



Conservation in the Tri-State

OKI Regional Conservation Council's Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015

at Cincinnati Nature Center

4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, Ohio, 45150

Program

- 8:45 a.m. *Registration*
Mingle freely and renew old acquaintances at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods Facility.
- 9:00 a.m. *Introductions and Announcements*
Joe Glassmeyer, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council
- 9:10 a.m. *Welcoming Address from Our Host*
Bill Hopple, Executive Director, Cincinnati Nature Center
Jason Brownknight, Director of Conservation and Stewardship, Cincinnati Nature Center
- 9:20 a.m. *Forming a Regional Land Trust*
Bill Hopple, Executive Director, Cincinnati Nature Center
- 9:35 a.m. *Pollinator Plantings*
Pam Simmons, LEED AP, ARCSA, co-owner of Turpin Farms, the second oldest continually held family farm in Ohio
- 10:05 a.m. *Timber Harvesting*
Larry Lowe, Forest Resources Section Supervisor, Kentucky Division of Forestry
- 10:30 a.m. **ten-minute break**
Soft drinks, coffee and water will be available with some snacks.
- 10:40 a.m. *Addressing Water Quality in the East Fork Watershed: A Collaborative Effort*
John McManus, District Administrator, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
Jacob Hahn, District Technician, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
- 11:25 a.m. *Urban Agriculture*
Vickie Ciotti, Executive Director, Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati
- 11:45 a.m. *Parking Lot Design Initiative*
Brian Wamsley, Planner, Hamilton County Planning and Development
- 12:00 noon *OKI-Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting and Meal* (agenda follows)

The Business Meeting will coincide with a buffet style meal to be eaten in the meeting room.



A collegial forum for conservation districts of the Tri-State

Joe Glassmeyer, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District, Chair
Ken McCormick, Campbell County Conservation District, Vice-Chair
John Kruse, Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District, Treasurer
Bruce Koehler, OKI Regional Council of Governments, Staff Support

OKI-Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting 12:00 noon Tuesday, March 31, 2015

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Agenda

Call to order

Joe Glassmeyer, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council

Treasury Report

John Kruse, OKI-RCC Treasurer, will lead discussion on:

- financial proceeds for this year's Annual Meeting and the resulting treasury balance
- potential 2015 membership in Save Local Waters (Regional Stormwater Collaborative)
- whether the Regional Conservation Council needs to collect modest dues

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council 2015 Directory

Bruce Koehler of the OKI Regional Council of Governments will hand out copies of a draft regional directory of conservation districts and request any revisions that may be needed.

OKI-Regional Conservation Council Annual Tour

Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District will report on its preliminary plans to sponsor the conservation tour this year.

Election of OKI-RCC Officers

John Kruse has volunteered to stand for re-election as Treasurer and Ken McCormick is willing to advance from Vice Chair to Chair. John Tkatschenko will be our new officer if he is elected as Vice Chair.

- for Chair – Ken McCormick, Campbell County Conservation District
- for Vice Chair – John Tkatschenko, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District
- for Treasurer – John Kruse, Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District

In case anyone else wants to serve, the Chair will open the floor to nominations for additional candidates.

Conservation District Updates

County conservation districts of the Tri-State will briefly report on major projects and new initiatives.

Other Business

OKI-RCC members are given the opportunity to discuss additional items not on this agenda.

Adjournment

To register online for the Annual Meeting of the OKI Regional Conservation Council, go to:

www.oki.org/conservationcouncil