H20hio in Lucas County



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Lucas County, Ohio

- Population: 432,000
 - o 6th largest county in Ohio
- Total Land Area: 340 sq mi
 - o 4th smallest county in Ohio
- Approximately 30% of the land area is agriculture.







H20hio -How It Started

- Proposed by the Dewine Administration and approved by the Ohio General Assembly in 2019.
- H2Ohio Phosphorus Reduction Program Rollout Meeting for SWCDs in Maumee Watershed on Jan. 29th 2020.
- Public meeting hosted by Lucas & Wood SWCDs on Feb. 4th 2020 had 300+ attendees.
- Many attending farmers left contact info to set up meetings to learn more and/or sign-up for H2Ohio. Sign-up period gets extended.



- Sign-up period gets shortened.
- Rush to get contracts completed.
- Eventually contracts have to get redone to account for shortened program length.

- Meeting with Producer to review applicable practices.
- Producer signs program application form & submits documents for Nutrient Management Plan creation or review.
 - o Soil Tests, Crop Rotations, Yield Averages, Field Maps, etc.
 - o CNMP or NMP created by NRCS or 4R retailer are acceptable.
- NMP gets created or reviewed by SWCD staff.

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K (sem)		244	296	212	221		279	233	277	286	223	223	246	
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GEG (meg/100g)		22.3	24.9	23.1	20.7	21.8	23.4	22.6	216	22.5		24.9	22.3	
OM (N)	3.80	4.49	6.10	4.50	3.80	4.20	4.00	4.70			3.90	4,60	4.40	
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K%	2.40	2.63	5.30	2.60	2.80	2.60	3.00	2.80	3.00	3.30	3.20	2.40	2.60	
Ca %	62.1	70.1		63.5	76.1	71.2	71.6		72.3	72.6	62.1	66.3	74.4	
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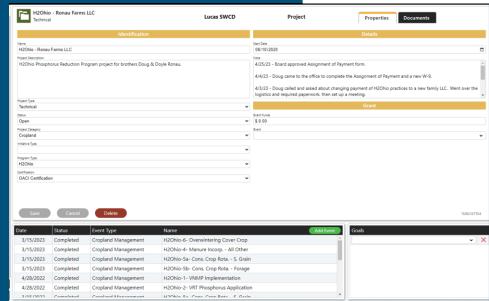
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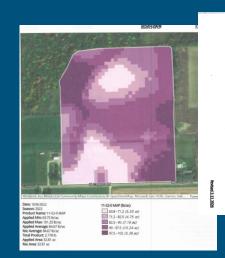
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- Board Approves Application and Nutrient Management Plan.
 - VNMP Development payment can be made.
- ODA/SWCD create project in Beehive.
- Producer goes forward with farming and practice implementation.

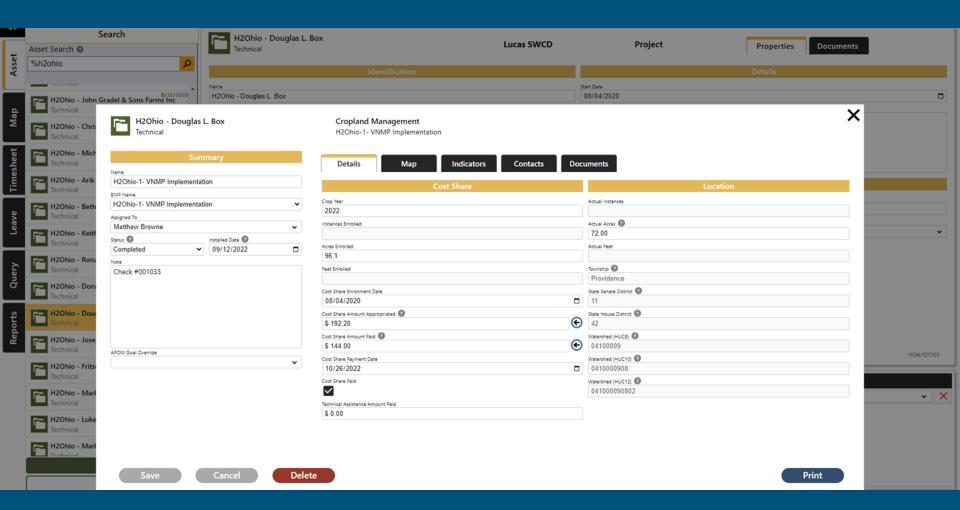


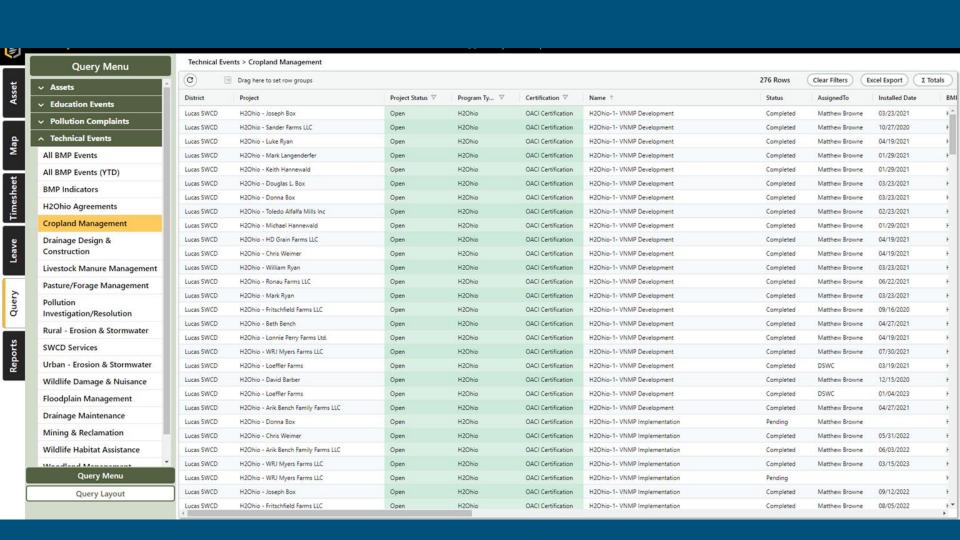


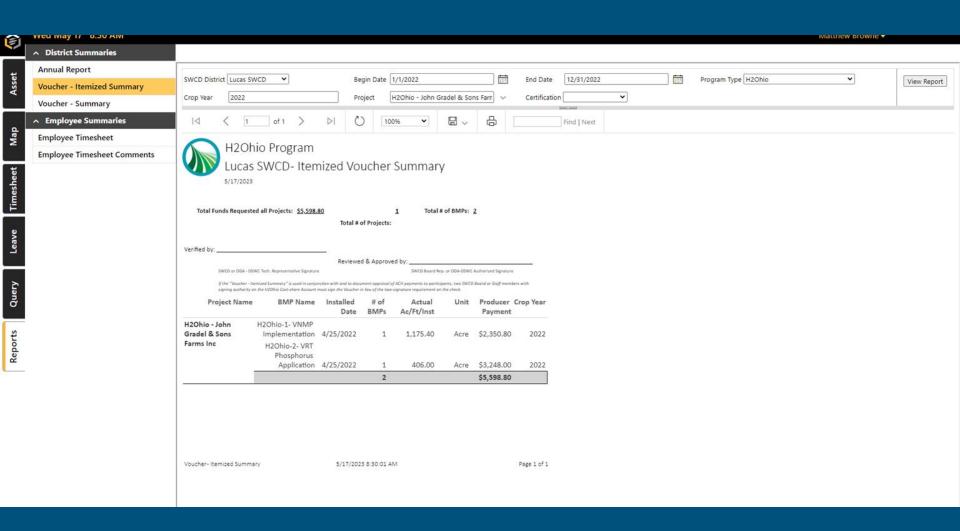
- Upon completion of a practice, the farmer submits relevant documentation to SWCD.
- SWCD completes field checks as applicable.
- SWCD reviews documentation and verifies practice is completed to H2Ohio specifications.











- SWCD staff enters necessary information into Beehive.
- SWCD staff prepares payment voucher for Board approval.
- SWCD Board approves payment.
- Payment is sent to Producer.



Total Funds Requested all Projects: \$93,496.20 Total # of BMPs: 26 (Filtre "Middles) - Montant Euromann" is used or conjugation with and to discussion approach of ACM approach to participates, two SACE Accorder 2007 need and with spring definitions the MIDNs Considered Account dust sign the Vession in the of the Learning relative majoritems are the class. BMP Name Installed H2Ohio - Arik Bench H2Ohio-1- VNMP Family Farms LLC Implementation H2Ohio-Sb- Cons. Cros Rota. Forage 3/15/2023 Acre \$2,520.00 H2Ohio-6-Overwintering Cover Crop 3/15/2023 Acre \$9,965.00 3 \$13,429.00 H2Ohio - Beth H2Ohio-1-VNMP Implementation 12/31/2022 79.00 Acre \$158.00 2022 1 \$158,00 H2Ohio - David H2Ohio-1-VNMP Barber Implementation 5/5/2022 \$5.00 \$110.00 H2Ohio-5a- Cons. Crop Rota. - S. Grain 3/15/2023 \$700.00 2022 20.00 Acre 2 \$810.00 H2Ohio - Keith H2Ohio-1-VNMP Hannewald Implementation \$1,754.60

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Acre \$1,699.20

6/3/2022

H2Ohip-2-VRT

Phosphorus Application

H2Ohio-3-Subsurface Phosphorus Place

Financial Process - H20hio Funds

\$300,000 in personnel funds were originally given to districts for 5 years.

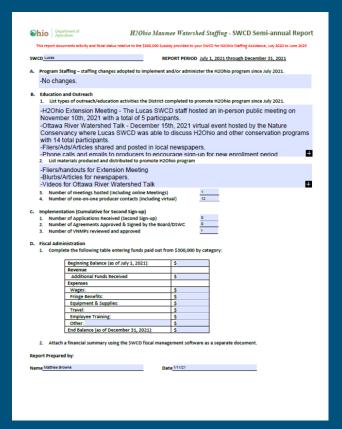
- Each year, \$60,000 is transferred from the District Fund to the Special Fund to help cover the H2Ohio employee's payroll costs, benefits, trainings, and supplies.
- When the funds run out for the year, the remaining costs are paid by other funds in the Special Fund.

Financial Process - H2Ohio Funds

A separate Bank is used for the lump funds that were received for producer payments for H2Ohio.

- Checks and mailing supplies are paid for out of that account as well.
- Interest accrues in the account, which can be taken out and used for other SWCD business.

Reporting is completed semi-annually and sent to ODA for their records and reporting requirements.

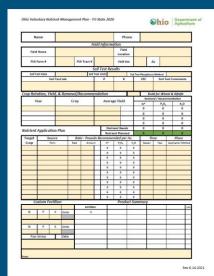


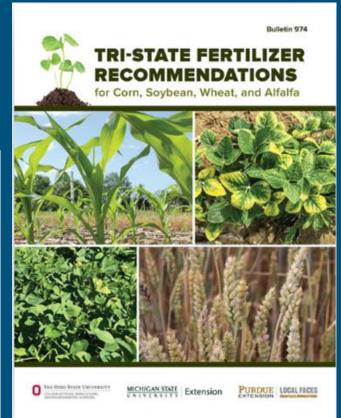
Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans

- Soil Tests (Less than 4 years old)
- Tri-State Fertility Recommendations
- OVNMP Spreadsheet Tool

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pH	5.90	6.42	6.80	6.30	6,30	6.70	6.40	6.50	6.50	6,80	5.90	6.20	6,60	
P-M3 (ppm)	16.0	33.9	65.0	16.0	32.0	32.0	39.0	30.0	36.0	31.0	65.0	29.0	29.0	
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Ca (ppm)	2,196	3,125	3,415	2.941	2,898	3,367	3,345	3,211	3,415	3,262	2,196	3,301	3,317	
Mg (ppm)	305	439	583	510	382	387	426	422	412	583	305	501	466	
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Zn (ppm)	2.10	2.39	2.60	2.20	2.50	2.30	2.50	2.10	2.60	2.60	2.40	2.40	2.30	
Mn (ppm)	7.00	13.8	39.0	39.0	14.0	15.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	12.0	
8 (ppm)	0.50	0.95	1.40	0.80	0.70	0.90	1.10	1.00	1.20	1,40	0.50	0.90	1.00	
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H%	2.50	10.6	20.3	15.6	11.6	5.5	10.3	10.6	10.2	2.5	20.3	14.5	5.4	
P/Zn	7.27	-14.1	27.1	7.3	12.8	13.9	15.6	14.3	13.8	11.9	27.1	12.1	12.6	
Ca %K%	19.4	25.0	30.9	24.4	24.2	30.9	23.9	27.3	24.1	22.0	19.4	27.6	26.6	
Ca %Alo %	3.36	4,34	5.22	3.45	4.55	5.22	4.71	4.56	4.99	3.36	4.31	3.95	4.28	

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VNMPs

Reviewing a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan

Max Soil Test Level H2Ohio									
P1 PPM	P1 LB	M3 PPM	M3 LB						
50	100	70	140						

- Sample or Test Date: It is important that we are reviewing the date of when the sample was taken.
- Phosphorus Level: Either labeled Phosphorus, P, or P1. If soil tests are over 40 ppm or 80 lbs/A there should be a 0 for recommendations for application. (Wheat/Alfalfa in rotation then 50ppm/100 lbs/A).

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Acres: Take note of the amount of acres that represent each soil sample. Some may have a corresponding map of

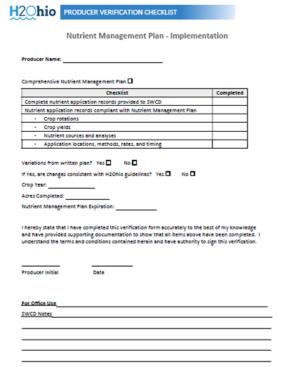
Table 12. Recommended Mehlich-3 Soil Test Phosphorus and Potassium Levels (Critical Level and Maintenance Limit) for Field Crops in the Tri-State Region

Mehlich-3 Potassium Maintenance Range Mehlich-3 Phosphorus Sandy soils Loam and clay soils Maintenance Range Crop (CEC <5 meg/ 100g) (CEC >5 meg/ 100g) Corn (grain or 20-40 ppm 100-130 ppm 120-170 ppm forage), Soybean Wheat, Alfalfa 30-50 ppm 100-130 ppm 120-170 ppm

5. Fields receiving manure must have soil tests showing Bray P1 levels of 50 ppm or less. Grid sampled fields must have an average Bray P1 soil test phosphorus of 50 ppm or less (Mehlich-III soil test level of 70 ppm or less)

VNMPs

H2Ohio-Mau



All Verification Forms-06/23/21



1. Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan Development & Implementation

Recordkeeping Requirements

All applicators/producers shall maintain nutrient application records. For each application of nutrients applied for the primary purpose of agricultural production, the applicator/producer shall document the following information within twenty-four hours of application:

- 1. The date of the application of nutrients;
- 2. The place of application of nutrients;
- 3. The number of acres applied;
- 4. The rate of application of nutrients;
- 5. The total amount of nutrients applied, by weight or volume;
- 6. An analysis of the nutrients applied;
- The name of the individual who applied the nutrients;
- 8. The name of the certificate holder, if applicable:
- 9. The soil conditions at the time of the application;
- 10. The type of application method (soil injected, incorporated, surface, etc..);
- 11. The weather conditions at the time of application, including temperature and precipitation;
- 12. The weather forecast for the day following application; and
- For surface application only, whether the land at the time of application was frozen and/or snow covered.

All individuals acting under the instructions and control of a certificate holder shall transmit all nutrient application records to the certificate holder within ten days of application.

Nutrient application records shall be maintained for a period of three years. If applicable, the employer of a certificate holder may elect to maintain the nutrient application records. If elected, the employer shall maintain the nutrient application records for a period of three years even if the employee-employer relationship has ended. The employer must make the records available to the certificate holder and the department of agriculture, upon request.

All fertilizer certificate holders shall transmit all nutrient application records to the farm operator within thirty days of application.

Fertilizer certificate holders are not required to submit these records to the director, but the records shall be made available to the director or the director's designee for review upon request.

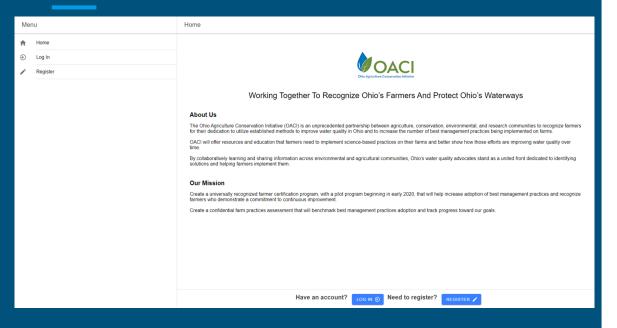
Lucas County - H2Ohio Practices/Results

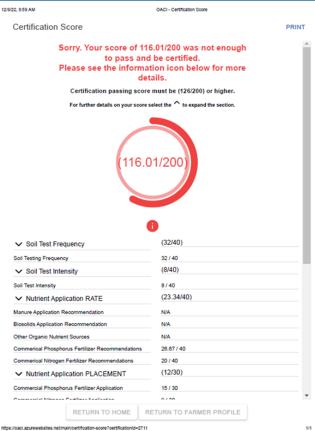
U2Ohio CV 2021 Proctice		<u>Cost-Share</u>
H2Ohio CY 2021 Practice	Total Acres	<u>Amount Paid</u>
VNMP Development	13,588.5	\$ 27,177.00
VNMP Implementation	13,513.8	\$ 26,805.40
VRT Phosphorus Application	4,386.5	\$ 31,361.68
Subsurface Phosphorus Placement	3,222.1	\$ 96,663.60
Manure Incorporation - All Other	28.0	\$ 1,680.00
Cons. Crop Rota S. Grain	769.0	\$ 26,915.00
Cons. Crop Rota Forage	241.5	\$ 8,452.50
Overwintering Cover Crop	1,160.1	\$ 29,002.50
Crop Year 2021 H2Ohio Payment Total:		\$ 248,057.68

Lucas County - H2Ohio Practices/Results

H2Ohio CY22 Practice	Total Acres	Cost-Share Amount Paid
VNMP Implementation	12560.3	\$ 25,120.60
VRT Phosphorus Application	3753.8	\$ 30,030.40
Subsurface Placement	4404.6	\$ 132,138.00
Manure Incorporation - All Other	57.1	\$ 3,426.00
Conservation Crop Rotation	1088.2	\$ 38,087.00
Overwintering Cover Crops	2699.7	\$ 67,497.50
OWCC Early Seeding Bonus	769	\$ 7,690.00
Total Co	ost-Share Paid:	\$ 303,989.50

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Lessons Learned

- More time to prepare and adjust to changes.
- VNMPs before contract approval.
- Firmer deadlines & specifications.
- Clearer expectations early on.

Other Agencies/Organizations use of H2Ohio in Lucas County

Lake Erie CREP - Water Quality Incentive Program

Lake Erie Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program is a Federal program under the USDA that provides 15 years of soil rental rate payments and cost share for the establishment of select conservation practices on agricultural lands. To further incentivize the establishment of wooded riparian buffers and wetlands, H2Ohio funds are used to provide an additional one-time incentive payment of \$2,000 per acre through ODNR.

Currently 7 contracts in Lucas County resulting in 78.4 acres of wetland restoration treating 412 acres of drainage.

tom L.	Side Slopes	Excavation Depth
3.5	10:1	0.5' - 1.0'
5.5	10.1	0.5' - 1.0'

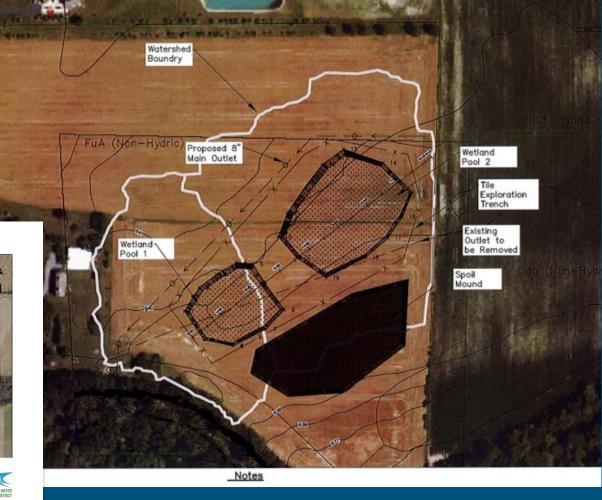
Spoil Mound Side Slope Ratio	Crown Width
6:1	Varies

2,000

Proposed Wetland Pool - CP23A

Proposed Wetland Buffer Proposed Riparian Buffer CREP Boundary

Kelly Brothers - LE CREP WQIP - CP23A Proposal 2.5 Acre Wetland Pool 10 Acre Wetland Buffer LUCAS SOIL & WATER



Producer visits County FSA Office expressing interest in CREP.



County FSA Office will provide the producer signed CRP1, CRP2-c and CLU map along with producer contract information to respective ODA and ODNR representative. (Step 13.1 CREP)



Producer will then be contacted by ODA, ODNR or SWCD with information regarding state incentive payments which would include payment process and potential for incentives. This is also when payer ID process will begin and hopefully be completed.

Project will be entered into Beehive by ODA staff. District's may then charge time to those projects.

County FSA office submits approved CRP1, completed CRP2-c, CPO and approved engineering and design plan to respective ODA and ODNR representative. (Step 21.1 CREP Signup Process)



ODNR and ODA will use completed documents and the landowner payer ID to create a contract. Landowner will sign contract at this time.



County FSA submits copy of 848B signed by producer, NRCS/TSP and FSA (Step 23 CREP Signup Process)

ODNR and ODA will then create payment vouchers and begin payment process.

Lake Erie CREP - Water Quality Incentive Payments

Practice Code	Description	State Incentive Agency	State Incentive (New Enrollment)	State Incentive (ReEnrollment)
CP1	Escarpment Areas and Filter & Recharge	ODA	\$500	\$250

ODA

Both

ODA

ODNR

ODNR

\$500

\$0

\$500

\$2,000

\$2,000

\$250

\$0

\$250

\$0

\$250

Areas - Introduced Grasses

Escarpment Areas and Filter & Recharge

Areas - Native Grasses

Windbreaks

Grassed Buffers/Saturated Buffers

Forested Riparian Buffers

Wetlands

CP2

CP5A

CP21/CP 21S

CP22

CP23 &

CP23A

ODNR - H2Ohio Wetland Grants

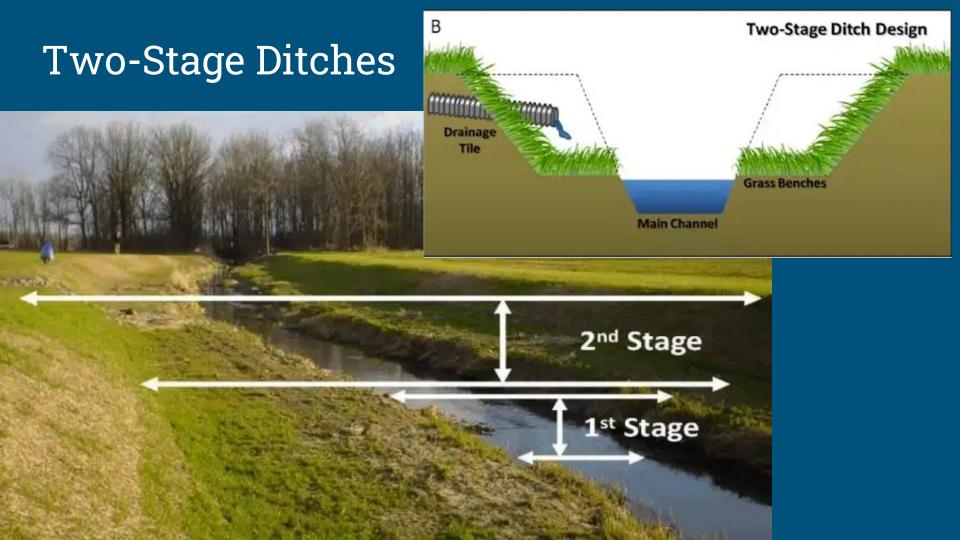
- Offers funding to private landowners, municipalities, non-profits, and government entities for wetland restoration projects focused on water quality improvement.
- Projects can include, but are not limited to: the restoration and enhancement of wetlands, coastal marsh and floodplain reconnection, capturing stormwater, and stream bank improvements.
- Projects can be established on residential, agricultural, or commercial properties, so long as the program criteria can be met.
- No cost-share requirement.

ODNR - H2Ohio Wetland Grants

Currently 7 Projects Receiving a total of \$4,385,633.00 in H2Ohio Funds.

- Ford two stage Ditch \$636,345.00 2.8 acre or 3,300 ft segment of ditch was converted to 2 stage ditch.
- Wiregrass Restoration \$395,500 14.3 acres wetland restoration.
- UT CADE Wetland \$2,229,188 12.7 acres of wetland 54 acres of total restoration.
- Tow Path Feasibility and Design \$200,000.
- Clark Island Restoration \$620,000 up to 40 acres of wetland/floodplain restoration.
- Delaware Creek Rain Gardens \$85,600 (funds used for adaptive management on already constructed rain gardens).
- The Village of Ottawa Hills \$219,000.00 23 acres of floodplain restoration.





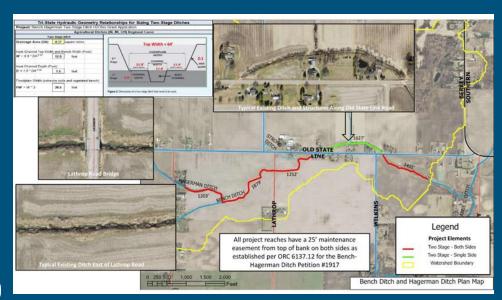
Ford Ditch - Lucas County Engineers Two-Stage Ditch

- Grant awarded in May 2022. (H2Ohio Grant funds through ODNR)
- Construction activities initiated March 2023.
- Will Install: 3,400 ft of two-stage channel & floodplain, 2.8 acres of enhanced riparian area, and adjacent 10ft buffer strips.
- Total Project Cost: \$726,354.00
 - o H20hio: \$636,345
 - o Lucas County Engineers: \$90,000



Bench & Hagerman Ditches - Lucas County Engineers Two-Stage Ditch

- Grant awarded March 2023.
 - Fully funded through H2Ohio grant funds from ODA.
- Construction to begin early 2024.
- Will Install: 7,360 ft of two-stage ditch channel & floodplain, enhanced riparian area, and 10ft buffer strips.
- Total Project Cost: \$1,263,416.00
- Total Area Drained: 2797 acres.



Questions?

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