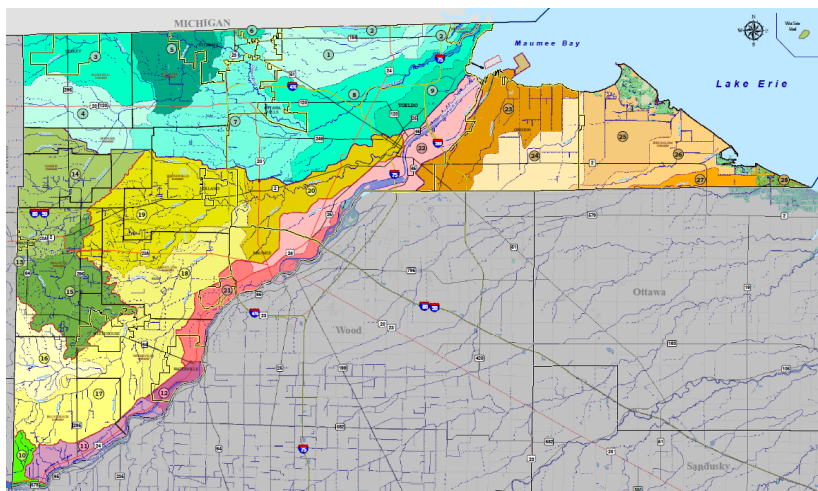


ANNUAL REPORT FY2021

(July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021)

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: 431,279 (2020 Census)
- 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

CONSERVATION ON THE GROUND

The Lucas SWCD services landowners and residents of the county by offering assistance programs, informational workshops, and technical insight on implementing best management practices (BMPs) on their property. 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 and other drainage projects throughout the County.



78 acres at BCCA under BMPs including cover crops, nutrient management and filter strips



3 reappraisals awarded for ditch maintenance projects on the Beecher, Bench/Hagerman, and Ballard Ditches

31.3 acres enrolled in the ODA Working Lands Grass Buffer Program



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



~31,000 linear feet of grass filter strips to be installed along 7 maintenance ditches

22 Lucas County producers enrolled in the H2Ohio Phosphorus Reduction Program

H2Ohio

Enrolled/Completed Acres through H2Ohio:

14,767.9	Voluntary Nutrient Mgmt. Plan Development
3,542.9	Variable-rate Technology Phosphorus Application
1,893.9	Subsurface Phosphorus Placement

Through a partnership with Rain Garden Initiative and Sacred Grounds Toledo, **2 rain gardens** and **2 pollinator gardens** were planted in the community. Our staff also provided technical assistance to dozens of property owners with questions and concerns regarding erosion, stormwater management, native plants, ponds, and more.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

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.



15,547
community members
reached through events

43

Classroom &
Summer K-12
Programs (virtual
and in-person)



29
Public
Programs
& Events

1,005

Students
Reached



6
Educator
Workshops



94
Teachers
Participated



In 2020, Lucas SWCD and other Districts across northwest Ohio launched the Junior Conservationist Summer Camp, a "Do-It-Yourself" program with activities to learn about water, soil, plants, wildlife, recreation, and community. In the first year, 69 youth participated across the region! The program continued into 2021 with positive feedback.

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Virtual workshops held with 160 participants on topics such as pond mgmt. and soil testing.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We welcome community members to our office to utilize the resources and products we have available to aid with conservation projects at home. We also offer Rain Barrel Workshops, Fish, Tree, and Cover Crop Sales, and a Native Plant Sale each year, striving for convenience and affordability. Our newsletter, website, and social media channels are yet another way we reach out to the community. Lastly, our staff represents the District in local government on several committees and project teams.



9,383
Trees and shrubs sold
through the 2021 Tree Sale

1,215

Forbs, shrubs, and trees
sold through the 2021
Native Plant Sale



29,443

Fish fingerlings sold
through Fish Sales



4

Rain Barrel
Workshops

61

Rain Barrels
Made

50

Participants



5,000

gallons of new
stormwater capacity
from rain barrel sales
through our office!



We reached over 33,000 people
with posts on our Facebook page!
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OUR PARTNERS



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

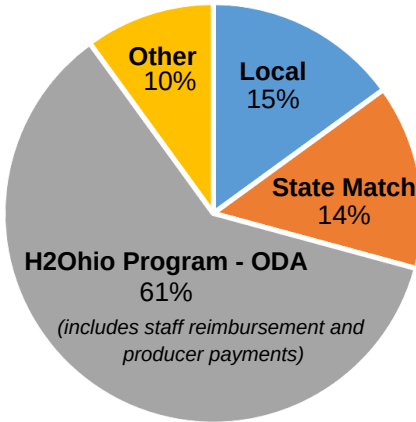
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 Anthony Wayne Schools
 Ottawa Hills School District
 Washington Local Schools

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

Area 1 SWCDs
 577 Foundation
 Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

FY2021 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.

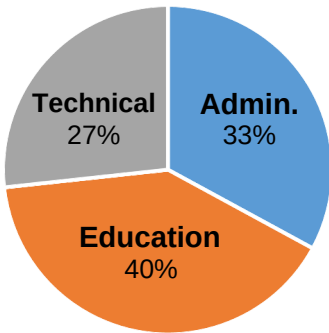


INCOME

Local Income	\$131,700.00
State Match Income	\$124,617.00
H2Ohio Program - ODA	\$533,293.46
Other Income	\$87,844.76
Total	\$877,455.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Total	\$349,977.00
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STAFF HOURS (JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021)

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
- Townships of: Harding, Jerusalem, Monclova, Richfield, Springfield, & Spencer
- 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
- 2020-2021 Affiliate Members



2021 BOARD & STAFF

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| Diane DeYonker , Board Chair | Joey Sink-Oiler , District Manager |
| Kevin Joyce , Vice-chair | Jessica Grisier , Administrative Assistant |
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| Tom Schoen , Fiscal Agent | Jessica Wilbarger , Natural Resources Specialist |
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