Farm Bureau, and others to provide invaluable services to Athens County.

For complete details regarding services and programs available through our office, give us a call at 740-797-9686 or visit our website at athensswcd.org.