



Conservation in the Tri-State: Adapting to Current Needs & Trends

OKI Regional Conservation Council's Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Friday, March 28, 2014

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*
Joe Glassmeyer, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council
- 9:10 a.m. *Welcoming Address from Our Host*
Bill Hopple, Executive Director
Jason Brownknight, Director of Conservation & Stewardship, Cincinnati Nature Center
- 9:25 a.m. *Farm Bill Overview, with Emphasis on Conservation*
Adam Sharp, Vice President of Public Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.
- 9:55 a.m. *Agricultural Pollution Abatement Programs in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana*
Jocelyn Henderson, Resource Management Specialist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Mary Kathryn Dickerson, Dist. Coordinator, Boone/Campbell/Kenton County Conservation Districts
Heather Wirth, Whitewater River Watershed Project Technical Coord., Dearborn County SWCD
- 10:40 a.m. **ten-minute break**
Soft drinks, coffee and water will be available with some snacks.
- 10:50 a.m. *Water Quality Credit Trading*
John Stork, Ag. Conservation Technician, Boone/Campbell/Kenton County Conservation Districts
- 11:05 a.m. *Taking Root: Two Million More Trees for the Tri-State*
Scott Beuerlein, Horticulturist, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- 11:25 a.m. *Efforts to Eradicate the Asian Longhorned Beetle*
Phillip Baldauf, Ph.D., USDA's Asian Longhorned Beetle Eradication Project Manager for Ohio
- 11:40 a.m. *Save Local Waters: The Regional Stormwater Collaborative Gains Momentum*
John Nelson, Public Relations Specialist, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District
- 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 Friday, March 28, 2014**

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Agenda

Call to order

Joe Glassmeyer, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council

Showing Our Respect

We will share a moment of silence for Tom Spellmire, who provided years of service to the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and other conservation groups.

Treasury Report

John Kruse, OKI-RCC Treasurer, will report on the organization's treasury, which:

- handles transactions for annual meeting registration payments
- paid for a 2013-14 membership in Save Local Waters
- serves as a backup fund for that rare occasion when an OKI-RCC event costs more than it collects

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council 2014 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

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

Election of OKI-RCC Officers

All three officers are willing to stand for re-election to their current posts:

- for Chair – Joe Glassmeyer, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
- for Vice Chair – Ken McCormick, Campbell 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 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