



# Conservation in the Tri-State

## OKI Regional Conservation Council's Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2017

at Sharon Centre, Sharon Woods, 11450 Lebanon Road (U.S. 42), Sharonville, Ohio 45241

### Program

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration**  
Sign in, get a nametag and renew old acquaintances.
- 9:00 a.m. *Introductions and Announcements*  
Ken McCormick, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council  
Bruce Koehler, Staff Support, OKI Regional Council of Governments
- 9:10 a.m. *Welcoming Message from Our Host*  
Todd Palmeter, Planning Director, Great Parks of Hamilton County
- 9:15 a.m. *Caring for Watersheds*  
Gwen Roth, Education Specialist, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District and award-winning high school students with bright ideas for watershed projects
- 9:45 a.m. *Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic Plans*  
Greg Nageotte, Program Specialist – Watersheds, Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Rick Wilson, Environmental Specialist, Division of Surface Water, Ohio EPA  
Emma Clohessy, Program & Outreach Director, Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities  
John McManus, District Administrator, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
- 10:30 a.m. **Fifteen-minute break: Soda, cider, tea, coffee and water will be served with snacks.**
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session A-1:  
*Regional Results of Volunteer River and Stream Monitoring*  
Dr. Michael C. Miller, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, University of Cincinnati
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session A-2:  
*State of the Ohio River*  
Jeff Thomas, Biological Programs Manager, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission  
*Water Quality Credit Trading in the Ohio River Corridor*  
Brian Brandt, Director – Agriculture Conservation Innovations, American Farmland Trust
- 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session B-1:  
*WAVE Foundation at Newport Aquarium: Excite, Engage and Educate*  
Ric Urban, Conservation Officer, Newport Aquarium
- 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session B-2:  
*Precision Agriculture: The Benefits of GPS, GIS and More*  
Steve Knollman, Farmer, Knollman Farms, Inc., Crosby Township, Hamilton County
- 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 main meeting room.**



*A collegial forum for conservation districts of the Tri-State*

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

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**OKI-Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting**

**12:00 noon Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

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**Agenda**

*Call to order*

Ken McCormick, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council

*Memorial Observances*

Peachie Glassmeyer, a devoted public health nurse and a cheerful companion to conservationist Joe Glassmeyer, passed away February 20, 2017, with her family by her side after a short illness. She was past president of the Soil & Water Conservation District Auxiliary for Ohio and active in the National Association of Conservation Districts Auxiliary. Peachie took part in many conservation events or meetings on the county, state and national levels

Mary Kathryn Dickerson – who coordinated the Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties' Conservation Districts for 26½ years before passing away on June 22, 2015 – will be honored with the dedication of the Mary Kathryn Dickerson Grove at Tower Park in Ft. Thomas, Ky., at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Jim Kreissl passed away on August 17, 2016, while serving as treasurer on the Board of Supervisors for the Kenton County Conservation District. He left behind quite an environmental legacy in the field of onsite sewage treatment as the principal author of the U.S. EPA's *Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual*.

*Treasury Report*

John Kruse, OKI-RCC Treasurer, will review (1) financial transactions over the past 12 months, (2) proceeds for this year's Annual Meeting, and (3) the resulting treasury balance.

*Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council 2017 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*

Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District will be asked to sponsor the conservation tour this year.

*Election of OKI-RCC Officers*

At a February 24<sup>th</sup> planning meeting, an OKI-RCC committee nominated these people as their officers:

- for Chair – John Tkatschenko, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District
- for Vice Chair – Marc Hult, Kenton County 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 stand up and briefly report on their program strengths.

*Other Business*

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

*Adjournment*