

# Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District



## Spring 2018



Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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*\*Due to the nature of our work there will be times the office must be closed. Please call ahead before visiting.*

### **District Supervisors:**

Michael Schwab – Chairman  
David Hartman – Vice-Chairman  
Louis Schwegman – Secretary  
Darin Hodapp – Supervisor  
Tim Hofer – Supervisor

### **Associate Supervisors:**

Roger Bommer  
Lee Giesting  
Clinton McNally  
Eugene Meyer  
John Selm

### **Conservation Staff:**

Kim Lampert – NRCS  
Katie Hardin – SWCD

The SWCD Board of Supervisors meets on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20

### **Conservation Tillage Breakfast**

Join us for the 12th Annual Conservation Tillage Breakfast and workshop on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Zimmer Tractor in Brookville beginning at 7:30am. Speakers will cover a variety of topics. PARP credits will be available. Please bring your card and \$10 for PARP.

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Dinner



The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was held on February 8<sup>th</sup> and was a successful evening with 79 people in attendance. Following the meal catered by Izzy's Catering, door prizes were given away, Lisa Hollars gave an FSA update, and elections were held. After transitioning to the auditorium, Katie Hardin gave an update on the previous year's events and Heather Wirth gave an update on the Whitewater River Watershed and Pipe-Salt Creek Watershed projects.



The keynote speaker for the evening was Andy Ertel who gave a very entertaining and informational presentation on the promotion of pollinator habitats he has been involved with in Jennings County.



Finally, the end of the evening consisted of honoring the poster contest winners for the year. This year's theme was "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home." We would like to thank all the area businesses that made donations and all those that support the SWCD mission to conserve our soil and water resources!





# Franklin County SWCD Spring Fish Sale



**Deadline** for ordering is **Monday, May 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm**. *Payment is due with the order.*

Delivery will take place on **Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 at 10:00 am** at the **Franklin County SWCD office**. Fish will be DELIVERED to the office at 10:00 a.m. *Please plan on picking up fish at the office at this time.*

There is a 25/ species minimum unless stated differently.

*State law requires the hatchery **MUST** deliver **Grass Carp** to your pond!*

*If ordering Grass Carp, include **\$35 delivery fee** with your payment and directions to your pond.*

Species	Size	Price each	Price per 100	Quantity	Total
Bluegill	2-3"	\$0.55	\$50.00		
Hybrid bluegill	2-3"	\$0.60	\$55.00		
Redear Sunfish	2-3"	\$0.65	\$60.00		
Channel Catfish	4-6"	\$0.55	\$50.00		
Albino Catfish	4-6"	\$0.95	\$90.00		
Fathead Minnows	\$9.50 per pound---minimum of 2 pounds				
Triploid Grass Carp	8-12"	\$15.00/each---minimum of 6 per order			
Jumbo Bullfrog Tadpoles		\$0.80	\$45.00		
Koi		\$6.00			
			Sub-total		
			<b>7% sales tax</b>		
		<b>\$35 Delivery fee for Triploid Grass Carp</b>			
			<b>TOTAL</b>		

**DEADLINE for ORDERING: Tuesday, May 7, 2018 by 4:00 pm.**

**Payment is due with order** to **Franklin County SWCD office, 10165 Oxford Pike, Brookville, IN 47012**

Make check payable to **Franklin County SWCD**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

If ordering Grass Carp--Please provide directions to the pond: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 Poster Contest Winners

- K-1 1<sup>st</sup> Alexis Feller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alina Seals  
3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Sacksteder
- 2-3 1<sup>st</sup> Lily Feist  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jerod Rauch  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Wagner
- 4-6 1<sup>st</sup> Abbi Baxter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria Wuestefeld  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bella Webb
- 7-9 1<sup>st</sup> Clare Van Meter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Stirn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Hunter Marshall

*Congratulations to our contest winners!*



Franklin County SWCD will be holding the 7<sup>th</sup> annual tree giveaway & food drive on **Arbor Day, April 27<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9am. Over 700 tree seedlings will be available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come basis at the office. There will be a limit of 5 trees per person. A variety of tree species will be available, including: silky dogwood, shellbark hickory, white oak, silver maple, Norway spruce, white pine, and pecan. Trees provide many vital services to our community by producing oxygen, creating shade, reducing run off, preventing erosion and creating habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Again this year, we are asking for canned food donations, which will be given to the SIEOC food pantry and Works of Mercy Center in Brookville. While donations are not required to receive trees, they are greatly appreciated.

*“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago...the second best time is now.”*

## Fish Stocking

Stocking strategies differ for each pond based on the size of the pond, as well as, the desired fishing goals. The best all-around stocking combination for Indiana ponds has proven to be largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. There are other species of fish available but many are not suitable for pond environments and some may actually cause problems. Choosing the correct stocking ratio is also important because too many fish leads to poor fish growth and too few fish can increase the risk of overharvest and an unbalanced fish population.

The initial stocking ratio widely used in Indiana consists of 5 bluegill fingerlings to one largemouth bass fingerling, not to exceed 1,000 bluegill and 200 bass per acre. Stocking 100 (2-4 inch) bass fingerlings and 500 (1-3 inch) bluegill fingerlings per acre is recommended for new ponds. Redear are often stocked in combination with bluegill because they seldom overpopulate with 250 fingerlings of each species. If fish harvesting is managed properly, supplemental stocking should not be needed. Initial stocking of 100 (2-4 inch) catfish fingerlings per acre is recommended. Channel catfish grow well in ponds and do not cause problems unless overstocked but will rarely reproduce. Supplemental stocking will be needed if the catfish population becomes depleted. The use of hybrid bluegill in combination with largemouth bass is a popular choice. Hybrids are fast growing and rarely overpopulate. In fact, regular restocking will be needed because so few reproduce. However, hybrids will crossbreed with other sunfish (i.e. bluegill and redear) thus losing the hybrid traits and vigor.

## Dates to Remember

**March 15: Native Plant Sale-** Order form due to FC SWCD office

**March 21: Monthly SWCD Meeting, 7:30 PM, SWCD office**

**March 30: Good Friday-** Observed holiday. **Office closed.**

**April 12: Ag-Day** for Franklin County 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**April 18: Monthly SWCD Meeting, 7:30 PM, SWCD office**



**April 27: Celebrate Arbor Day** at the SWCD 6<sup>th</sup> Annual tree give-away & food drive.

**May 4th: Native Plant Sale-** Pick up at Franklin County SWCD from 9am-4pm.

**May 7: Spring Fish Sale-** Deadline to order

**May 16: Spring Fish Sale-** Pick up fish ordered at FC SWCD office

**May 16: Monthly SWCD Meeting, 7:30 PM, SWCD office**

**May 28: Memorial Day.** Observed holiday. **Office closed.**



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