

JSWCD.....THE EARLY YEARS



In 2019 the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District will be celebrating 75 years of service providing conservation assistance to the landowners of Jefferson County. The movement to save the nation's soils came from the plea of Hugh Hammond Bennett more than 80 years ago during the dust-bowl era. He knew farmers and ranchers should not be treating the soil as if it were an indestructible resource. His strong vision of conservation planning and his determined efforts changed the course of history. In 1933 he convinced Congress, USDA, and farmers to protect agricultural land through a system of conservation practices.

Bennett was appointed the first chief of the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service) and from that action the locally-led soil and water conservation districts were organized across the United States.

In March of 1944, Jefferson County landowners elected their first soil and water conservation district board of supervisors

The photo above portrays the board members that were elected to serve from the late 1950's and into the 1960's. The first person to email imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com or call the office at 740 264-9790 with ALL OR MOST correct names of the board members will receive a complimentary ticket to the October 1, 2018 Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Jeff Fomenko from Bloomingdale will receive a complimentary ticket for the 2018 Annual Meeting as he was the first person to correctly name the JSWCD board members depicted below in the last newsletter publication.



Lt to rt: Ray Piergallini; Larry Mercer; Tom Griffith; William Packer & James Peters

CONSERVATION ROAD MAP OF THE FUTURE ...

Writing the next chapter

The Conservation Partnership uses a nine step planning process to provide assistance to our customers and develop a conservation plan.

- 1) Identify Problems and Opportunities
- 2) Determine Objectives
- 3) Inventory Resources
- 4) Analyze Resource Data
- 5) Formulate Alternatives
- 6) Evaluate Alternatives
- 7) Make Decisions
- 8) Implement the Plan
- 9) Evaluate the Plan

Improve the conditions of your cropland, forests, and grazing lands no matter the size of the acreage. Improve wildlife habitat, soil health and reduce energy and input costs. Contact the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District for further information.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.....

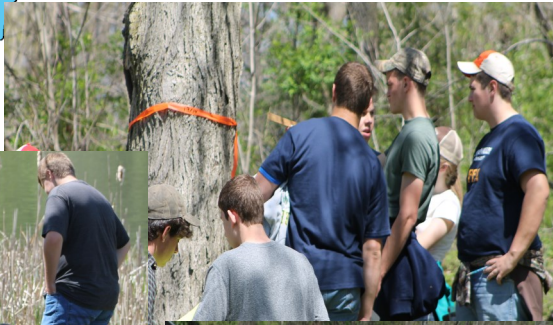
Would you like to test your outdoor knowledge?

Are you interested in traveling?

Have you considered a career in natural resources?

Are you interested in a college scholarship opportunity?

The Ohio Envirothon and the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon experience may be of interest to you.



Hey....just to let you know....I celebrated my 2nd birthday last month and it has been AWESOME!

Since I was a baby, I have been living at the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District office. I was adopted by the board and staff to promote awareness of my species because I am an Ohio endangered salamander....specifically named the hellbender. I can live up to sixty years in age and as a member of the largest salamander species found in North America, I can measure up to 28 inches in length. My ancestors are an ancient breed of salamander that has survived for thousands of years. I am quite harmless and although I have lungs, I am purely an aquatic animal.

As with many things the downfall of hellbenders has been a direct result of human impact. Development and land changes along streams with sediment is the number one killer of hellbenders.

The District collaborates with the Ohio Hellbender Partnership to protect and restore my species which is only found within the old ragged and worn ranges of Appalachia and the Ozarks.

I invite you to follow me on my Instagram page @branagan_hellbender or Instagram.com/branagan_hellbender. You may also visit me at the JSWCD office. Contact: adodds@jeffersoncountyoh.com or call the office at 740 264-9790.



Sincerely Yours,

Branagan

High School Teams from all across the country participate in this outdoor, academic competition that could result in your team traveling to North Carolina, or Nebraska, or even Canada. Join the Jefferson County High Schools on their journey. In 2018 students from **Buckeye Local; Catholic Central; and Indian Creek High Schools** participated. **Don't miss this opportunity!!!!**

School Principals, Teachers, Students

Contact the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District to learn more 740 264-9790
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