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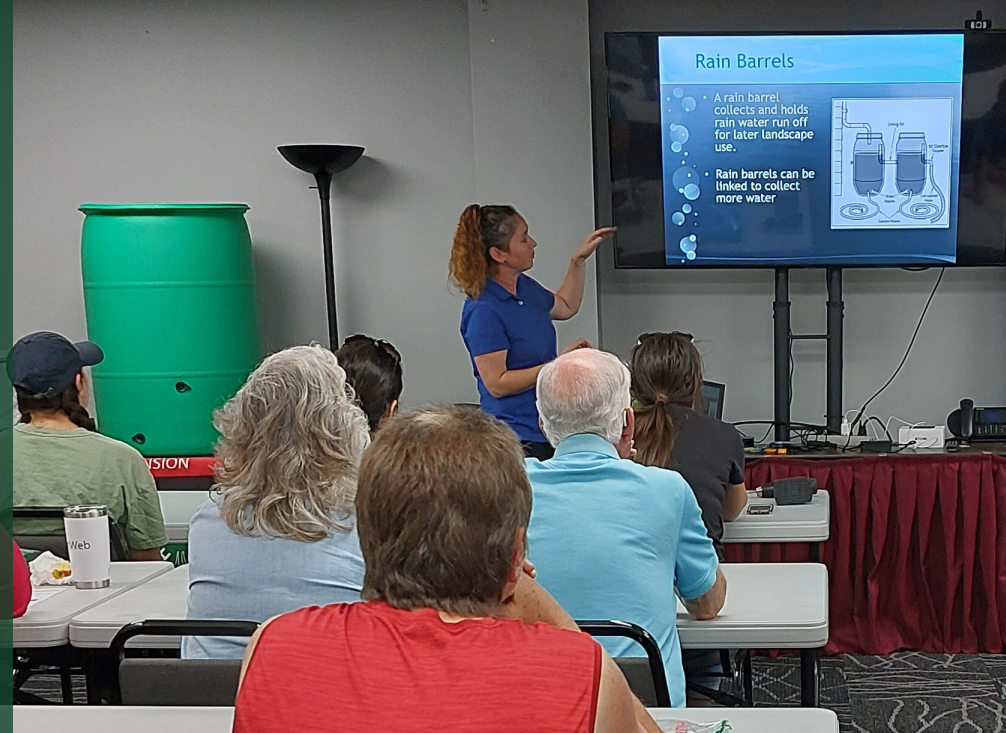
Warren Co SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff are grateful for the steadfast support of the Warren County Board of Commissioners and the many municipalities, partner agencies, and community members that help us deliver exceptional services to Warren County.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



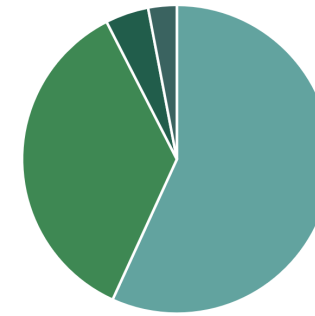
OUR MISSION

Initially founded to protect America's farmland from natural disasters after the Great Dust Bowl Era, Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (Warren Co SWCD) has been a leader in environmental conservation for nearly 80 years. Our mission is to promote wise stewardship of natural resources through cooperative partnerships, educational programs, and technical assistance in land and water management.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RECEIPTS



TOTAL \$1,159,171

Local Contributions	\$678,787
State Contributions	\$375,699
Earth Disturbing Permit Fees	\$59,775
Sales, Donations & Other	\$44,910

EXPENSES

Personnel	770,379
Equipment & Supplies	165,704
Education & Information Expenses	27,477
Contracts, Rentals, and Service Fees	96,470
Liability & Insurance	10,811
Products & Materials for Resale	17,520
Other	30,152

TOTAL \$1,118,513

2022 SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTS

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION: HIGH SCHOOL ENVIROTHON

Envirothon took center stage in 2022 with Springboro and Franklin High Schools sending a combined five teams to the Area IV competition in Southwest Ohio with resounding success. Students were tested in their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology, and current environmental issues. Months later, the District joined surrounding counties in hosting the 33rd Annual National Envirothon. 2022 also marks Warren Co SWCD's renewed commitment to Warren County High Schools with the formation of the Envirothon Grant Program, which provides direct financial support to school districts to ensure that all Warren County youth have the opportunity to participate in this premier nation-wide academic competition regardless of their school's ability to afford appropriate learning resources or transportation.

BUILDING COMMUNITY: WOMEN FOR THE LAND

Women remain underrepresented in the utilization of USDA and state-based conservation programs despite being responsible for farming or co-farming 43% of America's farmland. In recognition of this challenge and the many gender-related barriers to managing land for long-term stability that women often face, Warren Co SWCD launched Women for the Land in 2022—part of a national program designed to address the aforementioned issues. The program's inaugural year was a resounding success, bringing a diverse group of landowners and caretakers in Warren County to share land management experiences, learn from industry experts, and support each other through making informed decisions about the natural resources in their care.

MODELING BEST PRACTICES: STORMWATER PROTECTION

As our Urban and Stormwater protection team continues to share their expertise as a working partner to development professionals managing natural resource protection protocols on active construction sites throughout our county, Warren Co SWCD's leadership spearheaded a new initiative in partnership with select SWCDs throughout the state to support districts who are just beginning involvement in urban work. This partnership resulted in the Ohio EPA/SWCD Working Partnership Document, a set of best practice guidelines we are disseminating to all soil and water districts in Ohio's 88 counties in 2023 to build more effective partnerships between local municipalities and state agencies.

CHAMPIONING INNOVATION: THE CAESAR CREEK COLLABORATIVE

After three successful years of stakeholder engagement, the Caesar Creek Collaborative secured its first landmark grant from the Ohio EPA to support farmers and landowners working towards improving water quality and soil health of the Caesar Creek Lake Region. This grant will fund the construction of a cascading waterway in Warren County—one of the first of its kind in the state—to capture sediment and nutrients and further prevent erosion within cropland.



2022 BY THE NUMBERS



15,700 students & youth reached through virtual and in-classroom education programming



1,150 inspections completed of active construction sites to ensure appropriate stormwater protection protocols



400 stormwater basins & 700 outfall structures inspected for pollutants to help keep Ohio's waterways clean



310,000 people served* through resources, technical assistance, and floodplain information provided to aid in backyard conservation, agricultural production, and land management

*number includes digital reach of education and outreach programming