



Warren County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to promote the wise stewardship of our natural resources through cooperative partnerships, educational programs and technical assistance in land and water management.

PROGRESS IN CONSERVATION



Education & Outreach

We believe that conservation education is the foundation for all wise land stewards. The District staff strives to educate both children and adults through classroom programs, youth programs, and community outreach efforts. In 2020, virtual education initiatives expanded greatly to continue providing educational resources to the community.



Technical Assistance

Our technical staff is in the field daily to assist with land management and conservation planning. The Urban Program focuses on sediment and erosion control procedures and promotes best practices for active construction sites. Our staff reviews plans, administers bond and fees, provides earth disturbing permits, and inspects all new construction disturbing over one acre of land. The Agricultural Program supports conservation planning, cover crop application, and other general agricultural assistance. 2020 included virtual workshops for Urban Programs and backyard conservation projects.



Preservation

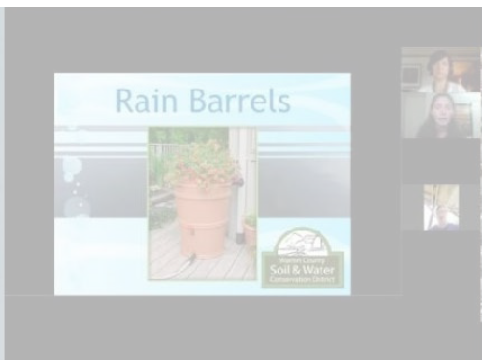
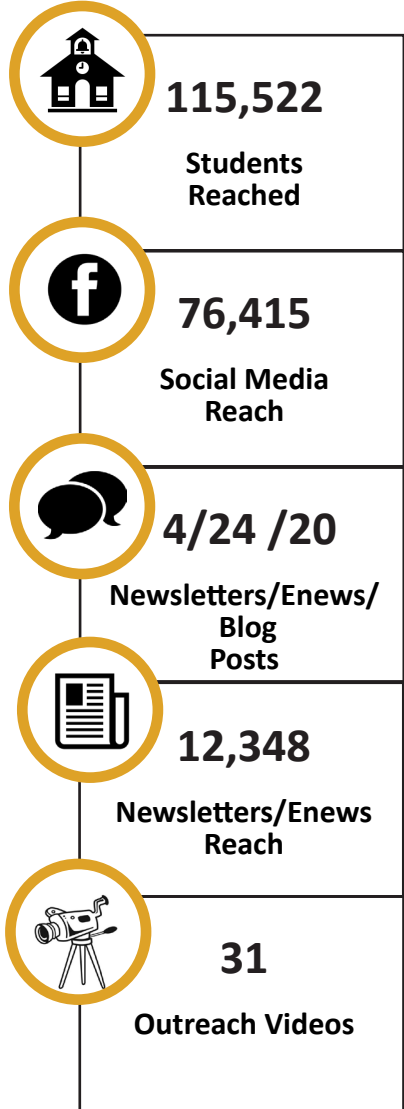
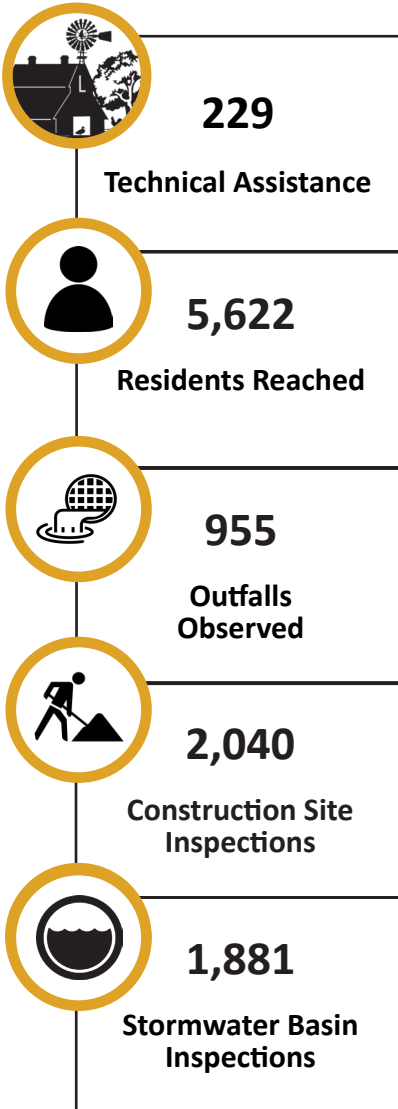
We work together with Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and local land trust organizations to assist landowners who wish to voluntarily preserve valuable land in Warren County. The District is tasked with locating optimal areas for protection and administering the preservation program. Each year the District applies to be a Certified Local Sponsor for farmland preservation in the county.

Scenic River Monitoring Program

3 Little Miami River Evaluations



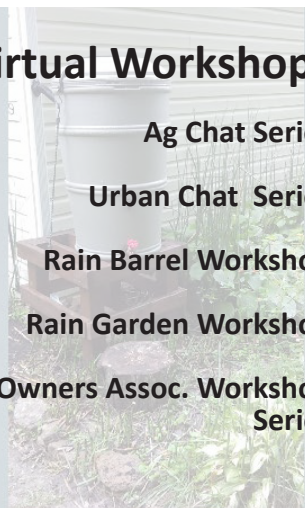
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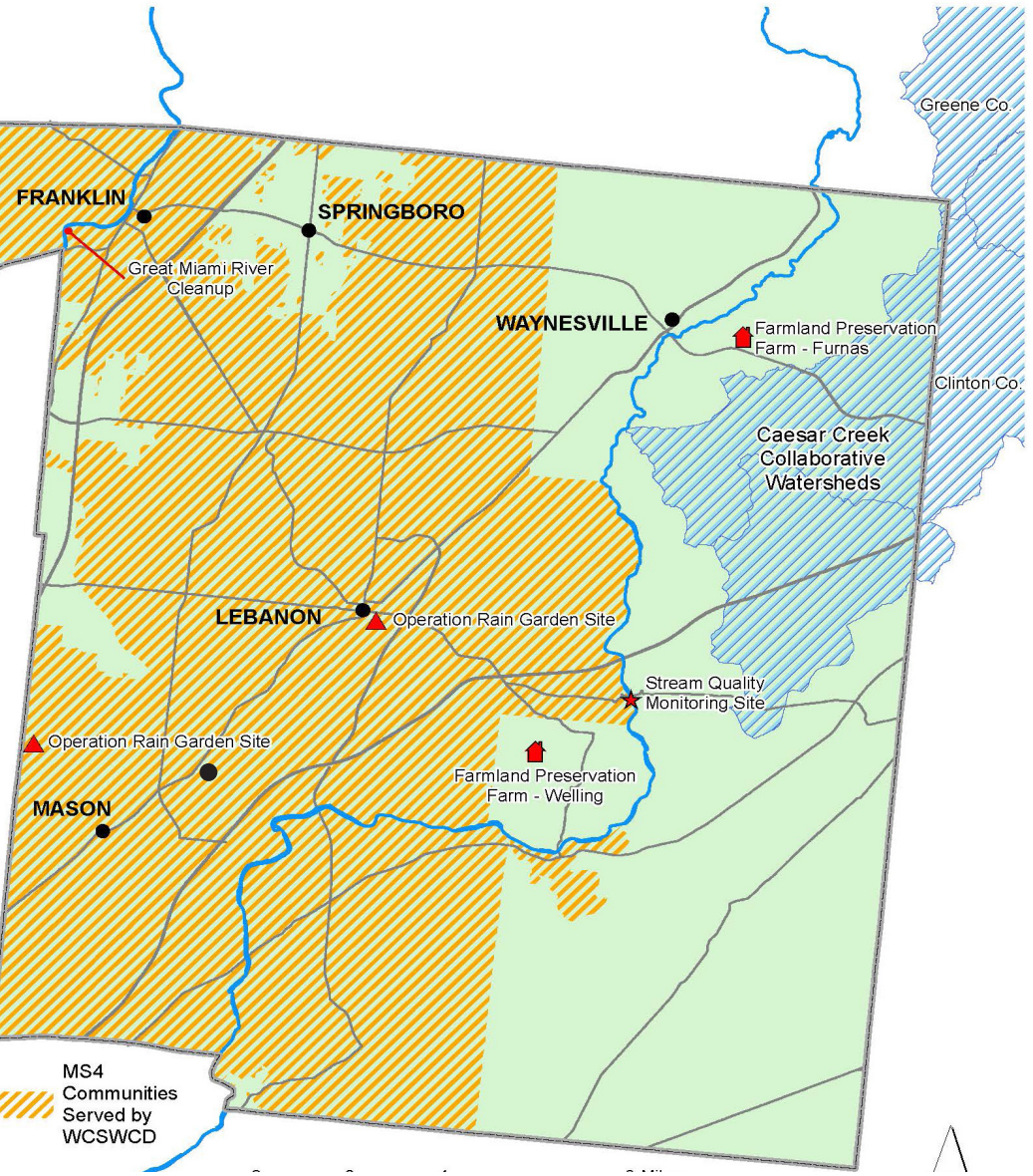
Watch the full webinar on the [Warren County SWCD YouTube page!](#)

Virtual Workshops

- Ag Chat Series
- Urban Chat Series
- Rain Barrel Workshop
- Rain Garden Workshop
- Home Owners Assoc. Workshop Series



SUCCESS MAP



Conservation Awards

Conservation Educator: Shannon Pennington, Warren County Park District

Cooperator of the Year: Jeff Wentworth, Butterworth Farm

4 Scholarship Recipients

2 Operation Rain Garden Municipality Grants:
Deerfield Township
City of Lebanon



2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Receipts

Carryover	\$238,185.00
Local	\$367,347.00
County	\$280,000.00
State	\$374,071.00
Earth Dist.	\$51,741.00
Other products/ materials	\$44,993.00

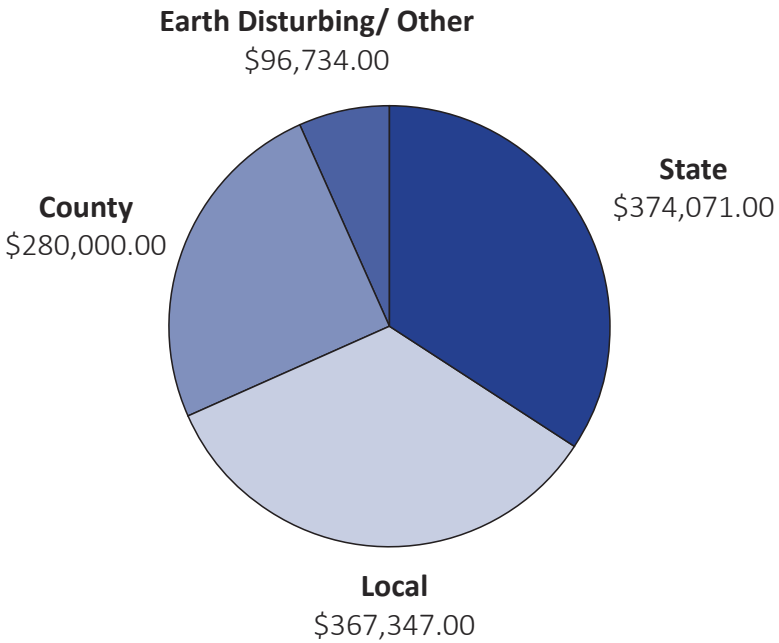
\$1,356,337.00

Expenditures

Salaries	\$508,045.00
Benefits	\$148,832.00
Equipment and Supplies	\$134,478.00
Rentals and Service Fees	\$75,924.00
Education and Outreach	\$5,057.00
Products/Materials for Resale/	\$2,355.00
Liability Insurance/Other	\$38,878.00
Refunds for tree sale (COVID)	\$20,208.00

\$933,777.00

Funding Sources



2020 Final Balance

\$422,560.00

Contributions

\$3,796
Save Local Waters

\$1,775
NACD

\$5,212
OFSWCD

Awards

\$158,755
*Local Agricultural
Easement Purchase
Program*

\$25,000
*OEPA
NPS-IS Development
Grant*

Scholarships

\$3,000
*Tom Spellmire
Conservation
Scholarships*

\$1,000
*Vince Uetrecht
Environmental
Stewardship
Scholarship*

*Numbers based on unaudited financial statements

PARTNERSHIPS

Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District is very fortunate to work with local partners to complete projects within our county. Projects have a variety of benefits including beautification, education and water quality improvements for the community and the local watershed.

Thank you to all of our partners and cooperators in conservation!

Warren County Board of Commissioners
Warren County Engineer's Office
City of Lebanon
City of Mason
Deerfield Regional Storm Water District
Deerfield Township
Ohio Department of Agriculture
Regional Storm Water Collaborative
United States Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources
Conservation Service
Warren County Park District

In 2020 Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District was privileged to be part of the creation of the Caesar Creek Collaborative to address issues in the Caesar Creek Lake watershed. The Collaborative includes partners from other area SWCDs, universities, municipalities, ODNR, Ohio Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy, local conservation groups, environmental consultants, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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