

THE CLERMONT CONSERVATION QUARTERLY



OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO MEET THE CONSERVATION NEEDS OF CLERMONT COUNTY

LEAVE THOSE LEAVES!



Every year, nearly 8 million tons of leaves end up buried in landfills across the United States. Due to a lack of oxygen, those leaves are unable to decompose quickly and release methane gas instead.

In contrast, when leaves are left in your yard they can decompose faster, and leave behind organic matter that greatly improves soil health! Leaves are full of nutrients that will make your lawn thrive, including potassium, phosphorus, and nitrogen. Wildlife and lawn experts agree that when it comes to your lawn it is usually better to skip the raking and leave those leaves in place!

Some tips to help you succeed:

- Chop up blankets of leaves with a lawn mower to thin out the material and help it break down quickly. Thick layers of leaves left on your lawn can block sunlight, which is needed for photosynthesis.
- Rake excess leaves around trees and shrubs in 3–6" piles, or into landscape or garden beds to use as a mulch.
- Combine fallen leaves with grass clippings and other organic material to produce nutrient-rich compost.
- Keep ditches, driveway culverts, and storm drains clear of leaves and debris to prevent flooding.



LAND USE PLANNING UNDERWAY

Clermont County recently received a Land Use Planning Grant from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. This grant will fund an update of the County's comprehensive land use plan, last updated in 2014. Clermont Soil & Water will be assisting with this effort, as agricultural land use will be a focal point. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more details moving forward!

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION

VOTE

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029. Information on our nominees can be found on the following page.

There are four ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the Soil & Water office, 1000 Locust Street, Owensville, Ohio, 45160, from 8/12/2026 until 9/10/2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2. At the Soil & Water Annual Meeting (information below) from 5:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
3. At the Clermont County Park District Open House, which will take place at Pattison Park Lodge, 2228 US-50, Batavia, Ohio 45103 on 9/3/2026 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
4. Voting absentee from 8/12/2026 until 9/9/2026, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the Soil & Water office: 1000 Locust Street, P.O. Box 549, Owensville, Ohio, 45160, or by calling (513) 732-7075 ext. 2, or email cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov. Absentee ballots must be received by the Clermont Soil & Water office by 9/9/2026 at 4:30 p.m.

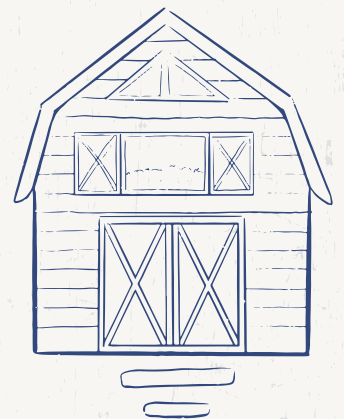
CLERMONT SOIL & WATER 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Join Clermont Soil & Water as it celebrates its 83rd year of conservation! Winemiller Farms has 500 acres and uses conservation practices such as no-till, nutrient management plans, and grassed waterways. The meeting will be held in the airplane hangar, where guests can look at a WWII military trainer and other antique planes. Dinner is a homemade farm-to-plate meal sourced by multiple Clermont County producers and prepared by Bear Creek Organic Farm. There will be live music performed by Get Down River, playing an eclectic mix of Americana Music. Register at www.clermontswcd.org/annual-meeting-registration

September 10, 2026 @ 5PM

Winemiller Farms

6428 Taylor Pike,
Blanchester, OH 45107



The Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District will be hosting a scrap tire collection event on 9/11 and 9/12 from 8am-2pm at the Clermont County Fairgrounds in Owensville. This event is funded by the Ohio EPA. No fees will be charged for tire disposal, however a maximum of 10 tires per vehicle will be accepted unless prior arrangements are made. Tires can only be accepted if they originated from a Clermont County household. For additional information call the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District at 513-732-7744, email dsnyder@ClermontCountyOhio.gov or visit www.ACSWD.org

TIRE COLLECTION EVENT



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES

JOE GLASSMEYER III



TIM ROSE



MATT SMITH



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Joe is a member of the Felicity Franklin Local School District School Board and Clermont County Farm Bureau Board President. He is also a member of the Felicity Gourd Festival committee and the Felicity Franklin FFA Alumni chapter. Joe works for Clermont County Transportation Connection as a bus operator. Prior, he was the Fleet manager, Transportation Supervisor, and a school bus driver at Felicity Franklin Local school district.

Joe and his wife, Amy, have two adult children Joey and Addy, and a granddaughter Rubie, who is the third generation to grow up on the family farm in Franklin Township. Outside of work and family, Joe likes to attend tractor shows, county fairs, and festivals.

By being elected to the Clermont Soil & Water Board, Joe hopes to make meaningful contributions to the maintenance and improvement of soil and water quality on local, state, national levels. He wants his grandchildren's grandchildren to have clean water to drink and clean soil to farm, live, and recreate.

"No matter how technologically advanced modern society becomes our global ecosystems still require clean soil, water and air to sustain all life."

TIM ROSE

Tim is a lifetime resident of Clermont County and the third generation Rose to operate Ohio Pike Farms in Bethel. Together, Tim farms nearly 1,000 acres of corn and soybeans rotating crops annually and practicing no-till planting. With the recent addition of grass filter strips through multiple fields, Tim continues to practice conservation on the farm.

In 2020, Tim was elected to the Clermont Soil & Water Board of Supervisors and has previously served as the Board's Vice-Chair. While on the board, Tim has led an effort to obtain funding for grain bin rescue equipment. He is now seeking his third term.

Tim is a young farmer with big plans to care for his land and positively impact the community he lives in. Tim has dedicated his life to the farm and plans to pass his knowledge of agriculture and the industry onto his children as they grow.

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MATT SMITH

Matt has dedicated more than 25 years to engineering, surveying, and water resource management throughout Southwest Ohio. He currently serves as Principal Engineer with Greater Cincinnati Water Works. Matt is also the owner and operator of Smith Engineering & Surveying, LLC.

A lifelong resident of Clermont County, Matt has served in both the public and private sectors with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, the Metropolitan Sewer District, Clermont County Water Resources, and several consulting firms. His experience includes stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, floodplain management, watershed planning, and responsible land development. Matt has also served on three other Boards, including 6 years as Vice-Chair. Through these roles, he has worked with property owners, developers, engineers, and public agencies to balance responsible growth with the protection of Clermont County's natural resources.

Throughout his career, Matt has recognized that conservation and responsible development are complementary goals. He believes thoughtful engineering, sound planning, and stewardship of natural resources are essential to preserving Clermont County's soil and water resources while accommodating sustainable growth. He hopes to use his experience to help guide the mission of the Clermont Soil & Water and continue serving the community he has called home his entire life.

NEIGHBORS IN THE KNOW SERIES:

GOOD BUFFERS MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS

September 16, 2026, 6pm, online session

Guests John McManus (Director of Clermont Soil & Water), Clete Benken (Director of Landscape Architecture for KZF Design) and Frank Birkenhauer (past president of the Mill Creek Watershed Council, Northern Kentucky Alumni Board of Directors, and Western Economic Council) will discuss ways to protect nature when developing land.

Learn more and register here:

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SAVE THE DATE



Monthly Board Meeting	— Aug. 13, 8am
Park District Open House	— Sep. 3, 4-7pm
Labor Day - Office Closed	— Sep. 7
Monthly Board Meeting	— Sep. 10, time TBA
Annual Meeting	— Sep. 10, 5pm
Neighbors in the Know	— Sep. 16, 6pm
Stormwater Float	— Sep. 17, 8:30am
Composting Workshop	— Sep. 21, 6pm
Monthly Board Meeting	— Oct. 8, 8am
Indigenous People's Day - Office Closed	— Oct. 12
Veterans Day - Office Closed	— Nov. 11
Monthly Board Meeting	— Nov. 12, 8am

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

WHEN: September 21st, 6pm

**WHERE: Adams-Clermont Solid Waste
2403 Old State Route 32, Batavia, OH**

Join us to learn all about composting! We will discuss how to choose a bin and location, what can/can't be composted, how to maintain your pile, and how to harvest and use your compost!

Compost bins are available to purchase for \$20 at the workshop, and one bin will be raffled to registered participants!

REGISTER HERE!



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A “100-YEAR” RAINFALL? WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

Clermont County has seen its fair share of large storm events recently, and the term “100-year rain” may be something you’ve heard frequently assigned to these events. But what does a “100-year” rainfall event actually mean, and how is it happening multiple times within a 100 year span?

It’s a common misconception that a 100-year event will happen once every 100 years. A 100-year rain is defined as the amount of rainfall for a specified location and duration that, on average, is exceeded once every 100 years. This means there is a 1% chance of a 100-year event every year. The NOAA’s National Weather Service estimates in the chart what constitutes a 100-year event for Clermont County.

In recent years, multiple “100-year” rainfall events have occurred within the same year. These trends suggest that the rainfall patterns we have traditionally used to describe extreme events are changing.

According to the Ohio Climate Office website, eight of the ten wettest years on record in Ohio have been after 1990. Precipitation is also arriving in fewer, but more intense, rainfall events which makes the chances of 100-year or larger events more common. Impacts that come with these larger rainfall events include challenges to agriculture, stormwater infrastructure, and public safety due to flooding.

Duration	100-Year Rainfall (in)
5-min	0.78
60-min	2.84
12-Hour	5.19
24-Hour	5.89

So if it seems that there are more severe storms and flooding events than you remember growing up, you’d be correct. If you would like advice on water-related issues on your property, reach out to our office!

U.S. REP TAYLOR VISITS

U.S. Representative David Taylor met with local farmer Todd Winemiller and Soil & Water staff to discuss issues related to agriculture. Talking points included commodity prices, input costs (fertilizers and fuel), local soil challenges, and farm equipment challenges. David currently serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and is helping form our next Farm Bill. Thanks for taking the time to visit and listen to the agricultural concerns in your district.



BETHEL TREE GIVEAWAY



The Ohio Asian Longhorned Beetle eradication program is planning another tree distribution this September in the Bethel/Tate Township quarantine area. Details will be released soon. Please watch the OKI Trees for Me website (www.oki.org/tree-for-me/) for news.

LOWER EAST FORK UPDATE

Work continues to restore ~1 mi. of the lower East Fork Little Miami River near Milford. Severe stream bank erosion over the years has impaired the river and resulted in significant property loss. Davey Resource Group (DRG) and Greensite, LLC designed a plan to stabilize areas of active erosion and restore river habitat. Construction will be completed this September followed by seeding and planting along the river corridor. Clermont Soil & Water will host a ribbon-cutting next spring.



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