

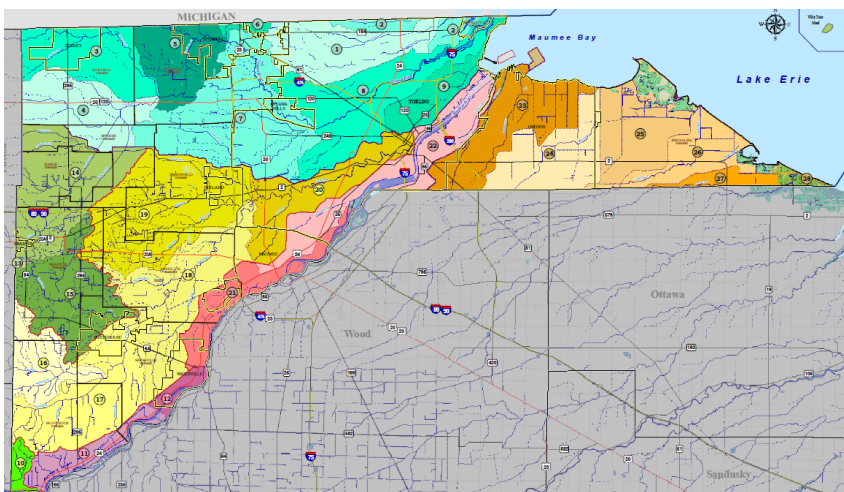


# ANNUAL REPORT FY2022

*(May 1, 2021- April 30, 2022)*

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/  
Grasslands



8% Wetland &  
Open Water

# CONSERVATION ON THE GROUND

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District (Lucas SWCD) serves local residents by offering assistance programs, informational workshops, and technical insight on implementing best management practices (BMPs) on their properties. Our staff 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. In March 2022, Lucas SWCD hired the District's first Urban Conservation Technician, Penny Bollin.



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



**31.3** acres enrolled in the ODA Working Lands Grass Buffer Program



**1.4**

miles of ditch bottom dip-out, or silt removal, on maintenance ditches



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



**11.2**

acres seeded of permanent grass filter strips on maintenance ditches

**38** cubic yards of finished compost distributed to community gardens and private customers



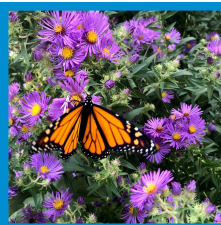
**2.5** acres of Red Corn planted and harvested at BCCA, in partnership with Metroparks Toledo and Toledo Spirits

Completed Practices for Crop Year 2021

**13,513.6** Acres of Voluntary Nutrient Mgmt. Plan Implementation

**4,386.5** Acres of Variable-rate Tech. Phosphorus Application

**1,160.1** Acres of Overwintering Cover Crops



Staff provided technical assistance on topics like native plants, erosion control, ponds, and stormwater management

# CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The Lucas SWCD offers students and teachers in Lucas County a variety of educational programs, free-of-charge, in the realm of natural resource conservation, awareness, and appreciation. In addition, through grants and partnerships, the District offers professional development opportunities for Lucas County educators. Throughout the year, Lucas SWCD also participates in public events where we provide information and activities on conservation to the community.



**15,621**  
Adults and children  
reached through programs

**101** School and Non-School Pre-K through 12th Grade Programs



**49**  
Public Programs & Activities

**2,390** Students & Teachers Reached



**9**  
Educator Workshops



**167**  
Teachers Participated



**2** Newsletters sent out to 4,500 people with District updates and upcoming programs



# 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, blog, website, and social media channels are another way Lucas SWCD reaches out to the community. Lastly, our staff represents the District in local government by serving on several committees and project teams, offering technical insight and programming support.



**8,780**  
Trees and shrubs sold  
through the 2022 Tree Sale

**1,200**  
Plants sold, plus rain  
barrels, composters and  
more, in the Backyard  
Conservation Sale



**22,582**  
Fish fingerlings sold  
through Fish Sales



**6**  
Rain Barrel  
Workshops



**170**  
Rain Barrels  
Made

**9,350** Gallons of rain water  
collected each time all  
of the Workshop  
barrels fill up!



We have reached over 40,000 people with posts on our Facebook page! Follow us [@LucasSWCD](https://www.facebook.com/LucasSWCD)

# OUR PARTNERS



# SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Lucas County Commissioners  
 Lucas County Engineer  
 Lucas County Auditor  
 Lucas County Farm Bureau  
 Lucas County Ag. Society  
 Toledo Public Schools  
 Oregon City Schools  
 Sylvania City Schools

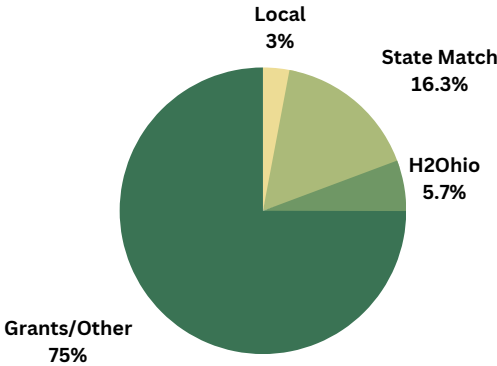
Anthony Wayne Schools  
 Ottawa Hills School District  
 Washington Local Schools  
 Springfield Local Schools  
 Maumee City Schools  
 Toledo-Lucas County Libraries  
 Natural Science Technology Center  
 Wood County Park District

Fender's Fish Hatchery  
 Walnut Creek Seeds  
 North Branch Nursery  
 Woody Warehouse  
 Engel's Nursery  
 Alpha Nursery  
 Area 1 SWCDs  
 The 577 Foundation

# FY2022 FINANCES

(MAY 1, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2022)

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	\$31,068.00
State Match Income	\$171,073.00
H2Ohio Program - ODA	\$60,000.00
Grants/Other Income	\$785,084.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,047,225.00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$902,652.00</b>
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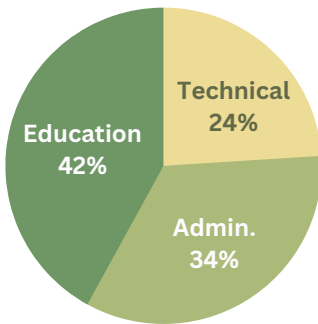
## STAFF HOURS (MAY 1, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2022)

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, Springfield, Spencer, & Sylvania
- Village of Holland
- Lucas County Farm Bureau
- Lucas County Engineer's Office
- In-kind services from the USDA-NRCS, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, & OFSWCD
- Grants from Ohio EPA, OFSWCD, Ohio Soybean Council, & Ohio Dept. of Agriculture
- 2021-2022 Affiliate Members



## 2023 BOARD & STAFF

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**Joey Warner**, District Manager

**Dj Mears**, Drainage/Agricultural Conservationist

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**Penny Bollin**, Urban Conservation Technician

**Matthew Browne**, H2Ohio Technician

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