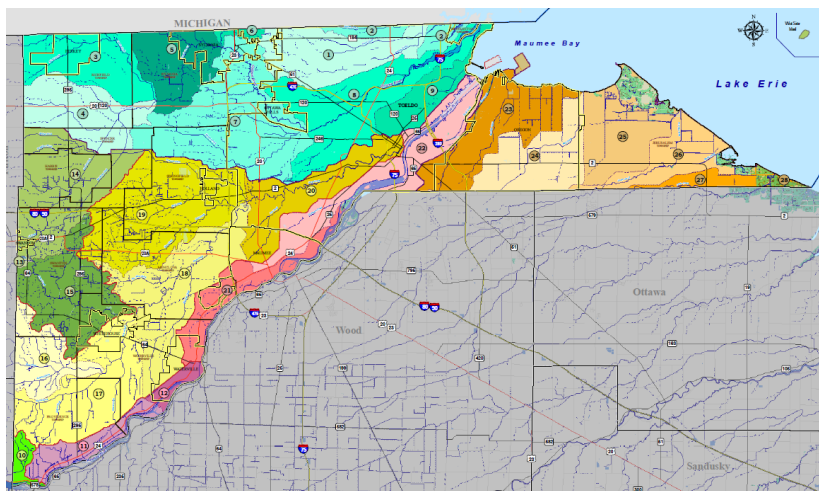


# ANNUAL REPORT FY2020

*(July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)*

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: 428,348 (2019 Estimate)
- 340.4 square miles
- 155 Schools
- 386 Farms
- 65,558 Acres of Farmland
- Primary Watersheds:
  - Lower Maumee River
  - Cedar / Portage River
  - Ottawa River

### LAND USE:



45% Developed



34% Agriculture



13% Forest



8% 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.



78

acres farmed at BCCA under conservation practices

12

water control structures installed



2

reappraisals awarded for ditch maintenance projects on the Collins Ditch and the Disher Ditch

268

cubic yards

of animal/agricultural waste dropped at the Blue Creek Compost Facility



251.5

acres enrolled in Senate Bill 299 Ohio Working Lands Programs

27

Lucas County producers enrolled in the H2Ohio Phosphorus Reduction Program

# H2Ohio

17,682

acres enrolled in the H2Ohio Phosphorus Reduction Program



The Lucas SWCD hosted a Lucas SWCD Day at the Fair in July 2019, complete with soil demonstrations and tabling; a Breakfast & BMPs event in November 2019 where producers learned about current agricultural assistance programs; and a H2Ohio Kick-off Meeting in February 2020 to learn about the initiative.

# 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.



# 17,434

Community members reached through events

# 100

 School Programs (PreK - 12)

# 5,455

 Students Reached (PreK-12)

# 32

General Public Activities



# 1

 Educator Workshop

# 24

 Teachers Participated

# 72

 Students attended field trips to Blue Creek Conservation Area (BCCA)

# EDUCATION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We provide technical assistance to Lucas County residents through our office library, Rain Barrel Workshops, Fish, Tree, and Cover Crop Sales, Pond Clinic, and Native Plant Sale. We also share information through our newsletter, website, and social media channels. Many of our in-person events were modified or canceled to meet Covid-19 safety regulations in the spring of 2020. We appreciate your cooperation!



**7,671**  
Trees and shrubs sold  
through the 2020 Tree Sale

Hosted local legislators at  
BCCA for tour and Board  
Meeting (August 2019)



**441** Native plants  
sold during  
Spring Sale

**19,044**  
Fish fingerlings sold  
through Fish Sales



**2**  
Rain Barrel  
Workshops

**36**  
Rain Barrels  
Made

**33**  
Participants



**3** Conservation Award Winners  
recognized at the 2019 Annual Meeting  
for their commitment to conservation,  
either on the farm or the classroom

**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 GROWERS



TMACOG



OLANDER PARK SYSTEM



Wild Ones NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES OAK OPENINGS REGION



MAAC Maumee ADC Advisory Committee



Nature's Nursery Rehabilitation • Education • Conservation



BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY



UT



lec 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:

Lucas County Commissioners  
 Lucas County Engineers  
 Toledo Public Schools  
 Oregon City Schools  
 Sylvania City Schools  
 Anthony Wayne Schools  
 Ottawa Hills School District  
 Washington Local Schools

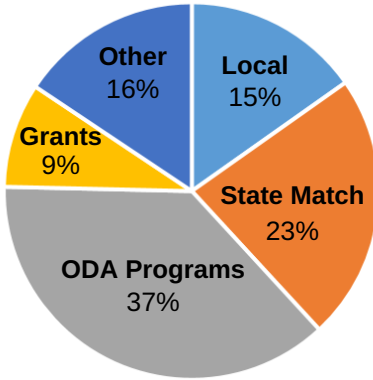
Springfield Local Schools  
 Maumee City Schools  
 Toledo-Lucas County Libraries  
 Natural Science Technology Center  
 Poppin Up Natives  
 Fenders Fish Hatchery  
 Walnut Creek Seeds  
 Lake Erie Improvement Association

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

# FY2020 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	\$112,726.93
State Match Income	\$169,300.00
ODA Program Funds	\$275,360.50
Other Grants	\$66,406.45
Other Income	\$115,821.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$739,614.99</b>

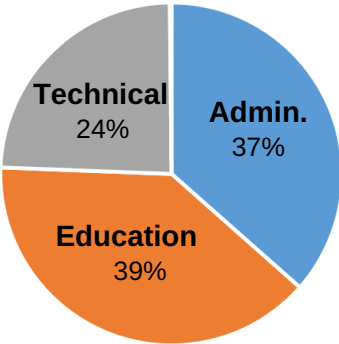
## DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$582,120.69</b>
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## STAFF HOURS (JULY 1, 2019-JUNE 30, 2020)

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 school and general public programs; newsletters; social media; sales
- **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, & Waterville
- Townships of: Harding, Jerusalem, Monclova, Providence, Richfield, Spencer, & Sylvania
- Village of Holland
- 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, & Ohio Dept. of Agriculture
- 2019-2020 Affiliate Members

**\*\*Picture taken prior to  
Covid-19 pandemic**



## 2019-2020 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**, H2Ohio Technician

**Dj Mears**, Drainage/Agricultural Conservationist  
*(not pictured)*



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