

# ToMorrow's Farm News

## Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District

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Mount Gilead, Oh

Spring 2026

### MORROW SWCD

#### ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications to fulfill four academic scholarships in the spring of 2026.

All applications are due to the Morrow SWCD office at 5362 US 42, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338, by 4:30pm on April 8th, 2026. Applications can be acquired by...

- Visiting the Morrow SWCD office - weekdays from 8am-4:30pm
- Download at [www.morrowswcd.com/scholarships](http://www.morrowswcd.com/scholarships)
- Request at [programadmin@morrowcountyohio.gov](mailto:programadmin@morrowcountyohio.gov)

The Scholarship Selection Committee will announce the scholarship recipients on April 17th.

The District is privileged to be able to offer these opportunities to students. Our greatest appreciation goes out to the family and friends of our memorial scholarships for funding and support. The Annual SWCD Scholarship is provided through fundraising activity at our December Banquet. Thank you to all who participated.

#### Morrow SWCD Annual Scholarship (\$1,245.00)

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Scholarship is offered to students that are...

1. Residents of Morrow County, Ohio
2. Completing their senior year in high school
3. Entering their freshman year at a two or four-year college or technical school
4. Maintaining, at least, a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

#### Don McGinnis Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with the family of the late Donald McGinnis, a 16 year member of the Morrow SWCD Board of Supervisors, has made available an annual \$500 memorial scholarship offered to students that are...

1. Pursuing an environmental or agricultural course of study
2. Completing their senior year in high school
3. Entering their freshman year at a two or four-year accredited college
4. Graduating from one of the five Morrow County High Schools
5. Maintaining, at least, a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

#### Steve Ruhl Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

In honor of Steve Ruhl, former OSU Extension Agricultural and Natural Resources Agent, the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District has developed a \$500 continuing scholarship for students who's qualifications are as follows...

1. Parents are residents of Morrow County, Ohio
2. Must be a full-time college student entering the second year of an associates program, a junior or senior in a baccalaureate program, or in graduate school
3. Maintaining, at least, a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale
4. Following a course of study in environmental issues, agriculture or education

#### Robert Wuertz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with the family of the late Robert Wuertz, Jr., a 30 year member of the Morrow SWCD Board of Supervisors, has made available an annual \$1000 memorial scholarship for students that are...

1. Pursuing an agricultural or mechanical course of study
2. Completing their senior year in high school
3. Entering their freshman year at a two or four-year accredited college
4. Graduating from one of the five Morrow County High Schools
5. Maintaining, at least, a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

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## Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District

### Hours:

Monday-Friday  
8am—4:30pm

### Office:

5362 US HWY 42  
Mount Gilead 43338  
Suite 202

### Phone:

(419) 946-7923

### Website:

www.morrowswcd.com

### Staff:

Tyler Butler  
Program Administrator

Mike Clapper  
District Technician

Jamie Bailey  
Administrative Assistant

### Board of Supervisors:

Curtis Grimm, Chairman

Lea Rhea, Vice Chairman

Devon Heacock, Secretary

Larry Leonhard, Treasurer

Joanna Gall, Member

## Morrow SWCD Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors are held at 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. These meetings convene at the AgCredit Community Room, located at:

5362 US Highway 42  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

Our September Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held at the Headwaters Outdoor Education Center, 151 Home Rd., Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338.

All meetings are open to the public. An up-to-date list of meeting locations and times can be found at [www.morrowswcd.com](http://www.morrowswcd.com). Anyone wishing to be notified of Special Meetings or changes in dates, times, or locations of Regular Meetings should phone the SWCD Office at (419) 946-7923.



## No-Till Grain Drills Available

Over the winter months, the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District has updated our no-till grain drill fleet to include one 10ft Esch 5610, and two 15ft John Deere 1590s. Each drill is equipped with a grass seeder and acre-meter.

No-till farming practices improve soil health, reduce erosion and lowers operational costs.

	<u>For Rental</u>
No-till Grain Drill	\$15.00/acre
*10 acre minimum charge.	

A User Agreement must be signed on all rental/loan equipment that the Morrow SWCD offers. Proof of liability insurance must also accompany the user contract. A User Guide and Operations Check List will be provided during the rental.

Contact the Morrow SWCD office at (419) 946-7923.

## Items for Sale/Loan 2026

	<u>For Sale</u>	<u>For Loan</u>
Marking Flags	\$5.00/25c \$20/100c	Tree Planting Bar \$20.00 deposit Land Measuring Wheel \$20.00 deposit
Tile Probes	\$50.00/4ft. \$60.00/5ft \$12.00/tip	Contact the Morrow Soil and Water Office at (419) 946-7923 for details.
Geotextile Fabric (15'x30')	\$3.00/ft. \$625.00/roll	
Rain Barrel (50gal)	\$95.00	

\*includes installation kit



**"To Educate and Assist All People in the Conservation of the Valuable Resources of Morrow County."**

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR COMMISSIONERS

We are proud of the fact that the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors and Staff have a good working relationship with our Morrow County Commissioners. We are so appreciative of this relationship, it warrants publicly thanking of Commissioners Tim Abraham, Tim Siegfried and Jon Mason for their support and dedication to our local conservation efforts. Their continued financial support at the county level draws matching funds from the State of Ohio enabling the SWCD to provide conservation assistance, information, and education to all Morrow County residents.



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## “Planning for the Future of Your Farm” Workshop to be Held in County

If you and your family are grappling with the critical issue of how to transition your farm operation and assets to the next generation, OSU Extension, Morrow County Farm Bureau, and Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District invite you to attend the “Planning for the Future of Your Farm Workshop.”



This two-evening workshop, must attend both sessions, will help your family to actively plan for the future of the farm business. Learn how to have crucial conversations about the future of your farm and gain a better understanding of the strategies and tools that can help you transfer your farm's ownership, management, and assets to the next generation. We encourage parents, children, and grandchildren to attend together to develop a plan for the future of the family and farm.

Teaching faculty for the workshop are David Marrison, OSU Extension Farm Management Field Specialist, and Robert Moore, Attorney with the OSU Agricultural & Resource Law Program.

Workshop topics include: Developing Legacy Goals; Planning for the Transition of Management; Planning for the Unexpected; Communication and Conflict Management; Legal Tools and Strategies; Developing Your Team; Getting Your Affairs in Order; and Selecting an Attorney.

The registration for one person is \$35 and two people is \$50; this includes course materials, and dinner prior to both evenings workshop. Registration is limited and should be received no later than March 11.

More information can be found at [go.osu.edu/farmsuccession](http://go.osu.edu/farmsuccession). Meal provided.

We hope you'll join us to move forward on planning for the future of your farm! For questions about the workshop, please contact Carri Jagger at OSU Extension-Morrow County, Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator at [jagger.6@osu.edu](mailto:jagger.6@osu.edu) or (419) 947-1070.

**Event Sponsors:** OSU Extension, Risser Farm Management Fund, The Farm Financial Management & Policy Institute (FFMPI), OSU Extension-Morrow County, Farm Bureau-Morrow County, Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District.

## AgStudy Bus Tour to Visit the Badger State

Mark your calendars and pack your bags for **August 4th-7th, 2026**. Morrow SWCD is heading to “America's Dairyland!”

From the Case Tractor Plant in Racine, WI to the curds of Carr Valley Cheese in Mauston, WI, there will be something for everyone to see in the Forward State.

All are welcome to join us for an **AgStudy Bus Tour Informational Meeting in April** detailing the tentative itinerary, health forms and tour cost.



### AgStudy Bus Tour Information Meeting

Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 at 5:30pm

AgCredit Conference Room:

5362 US 42

Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

## Planning for the Future of Your Farm Workshop

**Date/Time:** Session 1: March 18, 2026  
Session 2: March 26th, 2026  
\*Must attend both  
5:00-9:00pm

**Location:** AgCredit Building:  
5362 US 42  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

**Cost:** \$35.00/individual  
\$50.00/couple

[go.osu.edu/morrowevents](http://go.osu.edu/morrowevents)



## Small Patch Forest Clinic August 15th, 2026

In a majority of the State, forests are represented by small patchworks spread intermittently around agricultural land and urban areas. A Small Patch Forest (2.5-50ac in size) can play a vital role in nesting habitat, food sourcing, cover and more for wildlife.

The Small Patch Forest Management Clinic aims to provide information and opportunities to landowners and managers interested in benefitting their woodland(s). Morrow SWCD is thankful to be providing this opportunity in partnership with the ODNR-Division of Wildlife, ODNR-Division of Forestry, Knox SWCD, NRCS-Morrow County and OSU Ext.-Morrow County.

All sessions are provided at no cost on Saturday, August 15th.

Sessions include, Forest Invasive, Ohio Pesticide Applicator License Top/Down Wildlife Habitat, Harvesting Timber, Federal, State and Local Programs and Identifying Trees and Shrubs for Wildlife. Attend the all day event, or session-by-session.

Registration encouraged at (419)946-7923 or at:  
[programadmin@morrowcountyohio.gov](mailto:programadmin@morrowcountyohio.gov).

### Small Patch Forest Clinic

Saturday, August 15th, 2026 beginning at 9am  
Headwaters Outdoor Education Center:  
151 Home Road  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

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## Two Supervisors Elected At 2025 Annual Banquet

With two Morrow SWCD Board of Supervisor seats to fill for the three-year term of 2026-2028, District-wide voting took place between November 7th and December 6th. We want to thank all candidates and voters that participated in this election. The newly elected/re-elected members of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors are as follows...

### Re-elected:



Lee Rhea, his wife, Dona, and two children, Makayla and Lance, reside in South Bloomfield Township. Lee is a highway technician for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), raises replacement heifers for Antiquated Acres, and produces hay to sell. Lee believes in conserving natural resources through no-till farming and participating in conservation programs.

### Elected:



Joanna Gall is a sixth-generation farmer, along with her family, as a part of Linder Farms in Edison. She has worked 19 years in the ag industry, and in her role as a Farm Merchandiser with Lighthouse Commodities, works alongside producers in the marketing of their grain through cash merchandising, futures sales and options. Joanna and her husband, Mike, believe in good tillage practices. The goal being to preserve their land for the next generation.

## Ruth Recognized as 2025 Outreach Partner of the Year

Morrow County Recycling—Director, Kristin Ruth was recognized at the Morrow SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet as the recipient of the 2025 Outreach Partner of the Year award.



Mrs. Ruth was selected for this honor due to her close work with the District and her embodiment of the District's Mission: to educate and assist all people in the conservation of the valuable natural resources of Morrow County.

Serving on the Headwaters Outdoor education Committee, Kristin continues to plan, promote and implement conservation programming in the County, as well as, secured grant funding to update the Litter Trail signage.

The District is grateful for Kristin's partnership.

## Morrow SWCD 76th Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District held its 76th Annual Meeting and Banquet on the evening of Saturday, December 6th, 2025 at the American Legion Hall in Cardington, Ohio. As guests entered the venue they were offered the opportunity to vote in the Morrow SWCD Board of Supervisors election. Voters must have owned or occupied land within Morrow County, as well as, 18 years-of-age or older. Three, high-caliber, candidates were running to fill two seats for the three-year term of 2026-2028. Josh Clunk of Westfield Township, Joanna Gall of Gilead Township and Lea Rhea of South Bloomfield Township.

The event began with an "all-you-can-eat" fish fry dinner that led into updates from District staff, detailing the highlights and accomplishments of the year. SWCD Board Members Larry Leonhard and Devon Heacock then recognized the 2025 academic scholarship recipients and Affiliate Members.



Strain Auctions then took the stage to kick-off a live pie auction for the benefit of the Annual Morrow SWCD Academic Scholarship. The eight baked goods, prepared and donated by community members, along with the proceeds of the silent auction, brought in a combined \$1,245.00 to be awarded to a Morrow County student this spring! Thank you to all who participated.

Curtis Grimm, Morrow SWCD Board Member, then introduced the evening's key-note speaker, John Linder. Throughout his forty-year career, John has served in some of agriculture's most influential roles, including President of the National Corn Growers Association and Chair of the Ohio Corn Checkoff, where he worked to strengthen markets, boost demand for corn, and ensure farmers' voices are heard. John is a fifth generation farmer with deep roots in Morrow County and was recently inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame.



Mr. Linder spoke passionately about his work as an advocate for sound agricultural practices, as well as, his experiences as a producer in Morrow County, recalling a time in the 1980s when he was able to rent no-till equipment from the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District to help him get started.

Larry Leonhard took to the podium to recognize district awards, including Kristin Ruth, Director of Morrow County Recycling and the 2025 Outreach Partner of the Year and retiring Board Member Nate Mosher.

The evening concluded with the announcement of the Morrow SWCD Board of Supervisors Election results.

Re-elected—Lea Rhea      Elected—Joanna Gall

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## Headwaters Outdoor Education Center

151 Home Rd., Mount Gilead, OH

### 2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

**BIRD BOX WORKSHOP\***  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

**TAP INTO MAPLE: TIPS AND TASTES**  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm    Dessert Contest!

**TINY WORLDS TERRARIUM WORKSHOP\***  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12n

**EXPLORE HEADWATERS AFTER DARK**  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30pm

**1776: WILDLIFE THEN AND NOW**  
June 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30

**WILDLIFE: KEEP IT COOL!**  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am

**FALL FLORA WORKSHOP**  
Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2pm

**TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL**  
October 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm

**MAKE-IT TAKE-IT**  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pm

\* Requires Registration at (419) 946-7923

## WEE DISCOVER!

The Headwaters Outdoor Education Center's, long-running, nature based pre-school, WEE DISCOVER, will once again, be holding morning and afternoon sessions, April-May and September-October, in 2026. The target age range for this program is 3 to 5 years-of-age with the major focus being to instill an appreciation for the natural world within our students.

WEE DISCOVER is supported by a group of dedicated volunteers with early childhood education in their background. Nature based pre-schools have been shown to foster opportunities for hands-on experiences, creativity and problem solving, attentiveness, and best of all, curiosity.



A parent and/or guardian must attend the session(s) with their little discoverer. Be sure to dress for the weather!

If you know a little nature lover, or, a child in need of the outdoors call Morrow SWCD at (419) 946-7923 for more information and registration. The program is provided at no cost to families, however, space is limited.



## Woolly Bear Warnings

A familiar sign of the fall for many, the banded woolly bear is said to share it's



prediction for the incoming winter weather via the thickness of its brown belt. The more narrow the belt, the more severe the winter.

While, it is unclear as to whether or not these caterpillars practice meteorology, these creatures do tough out the frigid months, no matter how cold, in an amazing way!

Once hatched in the fall, the woolly bear is on a search for food. Being generalists, just about any green plant material will do. As temperatures dip, these larva then seek shelter underneath leaf litter. Here, the caterpillar's heart will slow to a stop while it allows it's blood to freeze. Within its cells is a substance called "cryoprotectant," a bio-antifreeze, prevents any vital tissues from frost damage.

In the spring, the warmth will activate the caterpillar again, prompting it to forage and form a cocoon that will give rise to the Isabella Tiger Moth!

## Ohio EPA Water Quality Monitoring Credible Data Program Level 1 Training

This training will be hands-on with all participants getting in the water to learn techniques for biological, physical and chemical water quality monitoring. This is an entry level training intended for participants who desire basic water quality information. **Level 1** was designed with educators in mind and may be appropriate for Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Park Districts, Health Departments, or anyone with an interest in Ohio water quality. The purpose of Level 1 is primarily to promote public awareness and education about surface waters of the state. Approval of Level 1 QDC will be automatic by the Ohio EPA after completion of this training. Healthy Water, Healthy People Curriculum will be used in this training. **Morrow SWCD** will be our local hosts.

**Please bring with you:** waders or shoes you don't mind getting wet and wear old clothing for this training. Mahoning SWCD will be providing coffee and tea in the morning. Lunch will be on your own. Please bring your own snacks and preferred drinks.

**For more information,** contact Dennis Clement, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Education at [dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dennis.clement@epa.ohio.gov) or 614-644-2048.

### Ohio EPA Credible Data Program Level 1 Training

**Date/Time:** Friday, May 29, 2026  
8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

**Where:** Headwaters Outdoor Education Center:  
151 Home Road  
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338

**Cost:** There are **no fees** associated with this training other than your own traveling costs.



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## Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District 2026 Tree Seedling Sale

The Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be carrying various species of tree seedlings for sale. The trees are to be sourced through Alpha Nurseries and New-Life Nurseries of New Holland, Michigan. Depending on the species, trees will be sold in packets of 5 or 10.

Tree orders and payment will be accepted until **Friday, March 20th, 2026**. Stop in or mail your order form, with payment (made out to "Morrow SWCD"), to:



Morrow SWCD Main Office  
5362 US-42, Suite 202  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338  
(419) 946-7923

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm



**Trees will be available for pick-up on April 16-17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 6pm**

\*\*\*Keep the top portion of this page for your records\*\*\*



### MORROW SWCD TREE SEEDLING ORDER FORM

Species	Size	Price/Pack	# of Packs	Cost
(10 trees per pack)				
Black Hills Spruce	7-10"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Norway Spruce	10-18"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Eastern White Pine	7-10"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
(5 trees per pack)				
White Oak	6-12"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Red Oak	6-12"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Downy Serviceberry	6-12"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Redbud	6-12"	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Sugar Maple	6-12"	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Shagbark Hickory	6-12"	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Ohio Buckeye	6-12"	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Common Lilac	6-12"	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____

Subtotal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tax (7.25 %): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Trees are sold on a first come first served basis. We cannot guarantee the availability towards the end of our sale. Surplus seedlings may be available in the spring at regular prices.*

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## Agency Updates:

### USDA Announces Commodity Payment Rates for Farmer Bridge Assistance Program

USDA announced the next phase in the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program (FBA), the eligible commodity per-acre payment rates. In 2026, \$12 billion will be paid to American farmers. Of that amount, \$11 billion consists of one-time FBA program payments.

#### Eligible Row Crop Commodities and Payment Rates:

Below are the payment rates for the FBA eligible commodities that triggered a payment.

#### Commodity, Per Acre Payment Rates

-Barley: \$20.51	-Canola: \$23.57
-Chickpeas (Large): \$26.46	-Chickpeas (Small): \$33.36
-Corn: \$44.36	-Cotton: \$117.35
-Flax: \$8.05	-Lentils: \$23.98
-Mustard: \$23.21	-Oats: \$81.75
-Peanuts: \$55.65	-Peas: \$19.60
-Rice: \$132.89	-Safflower: \$24.86
-Sesame: \$13.68	-Sorghum: \$48.11
-Soybeans: \$30.88	-Sunflower: \$17.32
-Wheat: \$39.35	

#### Eligibility, Program Applications, and Crop Insurance Linkage

FBA payments are based on 2025 planted acres, Economic Research Service cost of production, and the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate Report. Double crop acres, including all initial and subsequently planted crops, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible.

All intended row crop uses are eligible for FBA except grazing, volunteer stands, experimental, green manure, crops left standing and abandoned or cover crops.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new risk management tools provided for in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) to best protect against future price risk and volatility. The OBBBA federal crop insurance improvements include expanding benefits for beginning farmers and ranchers, increasing coverage options, and making crop insurance more affordable.

#### Specialty Crop Assistance

Of the \$12 billion being provided by the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act, up to \$11 billion is being directed to eligible row crop producers and the remaining \$1 billion of the \$12 billion in assistance is reserved for specialty crops and sugar. Timelines for payments to producers of these crops are still under development and require additional understanding of market impacts and economic needs.

Producers, including specialty crop producers and stakeholder groups, can submit questions to [farmerbridge@usda.gov](mailto:farmerbridge@usda.gov). More information on FBA is available online at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/fba> or you can contact your local USDA FSA county office.



### ODNR– Division of Wildlife

#### What is the New Wildlife Habitat Initiative?

Do you own or manage property in Ohio? Do you want to improve your land, support wildlife populations, and receive compensation for it? The Wildlife Habitat Initiative (WHI) is a program available statewide for conservation enhancements.

Funding for the program is provided through the USDA-NRCS, and the technical assistance is from the Ohio Division of Wildlife. The program focuses on supporting habitat for grassland birds, pollinators, and other native wildlife.

To qualify landowners must be eligible for USDA farm programs and have a valid farm number with the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Eligible properties must enroll 5+ acres into the program for habitat enhancements and can include cropland and/or non-cropland. Contract agreements range from 1-3 years and will be administered by the National Bobwhite and Grassland Initiative (NBGI).

While grasslands and wildflowers are the focus of the program, tree and shrub establishment and some forestry conservation practices are an option.

Project planning can begin anytime, and WHI is operating under a continuous sign up.

Contact Emilee Hardesty, a Wildlife Management Consultant for the Ohio Division of Wildlife. She can be reached at 614-314-1315 or [emilee.hardesty@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:emilee.hardesty@dnr.ohio.gov) for questions or to get started.



### Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Farmland Preservation

Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be accepting Farmland Preservation pre-applications through **March 13th, 2026**.

The Office of Farmland Preservation partners with landowners, local government, soil and water conservation districts and land trusts to permanently preserve Ohio farms in agricultural easements. An agricultural easement is a voluntary, perpetual agreement between a landowner and the Ohio Department of Agriculture that permanently preserves Ohio farms in agricultural production, strengthening Ohio's number one industry: food and agriculture. The farmland can be sold or passed along as a gift to others at any time, but the restrictions prohibiting non-agricultural development stays with the land.

Qualified land must be enrolled in CAUV and the Agricultural District Program through the County Auditors Office. The landowner must have possession of Title.

Contact Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District's, Mike Clapper, for more information at [districttech@morrowcountyohio.gov](mailto:districttech@morrowcountyohio.gov) or (419) 946-7923.



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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

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## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- 11 Morrow SWCD Board Meeting—7:00 pm, AgCredit Community Room
- 15 Maple Taste and Tips/Dessert Contest—2:00pm, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center
- 18 Planning for the Future of Your Farm, **Part 1**—5:00-9:00pm, AgCredit Community Room
- 19 **TREE SALE DEADLINE**
- 24 HOEC Committee Meeting—1:00pm, Ag Credit Community Room
- 26 Planning for the Future of Your Farm, **Part 2**—5:00-9:00pm, AgCredit Community Room

### APRIL

- 8 Morrow SWCD Board Meeting—7:00pm, Ag Credit Community Room
- 16 -17 Tree Seedling Pick-up—8:00am-6:00pm, Morrow SWCD Office
- 22 Tiny Worlds Terrarium Class— 12n, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center \*\*
- 23 2026 Ag Study Bus Tour Information Meeting - 5:30pm, AgCredit Community Room
- 25 Headwaters Outdoor Education Center Workday—9:00am-12n, all are welcome
- 28 HOEC Committee Meeting—1:00pm, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center

### MAY

- 13 Morrow SWCD Board Meeting—7:00pm, AgCredit Community Room
- 15 Headwaters After Dark (Hike)—8:30pm, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center
- 25 Memorial Day—Office Closed
- 26 HOEC Committee Meeting—1:00 pm, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center

### JUNE

- 9-11 "WILD DAYS" Outdoor Camp—9:00-11:00am, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center \*\*
- 10 Morrow SWCD Board Meeting - 7:00pm, AgCredit Community Room
- 23 Headwater's Outdoor Education Center Committee Meeting—1:00pm, Headwaters
- 28 1776: Then and Now—3:30-5:30pm, Headwaters Outdoor Education Center

### JULY

- 3—Independence Day Observed—Office Closed

\*\* Registration Required at (419) 946-7923

**The Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of our 2025 Annual Banquet:**

**Ag Credit, Mt. Gilead Branch**

**Broerman Insurance Agency, Fredericktown**

**Central Ohio Farmers Co-op, Mt. Gilead Branch**

**Farm Credit Services of Mid America, Mansfield Office**

**Mid-Ohio Sanitation and Recycling**

**Morrow County Dairy Association**

**Morrall Companies, LLC, Caledonia**

**Nutrien Ag Solutions, Edison**

**POET Bio-Refining, Marion**

**Short Tax Services, Marengo**

**Tidy Tim's Incorporated, Edison**

**Wigton Real Estate, and Auction, Ashley**