

CONSERVATION NEWS

Portage Soil & Water Conservation District

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Welcome Water Quality Engineer Eric Long



Eric grew up in Ravenna and received a Bachelors of Science in psychology and biology from Hiram College. After spending three years as a wildlife specialist with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History he moved to North Carolina to pursue a career in engineering. While working toward his Masters of Engineering degree he was employed with Amicus Engineering, Inc. as a site design engineer specializing in storm water management plans. With Portage SWCD Eric will be reviewing storm water pollution prevention plans (SWP3) for approval, and will be working with other storm water professionals to develop a county wide storm water design manual. He will also be responsible for annual reporting to the OEPA for Phase II requirements and will be the coordinator for the Portage County Storm Water Task Force.

Spring Fish Stocking Sale

Our 2011 Spring fish sale is going to be at the Randolph Fairgrounds off State Route 44 in Randolph. It will be in the grassy, public parking lot. If you have any questions, please call the office, 330-297-7633 x101.

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2011 Time: 10:00 a.m. SHARP!!

Place: Randolph Fairgrounds

4215 Fairgrounds Road Randolph, Ohio 44265

- * Bring a covered container recently filled with your own pond water
- * Arrive promptly – the fish truck will only be there for a short time
- * Please be advised that if you have a large order you may want to be a little early.
- * Due to the tree sale, pick-up reminders will **NOT** be sent out prior to pick up date.
 - * Please mark pick up date and the location on your calendar!

Order Deadline:

Friday April 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Tree Pick Up:

April 13, 14 & 15
(Wednesday - Friday)
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SWCD Office
6970 SR 88, Ravenna

Fish Sale Pick Up:

Tuesday, April 21
10:00 a.m. SHARP
Randolph
Fairgrounds

Pond Lily Pick Up:

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**WE ARE IN THE
PROCESS OF
UPDATING OUR
WEBSITE**

www.portageswcd.org

**Visit the Portage SWCD
online at
www.portageswcd.org
Where **SOON**
you will find**

- **Tree Descriptions**
- **New Programs**
- **Stormwater Info**
- **Contact Information**

It's Tree Sale Time!

We are gearing up for Spring and our 2011 Tree Sale! We are excited to have blueberries again and are offering them as a packet of three varieties of hardy blueberry stock to promote good cross pollination and bigger berries, but we have a limited supply and you should order early to reserve your plants. We also have a very limited supply of Yellow Buckeye, which is not only the largest, but also the best buckeye for Ohio. This native tree should be planted more often due to its resistance to mildew, leaf blight and scorch that plague other buckeyes and horse chestnuts.

Other new introductions include Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*) and Fragrant Sumac, both are native plants that offer fabulous fall color, attractive floral displays and a high tolerance to pest and disease. In an era when global commerce continually introduces exotic pests that threaten our natural areas we need a strong defense. Planting diverse landscapes is an effective strategy when confronting the environmental and economic disasters caused by such pests as Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Longhorned Beetle, and Viburnum Leaf Beetle. VLB makes it challenging to grow our native viburnums without the use of pesticides, so we are not offering viburnums in our 2011 sale.

We hope you will take a close look at some of the other native shrubs included in our sale and seriously consider adding them to your landscape. Other plants in limited supply are marked with an * on the order forms and are: Fragrant Sumac, Itea Virginica, Red Chokeberry, Yellow Buckeye, and American Witchhazel.

Lynn Vogel

Wetland and Highly Erodible Land Determinations

Winter is a time for planning next year projects. When planning for any improvements our office must be contacted. Examples of improvement include but are not limited to, removing stumps, tree clearing, tiling, or breaking out ground; these could result in violation if you participate in USDA programs. You must stop into FSA and have a Highly Erodible Land Determination (HEL) or a Wetland Determination (WC) completed before you begin improvements. By converting wetlands you are violating USDA regulations and become ineligible for monies from USDA programs. Reducing wetland areas also contributes to flooding and reduces ground water recharge in our county. Please contact our office if you need to have determinations for farming.

Contact us at 330-297-7633.

Did You Know.....that sealcoating your

asphalt driveway or parking lot may be harmful to the environment? Coal-tar based sealants for asphalt surfaces are known to contain high levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, which are toxic to the environment and some have been found to be carcinogenic compounds. Research conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and by the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center have confirmed that runoff from recently sealcoated surfaces contain extremely elevated levels of PAHs and that elevated levels persist throughout the estimated life span of the sealcoated surface. There are alternatives to coal-tar based sealcoat. If you or anyone you know has an asphalt surface that is regularly sealcoated I urge you to find out if coal-tar based sealant is being used, and if so to look into the other options that may be available.

Here are some websites that can provide more information about sealcoating and PAHs:

http://www.unh.edu/erg/cstev/sealcoat_summary_watts.pdf

http://water.usgs.gov/nawqa/asphalt_sealers.html

<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2005/3147/pdf/fs2005-3147.pdf>

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts69.pdf>

2011 TREE ORDER FORM

Preorder Deadline is Friday, April 8, 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

____ Check here only if you are a new customer or an update to our mailing list.

Tree Pick-Up

April 13, 14, 15, 2011 (Wednesday-Friday)

9:00am - 6:00pm

Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Ordering Information:

Packets are reserved on a first come, first served basis - ORDER EARLY!!

We order from nurseries in the fall, so we may "sell out" of popular species.

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Please enclose completed order form and check made payable to *Portage SWCD*.

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Please mark pick-up dates on your calendar

Reminders will not be sent out!

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Orders must be picked up April 13-15; otherwise refunds will not be guaranteed.

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Please note the number of trees per packet - packets cannot be split.

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Plants are bare-rooted and packed in a moisturizing gel.

They should be planted as soon as possible after pick-up.

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For copy of tree descriptions please call the office and we will mail you a copy.

Mail order form & payment to:

Portage SWCD, 6970 SR 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Phone: 330-297-7633 x101 Fax: 330-296-5917

Species		Age	Size	Packet Price	# Packets	Cost
Features						
American Bittersweet <i>Celastrus scandens</i>	BCN	1 yr	6 - 12"	5 for \$6		
*Blueberries (3 pk) 'Blueray', 'Elliott', 'Duke'	EC	1 yr	4.5"pots	3 for \$15		
"Caroline" Red Raspberry	E	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$9		
*Fragrant Sumac <i>Rhus aromatic</i>	C	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$6		
* <i>Itea virginica</i> 'Henry's Garnet'	BFCN	3 yr	12-24"	5 for \$7		
*Red Chokeberry <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	BCEN	3 yr	12-24"	5 for \$8		
*Yellow Buckeye <i>Aesculus flava</i>	CFN	1 yr	6-9"	2 for \$8		
Evergreens						
American Arborvitae <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	G	4 yr	15-30"	10 for \$9		
Austrian Pine <i>Pinus nigra</i>	G	3 yr	12-24"	10 for \$9		
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>	G	4 yr	12-18"	5 for \$9		
Concolor Fir <i>Abies concolor</i>	G	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$6		
Eastern Redcedar <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	G	2 yr	10-15"	5 for \$8		
Eastern White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	G	4 yr	15-30"	10 for \$9		
Norway Spruce <i>Picea abies</i>	G	4 yr	15-30"	10 for \$9		
White Spruce <i>Picea glauca densata</i>	G	4 yr	8-16"	10 for \$9		
Deciduous						
Black Walnut <i>Juglans nigra</i>	BEN	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$9		
Bur Oak <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	BN	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$7		
Lacebark Elm <i>Ulmus parviflora</i>	C	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$8		
Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	CEN	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$8		
River Birch <i>Betula nigra</i>	CNW	2 yr	15-30"	5 for \$7		
Sugar Maple <i>Acer saccharum</i>	CEN	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$8		
Swamp White Oak <i>Quercus bicolor</i>	BNW	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$7		
Sycamore <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	NW	2 yr	10-24"	5 for \$7		
White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i>	WN	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$7		
*Yellow Birch <i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	CN	2 yr	12-24"	3 for \$7		
Shrubs						
American Hazelnut <i>Corylus americana</i>	BEFN	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$8		
American Scarlet Elderberry <i>Sambucus pubens</i>	BCEN	2 yr	24-36"	5 for \$7		
*Banker's Dwarf Willow <i>Salix x cottetii</i>	W	1 yr	12-24"	5 for \$9		
Gray Dogwood <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	BFNW	3 yr	12-24"	5 for \$6		
Red Osier Dogwood <i>Cornus sericea</i>	BCFWN	2 yr	15-30"	5 for \$6		
Spicebush <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	BFN	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$9		
*Witchhazel <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	CFN	1 yr	12-18"	5 for \$9		
Flowering						
Alleghany Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	BCFN	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$7		
Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	FEN	2 yr	12-24"	5 for \$8		
Kousa Dogwood <i>Cornus kousa</i>	BF	2 yr	20-40"	5 for \$9		
Magenta Crabapple <i>Malus hybrid magenta</i>	BCF	2 yr	12-18"	5 for \$7		
White Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i>	BCFN	2 yr	10-20"	5 for \$9		
Other Items						
Pond Lilies	\$15.00 each					
	_____ White _____ Pink _____ Yellow _____ Red					
B-bird/wildlife value C-fall color E-edible F-flowering G-evergreen N-native W-tolerates wet soils						

SPRING FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10:00 am SHARP!!
Randolph Fairgrounds—4215 Fairgrounds Road, Randolph 44265

Please fill out form & send it with your check payable to
Portage SWCD, 6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

White Amur Carp @ \$12.00 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Largemouth Bass (2-3") @ \$0.80 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Bluegill (2-4") @ \$0.70 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Yellow Perch (2-4") @ \$0.70 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Channel Catfish (4-5") @ \$0.75 each	X _____ = \$ _____
Shellcrackers (2-4") @ \$0.90 each	X _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Order Deadline: Monday, April 18, 2011