

CONSERVATION NEWS

Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter

July 2026



SWCD

appreciation

• BREAKFAST •

THANK YOU
for all you do!

Join us as we say thank you to
the hardworking farmers who
feed our community and
our world.



DATE

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 19TH, 2026



TIME

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM



LOCATION

1100 E CENTER STREET
MARION, OHIO 43302

Join us for the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) First Appreciation Breakfast and Supervisor Election on **August 19, 2026!** This event will be held at 1100 E Center Street, Marion, OH 43302, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in an open house style. This is a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude to those who have contributed to our conservation efforts and to participate in the election of our new supervisors. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, connect with fellow community members, and learn more about the impactful work of the SWCD. We look forward to seeing you there!



Reservations due by **August 12, 2026** by using the following options:



740-387-1314



michelle.mattix@oh.nacdnet.net

GOOD FOOD.
GREAT PEOPLE.
STRONG COMMUNITY.

Breakfast is
FREE!
EVERYONE WELCOME!



We appreciate you
TODAY & EVERY DAY.



SUPERVISOR ELECTION NOTICE

TWO NEW SUPERVISORS TO BE ELECTED

The election to fill two Marion SWCD Board of Supervisor positions will be held in conjunction with the Appreciation Breakfast. The election, conducted by a representative of the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission, will start **August 19, 2026** at **1100 E Center Street Marion, OH 43302, 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.**



VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Marion County and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Marion SWCD Supervisors. However, voters representing a corporation, firm, LLC or trusts must complete an affidavit form, which confirms eligibility and includes designation of a voting representative. This form is available at the SWCD office and must be completed prior to casting a ballot.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS AN ELIGIBLE VOTER CAN CAST A BALLOT:

1



At the SWCD office from **August 19, 2026** until **September 17, 2026** during normal business hours.

2



At the Appreciation Breakfast, which will take place at SWCD office on **August 19, 2026** from **9:00–11:00 a.m.**

3



Voting absentee from **August 19, 2026** until **September 17, 2026**, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address **1100 E Center Street Marion, OH 43302**, by (740) 387-1314, or email michelle.mattix@oh.nacdnet.net.



**CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE ELECTION ARE
CHRIS BAKER, BRAD SECKEL AND
KRISTINA SANDERSON.**



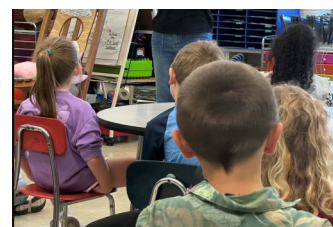
Introducing the New Public Relations Coordinator for Marion County SWCD

My name is Diane Widman, and I am pleased to announce that I have accepted the role of Public Relations Coordinator with Marion SWCD. In this position, my primary goal is to promote conservation throughout Marion County by connecting with local schools, 4-H clubs, and other organizations in the area.

I am eager to support local educators by offering classroom visits that include both discussions and hands-on activities designed to help meet the Ohio Science Standards. These activities can take place in the classroom or outdoors, providing flexible and engaging opportunities for students to learn about conservation.

If you would like additional information about our outreach efforts or would like to schedule a classroom visit, please feel free to contact me at diane.widman@oh.nacdn.net. For a comprehensive list of programs offered, please visit our education page: <http://www.marioncountyohioswcd.org/education/>.

All programs are provided free of charge to schools in Marion County.





H₂Ohio

Healthy Water.
Healthy Future.



CHECK LIST



Submit these verification details to the SWCD office before payment for the 2026-2027 H2Ohio Program:

- Fertilizer maps and invoices for each field
- Record crop rotation changes
- Provide shape files for new/updated soil tests





If you participated in the cover crop or wheat program, also include:

- Field maps and cover crop acreage
- Seed tags (purity, germination, weed seed, Ohio noxious weed info)
- Cover crop invoice
- FSA 578 Report



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1100 E Center Street
Marion, OH 43302

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

VISIT US AT
www.marioncountyohioswcd.org



- CHECK OUT OUR NEW FEATURES AND UPDATES -



**MARION SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

SWCD SUPERVISORS

-  OWEN CASE
-  WILL GRACELY
-  KRISTIN GUTHRIE
-  DAVID NEIDHART
-  BRADLEY SECKEL

