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NASCA 2024 Annual Meeting, Duluth, MN

Ohio's District Support Programs

- Technician Development Program (TDP)
- Administrative Development Program (ADP)
- Agriculture Assistance Grant

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Technician Development Program

A training program to enhance the technical ability of our partners leading to better planned, designed, and constructed conservation practices



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Technician Development Program

- Classroom and Online options
- Focus Areas
  - Beginner Level
  - Advanced Level
  - Grazing
  - Urban





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Technician Development Program

- Designed for SWCD and NRCS Technical Staff
- Over 1000 individuals have attended since 2003 with participation from every district in the state
- Typical class size is 35
- Instructed by practicing engineers and professionals



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Technician Development Program

- Offering 13 in-person classes in 2024
- Training topics include:
  - Hydrology
  - Surveying
  - Nutrient Management
  - Soils
  - Grazing Plans
  - Wetlands
  - Grassed Waterways
  - Fencing



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Administrative Development Program

Training targeted to the administrative professionals serving our SWCDs to propel districts to the top in conservation management



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Administrative Development Program



- Program began in 2018 and targets administrative staff and board members
- Provides great networking and mentoring opportunities by bringing together new and seasoned staff

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Administrative Development Program

- Offering 7 trainings in 2024
- Training topics include:
  - Human Resources
  - Strategic Planning
  - Fiscal Management
  - Board Governance
  - Program Development
  - Marketing & Branding
  - Grant Management
  - Leadership & Communication



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Agriculture Assistance Grant

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission

A potential agreement with NRCS and OSWCC to provide funding to lower staffed districts to increase technical staffing

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Agriculture Assistance Grant



- Targeted towards SWCDs that have 3 or less employees
- Identified 15 districts that expressed an interest in hiring additional staff

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Requirements

- ✓ Must hire a new part-time or full-time employee
- ✓ Hold a local work group meeting annually
- ✓ Develop and submit an APW that would show planned activities and the focus of additional technical assistance. Development of plan must include local NRCS representative
- ✓ Education & Training commitment from SWCD Board
- ✓ Semi-annual reporting to OFSWCD for federal funds

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Requirements

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry (CSAF) Mitigation Activities List for FY2024



Highlighted activities have been added to the list in FY2024.
*Noted activities are added to the list as "provisional."[5]

Mitigation Categories [5]	Code	Conservation Practice Standard Name [3] [3] (practice unit)	Code	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Enhancement Activities
Soil Health	327	Conservation Cover (acres)	E327A	Conservation cover for pollinators and beneficial insects[2]
			E327B	Establish Monarch butterfly habitat
	328	Conservation Crop Rotation (acres)	E328A	Resource conserving crop rotation
			E328B	Improved resource conserving crop rotation
			E328E	Soil health crop rotation
			E328F	Modifications to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter
			E328N	Intercropping to improve soil health
			E328O	Perennial grain crop conservation rotation
	329	Residue and Tillage Management, No Till (acres)	E329A	No till to reduce soil erosion
			E329B	No till to reduce tillage induced particulate matter
			E329C	No till to increase plant-available moisture
			E329D	No till system to increase soil health and soil organic matter content
			E329E	No till to reduce energy
	332	Contour Buffer Strips (acres)	None Available	
	336	Soil Carbon Amendment (acres)*	None Available	
	340	Cover Crop (acres)	E340A	Cover crop to reduce soil erosion
			E340B	Intensive cover cropping to increase soil health and soil organic matter content
			E340C	Use of multi-species cover crops to improve soil health and increase soil organic matter
			E340D	Intensive orchard/vineyard floor cover cropping to increase soil health
			E340F	Cover crop to minimize soil compaction
			E340G	Cover crop to reduce water quality degradation by utilizing excess soil nutrients
			E340H	Cover crop to suppress excessive weed pressures and break pest cycles
			E340I	Using cover crops for biological strip till
			E340J	Cover crop to improve moisture use efficiency and reduce salts
	345	Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (acres)	E345A	Reduced tillage to reduce soil erosion
			E345B	Reduced tillage to reduce tillage induced particulate matter

Climate Smart Activities Include:

- Soil Health
- Nutrient Management
- Grazing & Pasture
- Forestry & Wildlife

50% of TA must be Climate Smart related.

APAP and H2Ohio support

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QUESTIONS?

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