
*UNION SWCD/NRCS
MARYSVILLE F.O.
ANNUAL PLAN OF
OPERATIONS FOR 2022*

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Mission Statement

To promote, preserve, and enhance the wise use of our natural resources for the people of Union County by providing technical, financial and educational assistance.

Vision Statement

To promote and locally lead soil and water conservation efforts within Union County.

Objectives for 2022

- Objective 1: Training**
- Objective 2: Technical Assistance**
- Objective 3: Education**
- Objective 4: Drainage Maintenance**
- Objective 5: Wildlife Education/Assistance**
- Objective 6: Urban**
- Objective 7: Resource/Watershed Planning**
- Objective 8: Outreach/Public Relations**
- Objective 9: Conservation Products**
- Objective 10: District Policies/Administration**

Objective 1: Training

Goal: Pursue continuing education opportunities for supervisors and office staff.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
NACD Annual Meeting	Union SWCD Board and Staff	NACD	February 12 - 16, 2022
OFSWCD Annual Partnership Meeting	Union SWCD Board and Staff	OFSWCD / OASWCDE	Feb. 27 - March 1, 2022
ODNR Division of Wildlife Diversity Conference	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	March 1, 2022
Area IV Winter Supervisor & Employee Meeting	Union SWCD Board and Staff	OFSWCD / Area IV Directors	December-2022
ODA Administrative Development Program (ADP)	Brent Nickel, Taylor Golden, and Union SWCD Staff	ODA	2022
Provide displays / display board(s) for promotion of SWCD / NRCS programs	Brent Nickel	Union SWCD Staff	2022
Spray license certification – Obtain/Keep (test every 3 years/\$35 yearly renewal fee)	Jeremy Burrey	ODA / OSU Extension	2022
SWCD Wildlife Specialist Training	Brent Nickel	ODNR / DOW	2022
Technician Development Program (TDP)	Joseph Grove, Stephen Johnson, and Union SWCD Staff	ODA / NRCS	2022
Obtain Notary Public License (renew every 5 years, expires August 25, 2024)	Taylor Golden	Union County Records Dept.	2024

Objective 2: Technical Assistance

Goal: Work with Union County landowners and partners to provide technical assistance for natural resource concerns

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Inspection of Arno Renner, Erna Bailey, and Don & Marge Bailey Agriculture easements held by ODA	Mark Watkins	ODA	December-2022
Assist NRCS with conservation programs and engineering (23)□	Mark Watkins / Stephen Johnson	NRCS	2022
Provide technical assistance in the areas of erosion, sediment, stormwater control/management (as requested)	Mark Watkins	Engineer, Health Department, Twp. Trustees, and City of Marysville	2022
Respond to pollution abatement complaints; work with appropriate parties to resolve the issue; maintain up-to-date complaints; Record in Beehive	Mark Watkins	ODA, EPA, and Union County Health Department	2022
Provide new pond site evaluations / planning (as requested)	Brent Nickel, Mark Watkins, and Union SWCD Engineering Staff	Union SWCD Staff	2022
862 Mid-Contract Management (MCM's) & Re-Enrollment Inspections, Assessments, and landowner meetings	Brent Nickel/NRCS/FSA	Pheasants Forever	2022

Objective 3: Education

Goal: Provide and promote conservation education opportunities.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Area IV Envirothon - Promote/encourage participation by Union County Students	Union SWCD Staff	OFSWCD	April 26, 2022
Soil Stewardship Week – Provide NACD Soil & Water Stewardship Materials and speakers to churches/schools if funding allows. (as requested)	Taylor Golden	Local Churches and Schools (upon request)	April 24 – May 1, 2022
Offer Don Cook Memorial 4-H Camp Scholarships – Co-sponsor w/Cook family (4)	Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board/Dave Cook & Dean Cook	May 1, 2022
Conservation Tillage Breakfast Meetings - planning meetings	Hardin, Logan, & Union SWCD's, OSU Ext., NRCS & Mark Watkins	Local Ag Businesses	2022
Science Fair Judging-Union County (as requested)	Union SWCD Staff	Union County Local Schools	2022
Union County FFA Wildlife Judging Teams - provide information (as requested)	Brent Nickel	ODNR / DOW	2022
School Presentations – Groundwater Simulator, Enviroscope, In Stream Studies/Sampling/ Water, Quality Testing, AR Sandbox, Passport to Fishing, Archery, etc. The Lorax, and “Pave It or Save It” to discuss topics Relating to stormwater, groundwater, soil conservation, water quality, and Development	Brent Nickel / Joseph Grove	Union County Local Schools	2022
Indoor Pond Clinic w/OSU Extension (last one held September 26, 2018)	Brent Nickel	OSU Extension	BI-Annual due 2022

Objective 4: Drainage Maintenance (DM)

Goal: Promote importance of and perform continued maintenance for the Union County Drainage Maintenance Program.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Organization and implementation of Union County landowner ditch petition projects (940-6131)	Jeremey Burrey	Union SWCD, Union County Commissioners, and Union County Engineer (UCE)	2022
Maintain bookkeeping to track petition ditch and subdivision accounts. (89 Active accts.)	Taylor Golden	Union County Auditor	2022
Maintain DM Time entries and post to the spreadsheet monthly	Taylor Golden	Jeremy Burrey	2022
Maintain historical records pertaining to County petition ditch projects.	Jeremey Burrey & Taylor Golden	Archives & Records Manager, Stephen Badenhop	2022
Manage maintenance program for current maintained ditches and subdivisions	Jeremey Burrey	UCE / Union SWCD	2022
Manage the construction/inspections of new petition ditch projects.	Jeremy Burrey / Matt Archer	UCE	2022
Mapping, inventory and coordination of log jam removal project on Mill Creek.	Jeremy Burrey	Union SWCD, City of Marysville, Union County Commissioners, and Township Trustees	2022
Preform maintenance, mowing and inspections on all maintained ditches and subdivisions	Drainage Maintenance Technicians	Jeremy Burrey	2022
Provide engineering and design for proposed petition ditch projects.	Mark Watkins	UCE	2022
Punch List Walk-Throughs	Jeremy Burrey	UCE	2022

Objective 5: Wildlife Education/Assistance

Goal: Promote and implement wildlife conservation and wildlife management in Union County.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Annual Wildlife Specialist Report to ODNR DOW	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	July, 1 2022
Organize and promote National Hunting and Fishing Day Event at Heart of Ohio Fishing Club	Brent Nickel	John Carl / ODNR DOW	September 24, 2022
Attend Monthly Union County PF meetings to answer questions, promote proper conservation/ habitat practice establishment and maintenance.	Brent Nickel	Union County Pheasants Forever	2022
Attend ODNR DOW District 1 Meetings, Trainings and Events (as offered)	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	2022
Develop Wildlife Conservation Education, Fishing, Hunting, and Outdoor programs to promote future generations of hunters, fishermen/women and outdoor enthusiasts.	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	2022
Pond Management Visits & Pond Fish Kill Investigations (as requested)	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	2022
Promoting, implementing, monitoring and maintaining contact with conservation practice sites.	Brent Nickel	NRCS	2022
Respond to wildlife damage complaints; offer human-wildlife conflict resolutions (as requested)	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	2022

Objective 5: Wildlife Education/Assistance (continued)

Goal: Promote and implement wildlife conservation and wildlife management in Union County.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Secure funding to promote and hold Outdoor Education/ Fishing Days throughout the county at township & local park as requested. (1 grant)	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW / Village of Richwood	2022
Wildlife Management Ordinance Execution – City of Marysville (as requested)	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW / City of Marysville	2022
Wildlife Management, Monitoring & Recommendations	Brent Nickel	ODNR DOW	2022

Objective 6: Urban

Goal: Promote and assist with implementation of urban conservation Best Management Practices (BMPs)

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Address/assist Union County property owners with drainage complaints. (as needed)	Mark Watkins / Union SWCD Staff		2022
Check outlets for drainage with Union County Health Department (as requested)	Union SWCD Staff	Union County Health Department	2022
Construction Site Reviews (as requested)	Union SWCD Staff	City of Marysville and The Scotts Company	2022
Encourage Township Trustees to consider drainage before issuing zoning permits for development.	Jeremy Burrey / Drainage Maintenance Techs	Union SWCD Staff	2022
Promote BMPs for urban sites.	Union SWCD Staff	NRCS	2022
Provide assistance to landowner drainage concerns.	Union SWCD Staff		2022
Review subdivision plats to address drainage/water quality concerns. (as needed)	Jeremy Burrey / Drainage Maintenance Techs	LUC Regional Planning Commission	2022
SWCD input on proposed changes to subdivision regulations. (as needed)	Jeremy Burrey	LUC Regional Planning Commission	2022

Objective 7: Resource/Watershed Planning

Goal: Promote importance of water quality in Union County

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Assist the City of Marysville in meeting MS4 requirements such as sediment and erosion control plan review, construction site review, IDDE monitoring, education/outreach, etc. (as needed)	Joseph Grove	City of Marysville	2022
Develop promotional storm water education materials (i.e. brochures, maps, placemats)	Union SWCD Staff	City of Marysville	2022
Hold Local Work Group meeting in conjunction with annual planning meeting	LaRae Baker, Ron Neiman, Brent Nickel, and Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board	April-2022
Implement and facilitate educational dealing with water quality protection water studies with Bunsold students, protection watershed tours, canoe floats, storm drain marking, stream monitoring, etc.).	Joseph Grove	Brent Nickel, Bunsold Middle School and City of Marysville	Spring / Summer 2022
Secure funding to promote and implement conservation and urban BMPs. (i.e. innovative projects such as natural channel design projects, tile stops, wetlands for municipal waste, etc.)	Joseph Grove	City of Marysville / NRCS	2022

Objective 8: Outreach/Public Relations

Goal: Market importance of Union SWCD and NRCS to Union County residents.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Ditch Maintenance: Provide Information (as requested)	Jeremy Burrey	UCE / Union SWCD Staff	2022
Dry Hydrants: Provide Information (as requested)	Mark Watkins	Local Fire Departments	2022
Union SWCD Facebook and Web Page - maintain announcements, events and individual pages	Taylor Golden	Union County IT / Union SWCD Staff	2022
Newspaper Articles (1)	Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Staff	2022
“Ohio Woodland Journal” – provide to Fairbanks, Marysville and North Union High School libraries (3)	Union SWCD Board	Brent Nickel/ODNR DOW	Annually
Union SWCD Annual Report published in the district newsletter.	Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board and Staff	Annually
Union SWCD Cooperator of Year Award /Other recognition of deserving partners presented at the Union SWCD Annual Meeting	Union SWCD Board	Union SWCD Staff	Annually
Union SWCD Newsletters (4 digital - quarterly) - “Wild About Wildlife” & “Up the Crick” newsletter sections	Brent Nickel / Joseph Grove	Union SWCD Staff	Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall 2022
Unmanned Fair Booths/Displays for Wildlife & Conservation Info. (4)	Brent Nickel	Union SWCD Staff	2022

Objective 9: Conservation Products

Goal: Provide variety of conservation products to Union County residents.

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Objective 10: District Policies/Administration

Goal: To set forth policy in conjunction with cooperating agencies in an effort to fulfill objectives of the Union Soil and Water Conservation District.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Submit 2022 Cash Basis (Hinkle) Report to Auditor of State	Taylor Golden	Union County Auditor	March 1st, 2022
Complete the fiduciary review - Form 11	Taylor Golden	Brent Nickel	May 1st, 2022
Union SWCD Annual Meeting	Union SWCD Staff	Union SWCD Board	August 3rd, 2022
Prepare District Budget (Annual)	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board	Aug. / Sept. 2022
Annual Evaluations	Brent Nickel	Union SWCD Board	Nov. / Dec. 2022
Attend monthly county staff meetings	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	Union County Commissioners	2022
Attend/plan monthly Union SWCD board meetings (12)	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board and Staff	2022
Maintains the bookkeeping functions for the special and district accounts	Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board	2022
Maintain MOUs between District and Cooperating agencies	Brent Nickel / Union SWCD Board	NRCS, OSU Extension, Townships, ODNR, etc.	2022
Provide information to ODA Program Specialist	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	ODA-DSWC	2022

Objective 10: District Policies/Administration (continued)

Goal: To set forth policy in conjunction with cooperating agencies in an effort to fulfill objectives of the Union Soil and Water Conservation District.

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Project Partners</u>	<u>When</u>
Research/apply/obtain grants	Union SWCD Staff	Union SWCD Board	2022
Review current policies and create new policies as needed	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Board and Staff	Annually
Schedule weekly staff meetings/review APO	Brent Nickel / Taylor Golden	Union SWCD Staff	2022
Track projects, initiatives, and timesheets in Beehive & utilize information as needed.	Union SWCD Staff	ODA	2022
Strategic Plan (2018 - 2022) up to date	Brent Nickel	Union SWCD Board and Staff	2022