



Conservation in the Tri-State

OKI Regional Conservation Council's Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018

The Fernald Preserve, 7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Program

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration**
Sign in, get a nametag and renew old acquaintances.
- 9:00 a.m. *Introductions and Announcements*
John Tkactschenko, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council
- 9:05 a.m. *Welcoming Message from Our Host*
Mark Policinski, CEO, OKI Regional Council of Governments
- 9:15 a.m. *How Wetland Mitigation Banks and In-Lieu-Fee Programs Can Help Conservation*
Devin Schenk, Mitigation Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- 9:45 a.m. *Soil and Water Management in the Face of Changing Weather Patterns*
Aaron Wilson, Climate Scientist, The Ohio State University
- 10:15 a.m. **Fifteen-minute break: Soda, cider, tea, coffee and water will be served with snacks.**
- 10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Session 1-A: Forestry 1 Management of Invasive Species**
Update on the Asian Longhorn Beetle Eradication Effort Clermont County
USDA-APHIS
Natural Areas Management and Habitat Restoration
Dave Goerig, Davey Resource Group
GIS Research on Honeysuckle Removal
Dr. Hongmei Wang, Assistant Professor, Northern Kentucky University,
- Concurrent Session 1-B: Funding Opportunities**
Protecting Ohio's Water Quality with the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program
Steve Malone, Section Manager, Ohio EPADivision of Environmental and Financial Assistance,
Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership
Donovan Henry, , U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Session 2-A: Forestry 2 Management of Larger Forest Tracts**
Ohio Resources
Pat Migliozi, Service Forester, Ohio DNR
Banklick Watershed Forest Management
Sherry Carran, Chair, Banklick Watershed Council
- 11:15 a.m. **Concurrent Session 2-B: Urban Agriculture Panel Discussion**
Moderated by Michaela Oldfield, Greater Cincinnati Food Policy Council, Green Umbrella
Kurt Mason, USDA-NRCS Louisville
Alan Wight, Greater Cincinnati Food Policy Council
Peter Huttinger, Director, Turner Farm Community Garden Program

Lisa Craig, County Agent Hamilton and Butler Counties, Central State Extension

12:00 noon **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Lunch Speaker: Using Drones to Assess Natural Resources**

Environmental Drone Projects in Northern Kentucky

Ryan Herman, GIS Specialist/Drone Pilot, PDS

1:00 p.m. *Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting (agenda follows)*



A collegial forum for conservation districts of the Tri-State

Ken McCormick, Campbell County Conservation District, Chair

John Tkatschenko, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District, Vice-Chair

John Kruse, Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District, Treasurer

Bruce Koehler, OKI Regional Council of Governments, Staff Support

OKI-Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting

1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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Agenda

Call to order

John Tkatschenko, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council

Treasury Report

John Kruse, OKI-RCC Treasurer, will review (1) financial transactions over the past 12 months, (2) proceeds for this year's Annual Meeting, and (3) the resulting treasury balance.

Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council 2018 Directory

David Rutter of the OKI Regional Council of Governments will hand out copies of a draft regional directory of conservation districts and request any revisions that may be needed.

OKI-Regional Conservation Council Annual Tour

Boone County Conservation District will sponsor the conservation tour this year on August 23rd.

Election of OKI-RCC Officers

At a February 23rd planning meeting, an OKI-RCC committee nominated these people as their officers:

- for Chair – John Tkatschenko, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District
- for Vice Chair – Marc Hult, Kenton County Conservation District
- for Treasurer – John Kruse, Dearborn County Soil & Water Conservation District

In case anyone else wants to serve, the Chair will open the floor to nominations for additional candidates.

Conservation District Updates

County conservation districts of the Tri-State will stand up and briefly report on their program strengths.

Other Business

OKI-RCC members will be given the opportunity to discuss additional items not on this agenda.

Adjournment