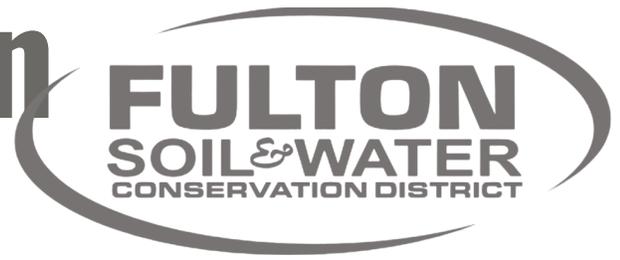


Conservation Observer



Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District

Winter/Spring 2026

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Agriculture & Natural Resources Scholarship Available!!

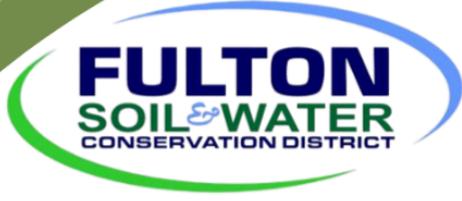
The Fulton Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce they are awarding one \$1,000 college scholarship to a Fulton County high school graduating senior for the 2025-2026 academic year. The senior must be enrolled as a full-time student at a two or four year accredited college, technical school or university for the fall term of the 2026 academic year. Additionally, they must be pursuing a degree in agriculture, natural resources or a related field. Applications can be obtained online at www.fultoncountyoh.com/swcd or picked up at the Fulton SWCD office. The application deadline is Friday, May 15th at 4 p.m. Please contact the Fulton SWCD for more information at 419-337-9217.



Farmland Preservation Opportunities in Fulton County

The Ohio Department of Agriculture Farmland Preservation Program helps protect working farmland for future generations. We are especially looking to connect with landowners in Chesterfield, German, and Gorham Townships, where no farmland is currently preserved. The next online application period opens January 15, 2026. Interested landowners should complete a Landowner Pre-Application—contact Amy Moore at 419-337-9665 or amymoore@fultoncountyoh.com to get started.

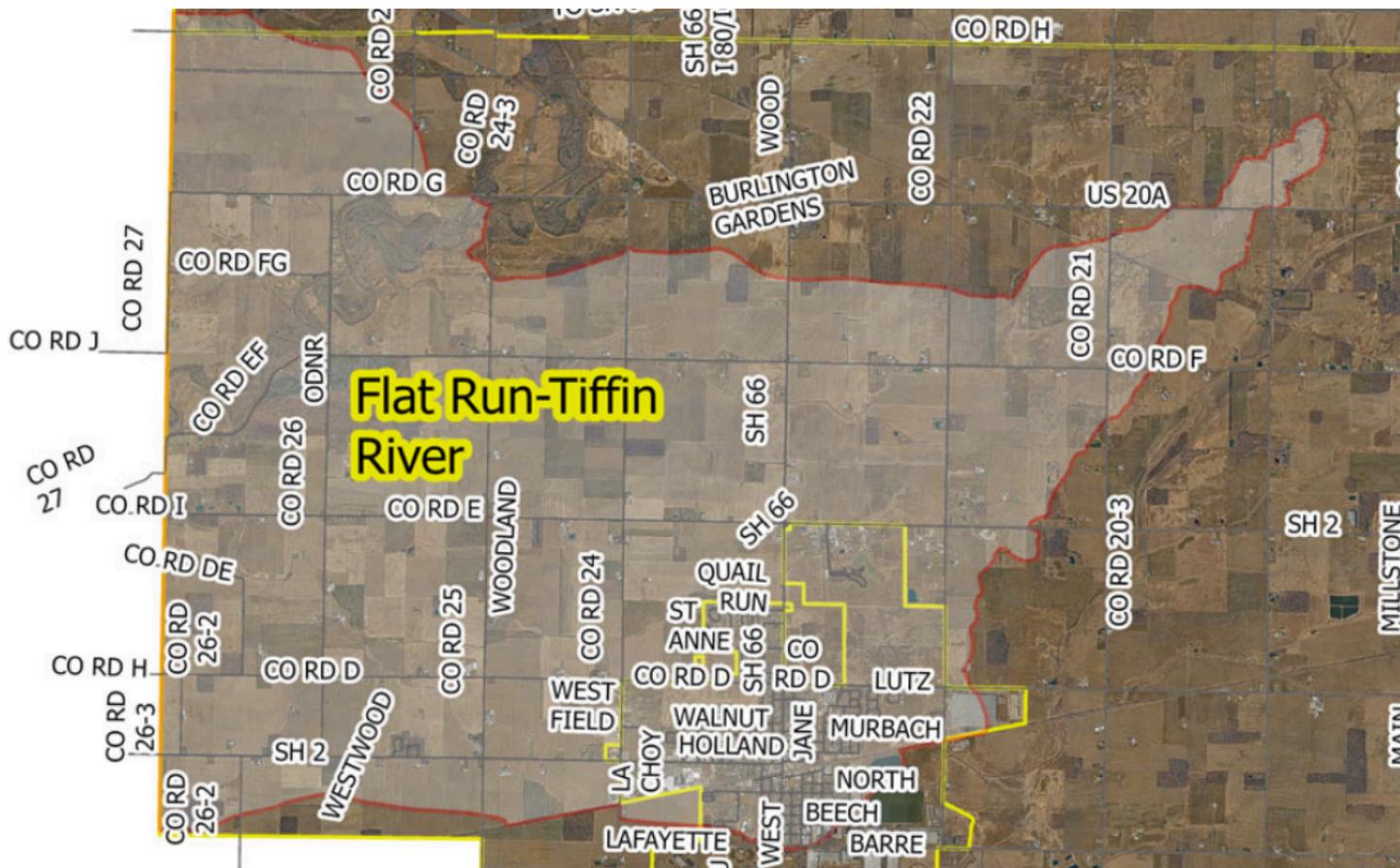
Nutrient Reduction Practices in the Flat Run-Tiffin River HUC-12



Nutrient Reduction Opportunities in the Flat Run (Tiffin River) HUC-12 Watershed

Fulton SWCD is offering financial incentives to landowners in the Flat Run Watershed to help reduce nutrient runoff and improve water quality. Available practices include erosion control structures (\$2,500), water control structures (\$1,900), filter strips (\$550 per acre), and grassed waterways (\$4,000 per acre). All conservation practices will be designed by Fulton SWCD and meet NRCS standards. A watershed map and contact information are included—reach out to see if your land qualifies.

Flat Run Watershed



From Coop to Kitchen

1st February

8770 State Route 108,
Wauseon OH, 43567
2-4pm

Scan the QR Code today!



Interested in learning more about Homesteading?

Check out our event and learn all the basics of homesteading! Hear from Ryan Weimken, a local homesteader and Melissa Rupp, OSU Extension Assistant Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences.



FULTON CO. POND CLINIC



MARCH 3RD

5 - 7 PM

Enjoy your free sub from Eicher's Subs with Registration.



Join us for our Fulton County Pond Clinic & hear from local experts on all things ponds

ROBERT FULTON AG CENTER

8770 State Route 108, Suite B
Wauseon, OH 43567

Scan the QR Code or call the number below to register today!
419-337-9217



11 JULY, 2026

5K RUN

BUTTERFLIES & BLOOMS



EDUCATION • GAMES • PRIZES • FOOD

ENTRY \$25



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK OR CALL/TEXT 419-388-8402

Join us for our 2nd Annual Butterflies and Blooms 5K at Homecoming Park in Wauseon. Registration starts at 7:30 and the race will begin at 8am. Stay for Outreach Coffee and the OSU Bug Mobile.

Spring Tree Sale



Please complete the order form and return with payment to Fulton SWCD at 8770 OH-108; Suite B Wauseon, OH 43567. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Cash, check, and credit card payments accepted, or visit our online store: fulton-swcd-sales.square.site

Scan the QR Code for our online store!

Orders will be ready for pick-up in Spangler Arena at the Fulton County Fairgrounds Thursday, April 16th from 7:30am to 5:00pm and Friday, April 17th from 7:30am to 4:00pm. Tree Sale will be set up as a drive-thru, please follow signs once you arrive at the Fairgrounds. Trees must be picked up during the times provided, unless prior arrangements are made. Contact the office for questions or additional information at 419-337-9217.

Pheasants Forever Seed Distribution Partnership

The Fulton SWCD has partnered with Pheasants Forever to offer bulk seed mixes including warm and cool season grasses, custom wildflower, food plot or wetland mixes, and OH CRP mixes. Seed orders placed before April 1st will be ready at tree sale pick-up. Contact the office for more information!

Coniferous Trees



American Arborvitae (Thuja occidentalis)

Mature Height: 10-50 ft.; Canopy Width: 10-15 ft.
Growth Rate: Moderate (1-2ft./year)
Soil Preference: Moist, well-drained soils; tolerates clay
Light Preference: Full sun to partial shade
Fruits/Nuts: Produces small cones; no edible parts



Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii)

Mature Height: 40-80 ft.; Canopy Width: 15-25 ft.
Soils: Well-drained; sandy to loamy, acidic to neutral
Light Preference: Full sun to partial shade.
Fruits/Nuts: produces small cones
Growth Rate: moderate to fast (1-2 ft./year)



Fraser Fir (Abies fraseri)

Mature Height: 30-50 ft.; Canopy Width: 20-25 ft.
Soils: Moist, well-drained acidic soils; tolerates clay
Light Preference: Full to partial sun
Fruits/Nuts: Produces upright cones; not edible
Growth Rate: Slow to moderate (6-12 in./year)



Norway Spruce (Picea abies)

Mature Height: 40-60 ft.; Canopy Width: 25-30 ft.
Soils: Various soils, prefers moist, well-drained
Light Preference: Full sun
Fruits/Nuts: Produces cones; no edible parts
Growth Rate: Moderate to fast (1-2 ft./year)



White Pine (Pinus strobus)

Mature Height: 50-80 ft.; Canopy Width: 20-40 ft.
Soils: Well-drained sandy or loamy; tolerates poor soil
Light Preference: Full sun
Fruits/Nuts: Produces cones; wildlife friendly seeds
Growth Rate: Fast (up to 3 ft./year)

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs



American Chestnut (*Castanea dentata*)

Mature Height: Up to 100ft.

Soils: Moist; Acidic

Light Preference: Sun, Part Shade, Shade

Fruits/Nuts: Edible Nuts; Larval food for over 125 butterflies and moths

Growth Rate: Fast; up to 4-7ft. annually



Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis* L.)

Mature Height: 6-12ft.

Soils: Moist, Wet; Limestone-based, Sandy, Loam, Clay

Light Preference: Part Shade, Shade

Fruits/Nuts: Brown, rounded ball of nutlets. Attracts pollinators and birds.

Growth Rate: Medium-Fast



Common Lilac (*Syringa vulgaris* L.)

Mature Height: 8-15 ft.; Canopy Width: 6-12 ft.

Soils: Well-drained soils; neutral to alkaline pH

Light Preference: Full sun

Fruits/Nuts: Produces small inedible seeds

Growth Rate: Moderate (1-2 ft./year)



Eastern Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*)

Mature Height: 20-30 ft.

Soils: Various

Light Preference: Full Sun, Partial Sun/Shade

Fruits/Nuts: Blossoms draw in nectar-seeking insects and butterflies. Seeds provide food for Northern Bobwhite and songbirds.

Growth Rate: Moderate-Fast



Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida* L.)

Mature Height: 15-30 ft.; Canopy Width: 20-30 ft.

Soils: Well-drained; slightly acidic soils

Light Preference: Partial shade to full sun

Fruits/Nuts: Produces small red fruits loved by birds

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate (1-2 ft./year)



Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*)

Mature Height: 20-50 ft.; Canopy Width: 20-40 ft.

Soils: Well-drained; moist soils; tolerates clay

Light Preference: Partial shade to full sun

Fruits/Nuts: Produces inedible, toxic nuts

Growth Rate: Moderate (1-2 ft./year)



Pawpaw, Common (*Asimina triloba* L.)

Mature Height: Up to 40ft.

Soils: Rich, moist, slightly acidic; Sandy, Loam, Clay

Light Preference: Sun, Part Shade, Shade

Fruits/Nuts: Edible oblong banana-like fruit

Growth Rate: Moderate-Fast



Persimmon (*Diospyros virginiana*)

Height Range: 35-60 ft.; Canopy Width: 20-35 ft.

Soils: Well-drained, loamy or sandy soils; drought-tolerant once established

Light Preference: Full sun to partial shade

Fruits/Nuts: Produces edible fruits in fall

Growth Rate: Moderate to slow (1-2 ft./year)

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs continued...



Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris* Münchh)

Mature Height: Up to 75ft.
Soils: Heavy, Poorly Drained; Acidic. Tolerates wet feet.
Light Preference: Sun, Part Shade, Shade
Fruits/Nuts: Nuts (Acorn); Attracts Birds, Butterflies, Hummingbirds
Growth Rate: One of the faster growing Oaks



Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)

Mature Height: 40-60 ft.; Canopy Width: 30-50 ft.
Soils: Various
Light Preference: Full Sun, Partial Sun/Shade
Wildlife Value: Fruits provide food for squirrels and many other rodents. Rabbits and deer eat the tender shoots and leaves.
Growth Speed: Fast



Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea* L.)

Mature Height: Up to 12ft.
Soils: Moist, Well-drained
Light Preference: Part Shade
Fruits/Nuts: Edible fruits and fragrant flowers. Useful to waterfowl, birds and mammals. Deer browse twigs year-round.
Growth Rate: Fast



Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* spp.)

Mature Height: 15-25 ft.; Canopy Width: 10-20 ft.
Soil Preference: Moist, well-drained soils; tolerates clay
Light Preference: Full sun to partial shade
Fruits/Nuts: Produces small edible berries
Growth Rate: Moderate (1-2 ft./year)



Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

Mature Height: Up to 100ft.
Soil Preference: Rich, moist, well-drained soils
Light Preference: Sun, Part Shade, Shade
Fruits/Nuts: Special value to honey bees, attracts birds
Growth Rate: Slow to Moderate



Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana* L.)

Mature Height: Up to 90ft.
Soil Preference: Rich, acidic, moist soils. Sandy, Loam, Clay
Light Preference: Part Shade
Fruits/Nuts: Attractive, aromatic, showy blooms
Growth Rate: Slow



Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.)

Mature Height: Up to 150ft.
Soil Preference: Rich, Moist Soils; Acidic
Light Preference: Sun, Part shade, Shade
Fruits/Nuts: Showy, yellow-orange flowers attract birds, bees and butterflies. Larval host to Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Growth Rate: Rapid



White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

Mature Height: 50-80 ft.; Canopy Width: 50-80 ft.
Soil Preference: Well-drained; slightly acidic to neutral soils
Light Preference: Full sun to partial shade
Fruits/Nuts: Produces acorns valuable for wildlife
Growth Rate: Slow to moderate (1-2 ft./year)

Fruit Trees & Plants



Gold Rush Apple **Pollinator Required*

GoldRush is prized for its exceptional disease resistance and outstanding flavor development over time, making it an ideal low-maintenance option for home orchards. Their firm texture is excellent for fresh eating, baking, and cider making.



Granny Smith Apple **Pollinator Required*

Granny Smith is known for its tart, crisp, and juicy flavor and firm texture. Growers like it for its outstanding storage quality and excellent production and vigor. Great for both fresh pack and processing.



Royal Red HoneyCrisp™ Apple **Pollinator Required*

A new blush-type selection of HoneyCrisp with the same flavor and texture as its popular parent but with better color and storage characteristics. Ripens about a week after McIntosh and a few weeks ahead of Red Delicious. Exhibits good winter hardiness.



Bing Sweet Cherry **Pollinator Required*

The standard by which all other varieties are judged, Bing continues as the leading dark sweet cherry grown in the Western United States and the No. 1 commercial sweet cherry sold in North America. Exceptionally large and flavorful.



Glohaven Peach **Pollinator Required*

This large, nearly round, uniform peach has little fuzz. Skin color is mostly red with a golden background and flesh is clear yellow and firm with excellent quality. A favorite for canning because it resists browning. The tree is vigorous and moderately hardy.



Bartlett Pear **Pollinator Required*

One of America's leading commercial pear varieties, Bartlett is a favorite dessert and canning pear. The large fruit has a smooth, attractive appearance that is highlighted by its golden yellow color. Tree is hardy, productive, and strong.



Asparagus - Jersey Knight

This all male hybrid with high productivity, fusarium tolerance and rust resistance. It does well where soils are heavier and contain more clay. It offers growers a wide range of adaptability and has proven to be one of the highest yielders.



Blueberry - Duke

Early season fruit, large, and firm. Has good color and grows in open clusters which makes harvesting easier. In the fall creates vibrant yellow and orange foliage perfect for landscaping design.



Elderberry - Marge

A hybrid between the American and European Sambucus, berries are larger than the American varieties and are self-pollinating so only one plant is necessary for fruit production. Flowers form on old growth, producing fruit the second year after planting.



Raspberry - Black, Jewell

Plant is vigorous, erect consistently productive, and widely adapted. The fruit ripens early and the ripening season is concentrated. The berries are large, with glossy skin a superior quality and excellent flavor.



Raspberry - Red, Heritage

Rated number one fall bearing variety with medium to large, brilliant red, extremely firm and attractive berries. Superb for freezing and delicious for table use. If allowed to double drop, yields in summer and fall.



Raspberry - Yellow, Double Gold

Unusual, beautiful berries are golden champagne with a deep pink blush. Very productive and delicious! Plants are vigorous and resistant to Phytophthora root rot as well as most common leaf diseases.



Strawberry - Everbearing, Seascape (US Plant Patent #7614)

A very large, hardy, heavy producing variety with firm fruit, good color and flavor when picked ripe. Very good choice for summer and fall production.

Additional Items available through Fulton SWCD

Did you know - Bird feeders and nesting boxes are available at the Fulton SWCD office year round? Stop by the office or visit our online store for more details!



Deluxe Kiln Dried Cedar Bird Feeders

Large - 4 pound capacity; 9.5 inches tall by 11 inches wide

Small - 1.5 pound capacity; 8.5 inches tall by 9.5 inches wide

Deluxe Kiln Dried Cedar Nesting Boxes

Bat Chalet - 15 inches tall by 12 inches wide

Bluebird House - 12 inches tall by 6 inches wide

Wood Duck Box - 24 inches tall by 11 inches wide

Wren House - 7.5 inches tall by 7 inches wide



Nut Wizards - available in three different sizes

17 inch Walnut Nut Wizard

used to pick up nuts, seeds, fruits, or balls between 1 ½ in. and 4 in. diameter; recommended for black walnuts, sweet gum balls, apples, oranges, lemons, citrus fruits, hedge apples, (Osage-orange tree), some pine cones, and magnolia seed/flower heads.



14 inch Hickory Nut Wizard

can be used to pick up nuts, seeds, fruits, or balls between 1 in. and 2 in. diameter; recommended for hickory nuts, very large paper shell pecans, red oak, chestnut oak, golf balls, chestnuts (not the burrs) large swamp oaks, shotgun shells, reusable paintballs and medium sized fruits.



11 inch Acorn Nut Wizard

can be used to pick up smaller nuts, seeds, fruits, and balls between 3/8 in. and 1 in. diameter - such as pin, chinquapin, black, live, post, and scarlet oaks, small acorns, or even pistol shells.

Rain Barrels

Available in Black, Grey, or Terra Cotta. 55 gallon capacity. Each barrel is complete with removable lid, screen, and valve hardware.



Tree Marking Flags

Visibly mark your newly planted trees and plants!

Choose between pink or white. 30 in. height. Available at the office year round!



2026 SPRING TREE SALE ORDER FORM

Orders Due Friday, April 10th

Orders will be available for pick up inside Spangler Arena located at the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Thursday, April 16th from 7:30am-5:00pm and Friday, April 17th from 7:30am-4:00pm.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Cash Check #: _____

Return order & payment to Fulton SWCD 8770 OH-108, Suite B Wauseon, OH 43567

Subtotal

\$

Calculate OH Sales Tax = Order Total X 0.0725 = (Round to 0.00)

*If you are a tax exempt entity, please fill out a tax exempt certificate.

Sales Tax*

\$

Date: _____

Paid

Card

Square Fee: _____
3% Card Fee: _____

Grand Total

\$

Seedlings	Size	Single	Bundle of 5	Bundle of 25	Bundle of 50	Quantity	Total
American Arborvitae	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
Douglas Fir	22-36"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
Fraser Fir	16-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
Norway Spruce	16-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
White Pine	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
American Chestnut	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Buttonbush	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Common Lilac	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$
Flowering Dogwood	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Ohio Buckeye	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Paw Paw	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Persimmon	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Red Osier Dogwood	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Serviceberry	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Sugar Maple	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
Sweetbay Magnolia	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85			\$
White Oak	18-24"	\$6 ea.	\$20	\$85	\$160		\$

Potted Trees - 3 Gallon	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Redbud	5-6'	\$30 ea.		
Red Maple	5-6'	\$30 ea.		
Tulip Poplar	5-6'	\$30 ea.		
Pin Oak	5-6'	\$30 ea.		
White Oak	5-6'	\$30 ea.		
Fruit Trees - Bare Root, Semi-Dwarf	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Apple - HoneyCrisp™ <i>Pollinator Required</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Apple - GoldRush <i>Pollinator Required</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Apple - Granny Smith <i>Pollinator Required</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Cherry - Bing, Sweet <i>Pollinator Required</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Peach - Glohaven <i>Self-pollinating</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Pear - Bartlett <i>Self-pollinating</i>	6'	\$30 ea.		
Fruit & Vegetable Plants	Size	Price	Quantity	Total Cost
Blueberry - Duke	2 yr. Bare Root	\$10 ea.		
Elderberry - Marge	2 yr. Bare Root	\$10 ea.		
Raspberry - Black, Jewel	1 yr. Bare Root	\$8 ea.		
Raspberry - Red, Heritage	1 yr. Bare Root	\$8 ea.		
Raspberry - Yellow, Double Gold	1 yr. Bare Root	\$8 ea.		
Strawberry - Everbearing, Seascape	2 yr. Bare Root	5/\$7 or 25/\$25		
Asparagus - Jersey Knight	Root Crown	5/\$8 or 25/\$32		
Additional Items	<i>*List quantity of each item in the box provided to calculate total cost.</i>			Total Cost
Bird Feeders, Cedar	Small <input type="checkbox"/>	Large <input type="checkbox"/>		\$
Hanging Bracket, Metal	One Size <input type="checkbox"/>			\$
Nest Boxes, Cedar	Bat <input type="checkbox"/>	Bluebird <input type="checkbox"/>	Wren <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Nut Wizards	Acorn <input type="checkbox"/>	Hickory <input type="checkbox"/>	Walnut <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Rain Barrels	Black <input type="checkbox"/>	Gray <input type="checkbox"/>	Terra Cotta <input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Tree Marking Flags	Pink <input type="checkbox"/>	White <input type="checkbox"/>		\$
Pheasants Forever Seed Mixes	Call the office at 419-337-9217 to place a custom seed order!			



Fulton SWCD

Bouquet Workshop

June 23rd 5-7pm

Join us at the Fulton SWCD Pollinator Patch for a fun and educational day among the flowers!

Bring your own vase and take home a bouquet made from beautiful, native blooms – all while learning about the vital role pollinator plants play in supporting bees, butterflies, and other wildlife in our region.

Bringing kids? Perfect! We'll have hands-on activities and take-home crafts to help them learn about pollinators in a fun and engaging way.



Location: 8770 State Route 108, Wauseon OH 43567
Want to register or have questions, call or text 419-388-8402

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