

Updates for Butler SWCD

- Last year Butler SWCD received the Farm Bureau Water Quality grant for \$33,000. The grant has been split into two projects to span three years– aerial cover crop application and creating an Agricultural Education Demonstration (ACED) site. This is the second year for our cover crop flyover cost-share. Last year we had 10 farmers and ____ acres. Those interested can go to our website for an application. The ACED site is located next to our office. It will be a 9 acre demonstration site for cover crops, a grassed waterway, and field buffers with pollinator plants. This site will be used to hold educational workshops in the future. Planting begins in late April and we hope to have the waterway installed as well.
- Butler and some surrounding counties will be a part of a mini soils grant submitted by Adams SWCD. The Soil Carbon Testing Pilot project has been created to focus on the effects of land management on soil health. Each of the participating SWCDs will collect soil carbon samples from one to two producers in their county.
- Butler County Farm Day is on Saturday, May 6 from 10 am to 2 pm. The location is Pedro's Angus Farm on Harris road. This event is open to everyone and is free. Come and learn about Angus cattle, animal husbandry, and conservation practices. Enjoy the wagon ride, petting a calf, and much more. For more information visit our website at www.butlerswcd.org
- Pond Clinic is June 1st – Butler is partnering with Hamilton SWCD. It will be at Sharon Woods starting at 6 pm.
- Butler is working on creating various homeowner guides for our urban and residential communities, these include “how to certify your backyard as a wildlife habitat”, a landscape guide, and a homeowners guide.
- This week (today) we are having our tree sale pickup. We partnered again with Warren SWCD for our tree sale.
- Butler SWCD and Hamilton SWCD will be hosting the Area IV Envirothon on April 26th at the Fernald Preserve.
- OFSWCD Summer Supervisor School will be in SW Ohio from July 16- 18, with Butler, Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren SWCDs hosting tours.