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Grant Opportunity in MC Cutoff & Pike Run Watersheds

The Great Lakes Commission has awarded the Putnam SWCD a \$247,763 Great Lakes Basin funding grant for sediment and phosphorus reduction in the Miller City Cutoff and Pike Run-Blanchard River watersheds.

The use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used to help prevent the loss of phosphorus and soil from the fields. The eligible practices that still have funding available include: Precision Nutrient Management Plans, Blind Inlets and Water Control Structures. Other BMP's that have already been put into contracts include: Cover Crops, Conservation Tillage, and a Grassed Waterway.

- Cover Crops -
\$30, \$35, \$40 Flat Rate per Acre
Incentive Method for Cover Crop planted on same field for 3 years.
- Conservation Tillage - \$15/Acre
- Blind Inlet -
\$1,500 (8 ac) - \$2,500 (8-14 ac) - \$4,000 (14-20 ac)
- Water Control Structure - \$1,500 per Structure
- Grassed Waterway - \$4,050/Acre
- Precision Nutrient Management Plans -
\$80 - 1st Year Precision Soil Sampling, Fertilizer Placement
\$65 - 2nd & 3rd Year Conservation Tillage, & Cover Crop System

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Can you guess how many TONS of tires were collected at our Tire Recycling Day??



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5th Grade Conservation Tour



New stops and great weather made for an awesome 2 day event for 5th graders in the county. With stops at the Ottawa Park and a dairy farm, students got an inside look at conservation. Topics included Pollinators, Water Quality, Wildlife, Soils, Agriculture, Woodlands, Recycling, 4-H, and a Barn Tour. Students also had the opportunity to try a fried meal worm at the Edible Bug station.



Maumee River Sediment & Nutrient Reduction Program

BMP Options

Grass Cover Surface Drain - Blind Inlet -
 Tile Blow Out Repair - Controlled Drainage Structure
 Sign-Up is going on now! Contact us today!

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Annual Meeting Highlights

On September 9th, Putnam SWCD held their 59th Annual Meeting. Food, an election, and awards all contributed to a successful evening. Kyle Haselman and Jeff Duling were elected to serve a 3 year term as Board Supervisors starting January 2016.

Dennis Maag was presented an award for his 9 years of service as a Board Supervisor. Door prizes from local businesses were given away to finish the night.

Conservation
Leadership
Award
Leo Schroeder

Cooperator
of the Year
Award
Bill Oedy

****REMINDER****

Our Annual Tree Sale will be going on Spring 2016. You can order your trees at the office or by calling 419-523-5159.

Order forms will be sent out in January's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- October 27
Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- November 11
Veteran's Day - Office Closed
- November 24
Fertilizer Applicator Training (OSU Extension)
Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- November 26 - 27
Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- December 22
Monthly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- December 24 - 25
Christmas - Office Closed
- January 26
Agronomy Night 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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Curtis Tobe joins Putnam SWCD Staff

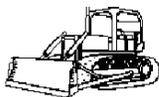
Curtis Tobe has filled the Ag Nutrient Technician position.

Curtis is married to Megan (Schroeder) and they have two girls: Callie and Cora. Curtis is a Miller City native and is a 2009 graduate of OSU with a BS degree in Agri-business. Curtis previously worked in Ag retail for 6 years as a manager for a cooperative in western Ohio. Curtis is excited to be part of the Putnam SWCD.

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