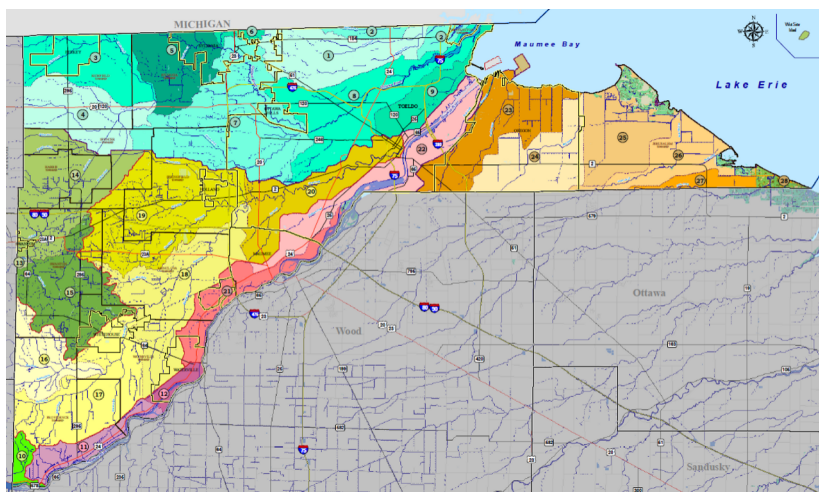


# ANNUAL REPORT FY2019

*(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)*

The mission of the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide **leadership for conservation** of our soil, water, and other resources through **education, information, and technical assistance.**

## WHERE WE WORK



### LUCAS COUNTY

- Population: 441,815
- 341 square miles (land)
- 160 Schools
- 386 Farms
- 65,558 Acres of Farmland
- Primary Watersheds:
  - Lower Maumee River
  - Cedar / Portage River
  - Ottawa River

### LAND USE:



46% Developed



34% Agriculture



13% Forest



7% Wetland & Open Water

# AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

The Lucas SWCD services the agricultural sector of the county by offering assistance programs, informational workshops, and technical insight regarding implementing best management practices (BMPs) on the farm. Our staff also manages a demonstration farm at Blue Creek Conservation Area (BCCA) in Whitehouse, Ohio where we showcase conservation farming. We are also involved in facilitating ditch maintenance projects throughout the county.



**7** acres of cover crops planted at BCCA in Fall 2018



**103** acres farmed at BCCA under conservation practices

**259** of animal manure dropped at the compost facility  
cubic yards



**7** current ditch maintenance projects



**1,969** acres enrolled in agricultural assistance programs



**2** reappraisals awarded for future ditch maintenance projects

**8** drainage control structures installed



**354.3** acres enrolled in Senate Bill 299 Ohio Working Lands Programs

**1,452** acres planted with cover crops in the Swan Creek Watershed



In 2018, the Lucas SWCD was awarded a grant to assist in purchasing a soil health education trailer. It is equipped with a rainfall simulator that compares infiltration and runoff rates for different soil types and management practices.

# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (Lucas SWCD) offers students and teachers in Lucas County a variety of educational programs and professional development opportunities in the realm of natural resource conservation, awareness, and appreciation. We also participate in events throughout the year hosted by other organizations where we provide information and activities to the community.



**9,784**  
Community Members  
Reached through Events

**162** School Programs  
(PreK - 12)



**34**  
General Public Events

**4,590** Students Reached  
(PreK-12)



**3**  
Educator Workshops



**46**  
Teachers Participated



**235** Students Attended Field Trips to Blue Creek Conservation Area



# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We provide technical assistance to Lucas County residents through our office library, Make & Take Rain Barrel Workshops, our Fish, Tree, and Cover Crop Sales, Pond Clinic, and the annual Backyard Conservation Open House and Native Plant Sale. We also provide a bi-annual newsletter, and regularly update our website and social media as a source of credible information for the community.



# 22,685

Fish Fingerlings Sold  
through Fish Sales

# 350

Visitors During  
Backyard  
Conservation  
Open House



# 509

Native Plants Sold  
During Backyard  
Conservation  
Open House

# 11,193

Trees and Shrubs Sold  
through the 2019 Tree Sale



# 4

Rain Barrel  
Workshops

# 76

Rain Barrels  
Made



# 124

Participants

# 121%

Increase in  
Page Likes on  
Facebook



# 9,500

Newsletters  
Distributed  
(email & mail)



# OUR PARTNERS



Ohio Department of Agriculture



OHIO FARM BUREAU



TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION



TOLEDO LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY



LUCAS COUNTY



Partners for Clean Streams



TOLEDO ZOO & AQUARIUM



METROPARKS TOLEDO



GREEN RIBBON INITIATIVE



Toledo GROW'S



TMACOG



OLANDER PARK SYSTEM



Wild Ones NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES OAK OPENINGS REGION



MAAC MAUMEE AGC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Toledo GROW'S



Nature's Nursery Rehabilitation • Education • Conservation



BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY



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LECC LAKE ERIE CENTER



KT/LCB KEEP TOLEDO/LUCAS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL, INC.



Rain Garden Initiative Toledo - Lucas County



OHIO POLLINATOR HABITAT INITIATIVE



LOURDES UNIVERSITY



CAP CONSERVATION PROJECT



BGSU



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

# SPECIAL THANKS TO:

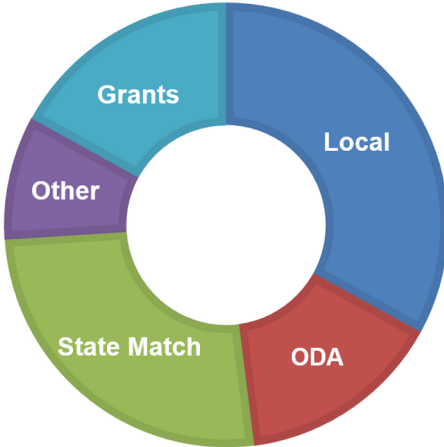
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 Toledo Public Schools  
 Oregon City Schools  
 Sylvania City Schools  
 Anthony Wayne Schools  
 Ottawa Hills School District  
 Washington Local Schools

Springfield Local Schools  
 Maumee City Schools  
 Toledo-Lucas County Libraries  
 Natural Science Technology Center  
 Poppin Up Natives  
 Fenders Fish Hatchery  
 Walnut Creek Seeds  
 Lake Erie Improvement Association

Area 1 SWCDs  
 577 Foundation  
 Historic Woodlawn Cemetery  
 Sunshine Inc.  
 Aspiring Hands  
 All Can Truly Serve

# FY2019 FINANCES

While we are a subdivision of government, there is no mandated public budget for the SWCD. Our work depends on acquiring grants and voluntary funding from Lucas County Commissioners, local municipalities, and individual donors.

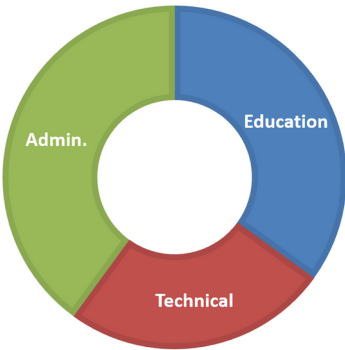


## INCOME

Local Income	\$129,355
State Match Income	\$102,798
ODA Program Funds	\$60,000
Grant Income	\$65,074
Other Income	\$34,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$392,154</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$349,923</b>
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## STAFF HOURS

District staff time is divided into three categories, and examples of tasks that fall under each category are below:

- **Administrative:** includes financial obligations and reporting; Board, staff, and other agency meetings; correspondence; facility maintenance.
- **Education:** includes both school and general public education programs.
- **Technical:** includes urban and agricultural technical assistance/programs; grant reporting.

**The Lucas SWCD wishes to thank the following entities, whose financial support at the local level either draws matching funds from the State of Ohio and/or in-kind support that enables the District to provide services to Lucas County:**

- The Lucas County Commissioners
- Cities of: Maumee, Oregon, Sylvania, Toledo, and Waterville
- Townships of: Harding, Jerusalem, Monclova, Providence, Richfield, Spencer, and Sylvania
- Lucas County Farm Bureau
- Lucas County Engineers
- In-kind services from the USDA-NRCS, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, OFSWCD
- Grants from Ohio EPA, OFSWCD, Ohio Soybean Council, and Ohio Dept. of Agriculture



## 2018-2019 BOARD & STAFF

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**Diane DeYonker**, Board Chair

**Christine Mayer**, Vice-chair

**Stephen Loeffler**, Treasurer

**Tom Schoen**, Fiscal Agent

**Jim Vogelbacher**, Secretary  
*(not pictured)*

**Joey Sink-Oiler**, District Manager

**Jessica Grisier**, Administrative Assistant

**Jamie Kochensparger**, Education/Outreach Dir.

**Jessica Wilbarger**, Natural Resources Specialist

**Matthew Browne**, Area Conservation Technician

**Dj Mears**, Agricultural Conservationist  
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