



Our Mission:

“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- David Anspach
- Joe Glassmeyer
- Connie O'Connor
- Tim Rose
- Todd Winemiller

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- Christina Gates
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- John McManus
- Connie Miller
- Becky McClatchey
- Jacob Hahn
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Living Lands & Waters Clean-up

Many people rely on the Ohio River for fishing, recreation, and transportation. Ask anyone who grew up in the area and they are sure to regale you with stories of past historic floods, boating adventures, and strong opinions about the water’s quality. All water from the Ohio River eventually makes its way into the Mississippi River and then the Gulf of Mexico, carrying everything from upstream with it. Unfortunately, due to the river’s frequent floods caused by the regions heavy rain storms, a lot of man-made materials end up washed into the river. This combined with a long history of close contact with humans as well as regulatory changes in waste disposal, it is not uncommon to see a lot of litter along the river’s banks or floating in the water.

Living Lands & Waters (LLW) was founded in the late 1990s to address this problem in rivers like the Ohio River and Mississippi River. Founded by a single, driven man in his boat, the organization now boasts four trash barges, 10 full time staff, and travels up and down the rivers for most of the year. This year, LLW spent a full month on the Ohio just outside Cincinnati, working with local businesses to clean up the river. On our clean-up day, we had almost 30 volunteers from neighboring SWCDs and partner organizations. In total, we were able to collect 7,188 lbs. of trash from the river in one morning. Most notably, we pulled out 3,930 lbs. of scrap metal in addition to 52 tires.

Before our clean-up event, I had the opportunity to speak with Rachel Loomis, Education Coordinator for LLW about their programs and current conservation initiatives. She said that this year alone, they have collected 58,459.25 lbs. of trash from the Cincinnati area over the course of 18 clean-up events. This is roughly 10k more pounds of trash than they collected the previous month in Louisville, KY. When I asked her about the difference, she said that they tend to have more volunteers and clean-up events in the Cincinnati area. I also asked her what the most impactful action is that people can take to help out their local watersheds and she said to participate in hands-on events like litter clean-ups and spread the word to friends and family. The experience of being out on the river and having a positive impact while seeing just how much trash there is along the banks is unforgettable. These stories and personal connections are what will spur bigger systemic changes and are necessary to help protect our local environments. If you or your group are interested in learning more about LLW and their floating classroom, visit their website at <https://www.livinglandsandwaters.org/> or keep an eye on our social media for our next clean-up event with them next year.





Supervisor Candidates

*2 Board Postions to be Filled *



Joseph Glassmeyer owns and operates Glassmeyer Family Farms in Franklin Township. His family farm encompasses 510 acres of corn, soybeans, hay and pasture for Polled Hereford cattle and Shetland ponies. The cropland has been 100 percent no till for the past six years.

Joe became a Clermont SWCD board member in 1986 and is now in his 36th year as supervisor. He has held all positions on the district board, and various offices for the Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD), including Area 4 Director from 2000 to 2008, Secretary-Treasurer from 2009-10, Vice President from 2011-12, and OFSWCD President from 2013-14.

Joe has served as Clermont SWCD’s delegate to the annual OFSWCD legislative session on sixteen separate occasions. He has served as the district’s representative to the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Regional Council of Government’s Regional Conservation Council for many years and has served as Chair of the organization for three terms.

Joe regularly attends area and state OFSWCD Supervisor meetings as well as National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) North Central regional meetings. He has completed the Ohio Conservation Leadership Training Program. Joe has served as an OFSWCD delegate to the Washington D.C. Legislative Conference on eight separate occasions. He was also an alternate board member from Ohio on the NACD board of directors.

Joe and His late wife Peachie have three adult children, Joe, Susan, and Sarah who help as needed on the farm.



Christopher Smith operates Bogie Greene Acres in Felicity where he lives with Kelli, his wife of 26 years. Together they raise beef cattle and farm about 250 acres of grain. Christopher started growing tobacco when he was 16, and began raising cattle on his grandfather’s farm – the farm he now operates – about 25 years ago. He has installed a number of conservation practices, including a manure storage barn, watering facilities, fence and heavy use area protection.

Christopher has been a 4-H advisor for over 30 years, and is currently serving his first term as a Franklin Township Trustee. He also served on the Felicity-Franklin School Board for eight years.

Christopher and Kelli have a son, Christopher and a daughter, Morgan, and are the proud grandparents of their grandson, Jace.



Todd Winemiller grew up working on his family farm in Batavia and had been a resident of Clermont County for over 50 years. Todd and his wife Deborah live on Taylor Pike outside of Newtonsville with their three children, Lexie, Madison and son Ryan. Along with Todd’s cousin, the family farms approximately 3,500 acres. The farm includes about 1,200 acres of corn with the remainder in soybeans. The farm has been 100% no-till for 21 years.

Todd is currently completing his third term as District Supervisor. He has also played an active role with the Farm Service Agency in Owensville, serving for 10 years on the FSA County Committee, six of those as chairman. Todd also serves as a member of the Ohio State University Extension Office’s advisory committee. He has also helped establish policy and conduct interviews with potential applicants seeking staff positions with OSU. Prior to his term as Supervisor, Todd participated in a special project with NRCS, Clermont SWCD and Miami University’s Institute for the Environment and Sustainability. Graduate students from the university visited the Winemiller farm to study and learn about agricultural practices.

Todd is a pilot and very active in local aviation chapters, where he has serve as President, Vice President and board member. Through this experience, Todd has gained a good understanding of organizational management, including knowledge of “Roberts Rules.” Todd wants to continue to use his experience to help SWCD better serve local landowners in the county.



Board of Supervisors Election Procedures

County residents and property owners attending our annual meeting this year will find the voting procedures for SWCD Supervisors to be very similar to voting in the general election. Upon arrival at the annual meeting, attendees will be directed to the election registration table where election officials will have them sign their name in the registry. Voters will then be given a ballot and directed to a voting booth where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. Meeting attendance is not required to vote. If unable to attend the annual meeting & banquet, county residents and landowners may request an absentee ballot by sending an email to cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov, by calling (513) 732-7075 ext. 2., or by mailing a request to Clermont SWCD at P.O. Box 549, Owensville, OH 45160. There are special requirements for non-resident landowners and corporations. A notarized affidavit must be presented or on file prior to absentee ballot request. For more election and affidavit information call us at 513-732-7075. Absentee ballots must be received in the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021.

Mark your Calendars for the East Fork River Canoe Adventure

Join the Clermont County Park District and the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District at Roadside Park in Batavia for an hour long canoe trip down the East Fork Little Miami River. We'll search for beaver, wood ducks, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife then make a brief stop at Sycamore Park.

Saturday September 25, 2021

9:30 am

Meet at Roadside Park, 4435 State Route 222,
Batavia, OH 45103

*Preregistration is required. Call (513) 760-8393 or email rgreen@clermontcountyohio.gov to register before September 24th. Spots limited.

Participants need to be able to get in and out of canoes and walk through shallow waters. You may get wet! Participants must sign a waiver prior to the program. (Children must be 10 and above to ride in canoe).

The Canoe Adventure is part of the Great Outdoor Weekend. Visit <https://www.greatoutdoorweekend.org/events> to learn more about this event.

Annual Banquet Slated for Tuesday, September 14

It's been two years since our last annual meeting, and we're excited to tell everyone about the work we've accomplished over this time. Mark your calendars for our 78th Annual Meeting and Banquet, to be held on Tuesday evening, September 14 at Shor Park, located at 4659 Tealtown Road, Milford OH 45150.

Before the meeting beginning at 5 p.m., SWCD staff will host a tour of a stream restoration project in the park for those interested. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and dinner, catered by 32-Q BBQ, is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. After dinner, we'll announce our Cooperator and Educators of the Year. Supervisor election polls will remain open until 6:45 p.m. with two board supervisors to be elected. Dinner tickets (\$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under) must be purchased in advance by September 10. There is no cost to attend the meeting or to vote in the supervisor election.

Calendar

Holiday (Office Closed)	Sep. 6
Monthly Board Meeting	Sep. 8 8am
Annual Meeting	Sep. 14 5pm
OEQ Tire Amnesty Days*	Sep. 24-25 8am-1pm
Great Outdoor Weekend	Sep. 25 9:30am
Clermont Farm Bureau Tour**	Oct. 2
Holiday (Office Closed)	Oct. 11
Monthly Board Meeting	Oct. 13 8am
Monthly Board Meeting	Nov. 10 8am

* For more details visit <https://oeq.net/>

** The Clermont Farm Bureau Tour will be self guided and followed by a farm-to-table dinner at 4:30pm. Please see Farm Bureau website for details.

If your address is incorrect or you would like to be added / removed from our mailing list, please contact us at (513) 732-7075.

All NRCS / SWCD programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation and marital or family status.

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Annual Meeting 2021

Shor Park
Tuesday, Sept. 14th from
5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Shor Park Restoration Project Begins

On July 14, staff from Clermont SWCD, the Clermont County Park District and the Office of Environmental Quality helped install hand-placed log structures in Avey's Run, a stream that traverses Shor Park in Union Township. The log structures, a technique pioneered by Sustainable Streams in Louisville KY, are intended to build habitat diversity, deflect flow and capture organic material to help protect eroding banks. The hand-placed log structures are part of a larger stream restoration plan that includes invasive species removal, the construction of pocket wetlands, and replacing a section of storm sewer with new stream channel. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by next April.

