



Conservation in the Tri-State

OKI Regional Conservation Council's Annual Meeting

8:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2017

at Sharon Centre, Sharon Woods, 11450 Lebanon Road (U.S. 42), Sharonville, Ohio 45241

Program

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration**
Sign in, get a nametag and renew old acquaintances.
- 9:00 a.m. *Introductions and Announcements*
Ken McCormick, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council
Bruce Koehler, Staff Support, OKI Regional Council of Governments
- 9:10 a.m. *Welcoming Message from Our Host*
Bret Henninger, Natural Resources Director, Great Parks of Hamilton County
- 9:15 a.m. *Caring for Watersheds*
Gwen Roth, Education Specialist, Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District and award-winning high school students with bright ideas for watershed projects
- 9:45 a.m. *Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic Plans*
Greg Nageotte, Program Specialist – Watersheds, Ohio Department of Agriculture
Rick Wilson, Environmental Specialist, Division of Surface Water, Ohio EPA
Emma Clohessy, Program & Outreach Director, Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities
Becky McClatchey, Watershed Coordinator, Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District
- 10:30 a.m. **Fifteen-minute break: Soda, cider, tea, coffee and water will be served with snacks.**
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session A-1:
Regional Results of Volunteer River and Stream Monitoring
Dr. Michael C. Miller, Professor Emeritus, Biological Sciences, University of Cincinnati
- 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session A-2:
State of the Ohio River
Jeff Thomas, Biological Programs Manager, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission
Water Quality Credit Trading in the Ohio River Corridor
Brian Brandt, Director – Agriculture Conservation Innovations, American Farmland Trust
- 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session B-1:
WAVE Foundation at Newport Aquarium: Excite, Engage and Educate
Ric Urban, Conservation Officer, Newport Aquarium
- 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Session B-2:
Precision Agriculture: The Benefits of GPS, GIS and More
Steve Knollman, farmer, Knollman Farms, Inc., Crosby Township, Hamilton County
- 12:00 noon *OKI-Regional Conservation Council Business Meeting and Meal* (agenda follows)

The Business Meeting will coincide with a buffet style meal to be eaten in the main meeting room.



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 **12:00 noon Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

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Agenda

Call to order

Ken McCormick, Chair, OKI Regional Conservation Council

Memorial Observances

Peachie Glassmeyer, a devoted public health nurse and a cheerful companion to conservationist Joe Glassmeyer, passed away February 20, 2017, with her family by her side after a short illness

Mary Kathryn Dickerson – who coordinated the Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties' Conservation Districts for 26½ years before passing away on June 22, 2015 – will be honored with the dedication of the Mary Kathryn Dickerson Grove at Tower Park in Ft. Thomas, Ky., at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 11, 2017

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 2017 Directory

Bruce Koehler 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

Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District will be asked to sponsor the conservation tour this year.

Election of OKI-RCC Officers

At a February 24th 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