

# Sponsoring Organization Information Sheet

## Mahoning County Beekeeping Program

### **PURPOSE:**

- Promote beekeeping as a youth development activity, increase pollination for gardens, and promotion of a cottage industry to supplement family income.
- To recruit, train, and equip 20 new beekeepers in Mahoning County.
- Increase public awareness of the decline in honey bee population, and the importance of honey bees.

### **SPONSOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Work with planning committee on locating a suitable location for the apiary on your site.
- Provide an adult to serve as principle beekeeper for apiary and who will work with a youth beekeeper.
- Take applications at your location and to select a youth age 14—18 to participate in the program on your site.
- Contribute \$500 to sponsor the adult & youth participant pair (It is strongly encouraged that the adult & youth participants have some financial commitment to the program, such as paying the annual dues to the local bee club — Local dues are Adult \$8 & Youth \$4.
- \*A limited number of scholarships are available\* (See application deadline below)
- The adult participant is required to attend a minimum of 2 local bee club meetings the first year. (The youth is strongly encouraged to attend with the adult)
- Ensure that the adult & youth participant attend training sessions.
- Provide opportunity for neighborhood education on beekeeping.
- Commit to maintaining the apiary for two years.

### **PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE:**

- Application for potential participants.
- Ordering of supplies and training materials.
- Provide experienced beekeeper to serve as a mentor.
- 12 hours of classroom instruction, plus a minimum of 2 hour field day for hands on training.
- 1 year subscription to Bee Culture Magazine.
- Materials for 2 unconstructed hives, veil, hive tool and smoker.

More information may be found at Crossroads RC&D website: [www.crossroadsrcd.org](http://www.crossroadsrcd.org)  
Mahoning County Extension Office, or the Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District office  
For specific questions regarding the program—Email: [beverly.fisher@rcdnet.net](mailto:beverly.fisher@rcdnet.net) or call 330-339-9317

**APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN: JANUARY 29, 2010**

## **Project Partners**

### **Current Funding Provided By:**

**Natural Resource Conservation Service  
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### **Project Assistance Provided By:**

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