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### Our Mission

Crossroads Resource Conservation & Development Council is a connector of people and resources for our communities.

### Our Vision

Economic and environmental sustainability through conservation and effective utilization of the area's resources.

*An Equal Opportunity  
Provider and Employer*

## PRESIDENT'S *letter*

By Sean Logan, President 2006



**Sean Logan**  
President

As I look back on 2006, there is a great deal we can be proud of at Crossroads RC&D! It was a year of accomplishments, changes, and of laying the foundation for future successes. I would like to welcome Wayne County to the area! We look forward to working with and serving the citizens in Wayne County. Trumbull County has joined the Western Reserve RC&D area, and I am confident they too will find success in this new RC&D Council. That is what makes the RC&D Program work – it is local leaders that seek to make a difference. Local leaders in these two counties felt that their needs were a better fit in the other RC&D Council, and the councils were open to welcoming the new counties into their areas.

The one million dollar grant in the Huff Run Watershed is winding down with the installation of the last acid mine drainage treatment system installed this summer. Already water quality results from the system show a dramatic drop in metals concentration, and a decrease of acidity in the water! Many thanks go to our partners in this project, the ODNR Division of Mines and Reclamation, and the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership for all their hard work. This local watershed group celebrated their 10th anniversary this year. We are appreciative of the award they gave to Crossroads RC&D for all their support and assistance. We are confident this group is ready to move forward as an independent organization as we finish our assistance to this watershed improvement effort. Crossroads RC&D, along with writers and editors, Jennifer Chapman, Sandy Chenal, and Darrin Lautenschleger also received an award for the Wills Creek, Our Backyard Watershed book from the All Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. You can download this publication on our website.

As you read through this report you will see highlighted other success stories from this past year. I would like to thank all our staff, subcontractors and partners for all their hard work and dedication. Best wishes and many thanks to Darla Craig for her service on the executive board. Darla's seat was filled this year by

Joe Secrest also from Guernsey County. In addition to changes in the board, there were several staff changes in 2006. In April, Nancy Summers moved on to a new position. We appreciate all that Nancy was able to accomplish for us over the years. Beverly Fisher joined the staff as a part-time administrative assistant. Deanna Spencer continues to provide great service to us by working on a contract basis as our bookkeeper. During the summer months, we hired Jesse Beauchamp as a summer intern. Jesse was the heart of our efforts to put on the Sugar Creek Symposium, and pull together the public input for our long range plan.

Our long range plan draft was completed after a board retreat held at the home of our Coordinator, Sandy Chenal. With her help in facilitation, the board, along with past presidents Richard Houk and Dean Goodman was able to develop a revised mission and vision statement, which was later approved by the council. There was also much discussion that led to the formation of goals for the next five years. Our new mission statement is: **Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development is a connector of people and resources for our communities.** It fits who we are and how we are able to accomplish so much with so little! I would like to thank the members of the area planning committee (Betsy Sparr, John Davis, Jill Lengler, Tom Mitchell, Sandy Chenal, and Paul Fanti) and all the members who took one day out of their schedule to focus on laying the foundation for a bright future at Crossroads RC&D!

At the time of this report being written, I am transitioning into a new phase of my public service. I have received the honor to be chosen by Governor Ted Strickland to be a member of his Cabinet as the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. I will never forget our time together as a part of the Crossroads family. This is a GREAT organization with tenacity and vision because of all of the people who make it work. I look forward to new partnerships so that we will continue to be leaders in the stewardship of our natural resources.

I want to leave you with a quote from U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson when he signed the Wilderness Act of 1964, he said:

*"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, then we must leave them with something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning."*

Your involvement, support, and promotion of Crossroads RC&D is critical to our future success. I encourage you to be active and make a difference! There are opportunities to serve on committees and taskforces, help in fundraising and project implementation. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President in 2006.



### 2006 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Front Row - Dr. Lorle Porter; Sean Logan, President; Darla Craig  
Back Row - Alex Bobersky, John Davis, Secretary-Treasurer;  
Wilbur Lingenhoel; Terry Gram, Past President; Jack Ourant  
Not Pictured - Paul Fanti, Vice-President

# Sugar Creek Watershed Symposium

Last summer over 50 individuals representing government, landowners, and nonprofits, gathered at The Wilderness Center in Stark County for a one day event focusing on the Sugar Creek Watershed. This was the first time many of the participants met and learned about activities in the other areas of this watershed, and agreed to continue further networking efforts in the future. The day was sponsored by Crossroads RC&D and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District.

Ohio EPA provided an overview of the recently completed TMDL (total maximum daily load), and reviewed the state of the watershed. Numerous streams in the watershed

are impacted with non-point source pollution, as well as source pollution. The day's events highlighted some of the activities that are taking place as local groups try to improve the water quality.

The topics covered included: the Alpine Cheese Nutrient Trading program, the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Environmental Quality Incentive Program, The Wilderness Center wetland bank and land trust, and the North Fork Watershed Management of the Wayne Soil and Water Conservancy District. Richard Moore and Dave McCarthy from Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center spoke on their water quality monitoring and holistic watershed management. The afternoon session consisted



Sugar Creek Symposium:  
The Wilderness Center was host for the Sugar Creek Symposium

of small groups of attendees and facilitators who discussed the past, current, and future efforts of water quality improvement in the Sugar Creek watershed.

## Support for the Yellow Creek Watershed

by Maggie Corder



**Maggie Corder**  
2006-2007 VISTA

In 2006 Crossroads RC&D turned over the Volunteer Service to America (VISTA) Contract with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) to the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District. The purpose of the project is to provide assistance to the Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition. The desire of every OSM/VISTA is to fight poverty and provide rural coal communities with the assistance they need to make their watersheds cleaner, healthier, and safer places to live and work. This holds true for the OSM/VISTAS that have assisted the Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition under a three year contract. Maggie Corder is serving the third and final term for the Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition. Together with the group she has identified several goals to work towards in the final year of the program.

One of the first tasks at hand when Maggie's term began in July was completing the application to become a non-profit organization. With much help and support from Sandy Chenal, Coordinator of Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development, the

application was completed, reviewed by members of the coalition and submitted in late December. After receiving non-profit status, the group will be able to obtain grant money from a wider range of funding sources. Following the work plan laid out by the previous OSM/VISTA Maggie assists in the coordination of and attends the monthly meetings. She has also coordinated a litter pick-up for the watershed community and plans on doing so again in the spring. The Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition along with their VISTA is planning several other events for the upcoming year. The group is hosting a field day on May 19th to raise public awareness of pollution issues affecting the watershed. They are also arranging a golf tournament for July 11th to be held at Spring Hills Golf Course in East Springfield, Ohio. Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District will assist with the planning of the events; this is also where the OSM/VISTA is housed and supervised.

Along with her duties as development coordinator to the Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition, Maggie is also responsible for collecting water samples and measurements to be studied for the writing of an AMDAT plan. AMDAT, which stands for Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment, is a study done to identify to what extent the water quality of an area has been effected by acid mine drainage. With the completion of the AMDAT in June the Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Coalition hopes to receive the funding necessary to treat the sources of acid mine drainage in their watershed.

## Soil and Water Conservation Districts Receive Funding

Working with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Crossroads RC&D subcontracted with nine Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in our area to provide funds for their efforts in implementing farm bill programs. Over \$60,000 from NRCS was administered by the Council and funded local SWCD's in 2006. SWCD's received funding for activities such as completing Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans for area producers, and providing engineering assistance for the installation of conservation practices such as waterways and spring developments. These projects were part of contracts developed by NRCS which were funded with farm bill programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Reserve Program.

The cooperative effort in putting conservation on the ground between NRCS and local SWCDs has been a key to successful implementation of conservation for years! Many thanks to our local Conservation Districts who help with this workload that benefits the agricultural producers in their county!

## Revolving Loan Fund Program

Crossroads RC&D continues to administer the Revolving Loan Program. The loan fund is designed for Agricultural and Natural Resource related enterprises. The purpose of the fund is job creation and retention, so at least one job must be created for every \$15,000

borrowed. The rates are at least 1% below prime and the terms are flexible. Funds are available for new or expanding business. If you are interested in borrowing funds, contact the office for a loan application and more information.

## Last Reclamation Project Completed in Huff Run Grant

Huff Run's Harsha North Reclamation Project was completed during the fall of 2006, finishing ahead of schedule. The purpose of this restoration project was to reduce the impacts of acid mine drainage (AMD) draining off of the Harsha North site into Huff Run.

Funding for the project came from the one million dollar Ohio EPA grant administered by Crossroads RC&D, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Department of Mineral Resources Management and a grant from the Office of Surface Mining administered by Rural Action. The total cost of the project was \$689,845. Tucson, Inc of New Philadelphia constructed the job.

Before the project, water quality leaving the site had a pH of 3.5 and iron content of 9mg/L. Upon completion, the water leaving this site has a pH of 7 and iron content of 2mg/L. These results exceeded the initial expectations.

The Harsha North project area covered approximately 23 acres. Over 58,000 cubic yards of earthwork was excavated and redeposited. During this

project, 300 tons of debris/trash was removed. Two existing impoundments of over 720,000 gallons of acid water were treated and dewatered; a third was modified and is now being utilized as a settling pond.

Acid mine drainage is one of the watershed's most prominent problems and occurs when water reacts with mine water or coal spoil, resulting in orange, acidic drainage. The reclamation projects in place in the watershed target acid mine drainage.

A 1,100-foot channel located at the highest point in the project was constructed using a new product not used in the watershed before. It is a geosynthetic clay liner, necessary because the existing soils in the area were toxic and by using this liner no water will come into contact with the contaminated soils. The rolls weighed so much that a special device had to be fabricated to unroll and install it into the channel. It was then covered with limestone. A total of 3,500 feet of limestone channels were constructed on the site.

More information can be found at the Partnership's website: [www.huffrun.org](http://www.huffrun.org).



Removing Debris



Laying Clay Liner



Patching Brass Road

## Outreach Project Success

In a special outreach project, Crossroads RC&D in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service has worked with the Ohio Rehabilitation Commission to provide jobs to several individuals. The objective of this effort is to expedite the process of conservation planning by completing the time consuming computer mapping requirements and other data entry that goes along with developing contracts and plans for farm bill programs. Currently, Erie Basin RC&D is a partner in this project. They are working with field offices in their region to employ an individual to assist the District Conservationists. Crossroads RC&D is directly subcontracting to individuals as well to provide this service. Three people have been employed so far, and plans are to expand this effort.

The Ohio Rehabilitation Commission has provided assistance in locating individuals, prescreening, and assisting in making workplace accommodations where necessary. Funded by a \$50,000 agreement with NRCS, the project has exceeded its goals of number of conservation plans completed by over 200%. Special thanks to Tom Sewell, NRCS Disability Coordinator for his help and leadership throughout this process!

## Huff Run Year in Review

*Maureen Wise,  
Huff Run Watershed  
Coordinator*

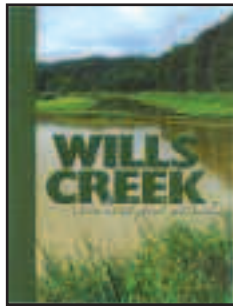
This has been such an active and exciting year for the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership!

- HRWRP celebrated their ten year anniversary in August.
- The Harsha North Restoration Project was completed. (see related article)
- In May, over 350 students attended the Awareness Days.
- The third annual Huff Run 5K attracted over 40 runners.
- The Environmental Explorer's Club, a children's outreach program, was founded.
- Fun Day was added to Mineral City's Party in the Park. More people than ever before came out to visit the Huff Run tent.
- A Fall Tour geared for citizens was held in November.
- The Huff Run office moved into the former Mineral City Village Hall offices.
- The Huff Run Watershed Plan was endorsed by the State of Ohio and all local partners.

# Crossroads Wins 2 State-Wide Awards in 2006

## Wills Creek our Backyard Watershed and the Lyons Reclamation Site

The Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society announced last spring that **Wills Creek, Our Backyard Watershed** was the 2005 winner of the **Dan Kush Award for Excellence in an Educational Publication**. The book was published by the Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Council., and written and edited by Jennifer Chapman Kleski, Sandra Chenal, and Darrin Lautenschleger. Bloom Printing of Dennison provided graphic design to the publication. According to the awards committee, this publication won for its excellent layout, broad range of information, and excellent writing. In following with the goals of the All Ohio Chapter, this publication provides information that



helps landowners make decisions about environmental stewardship on their own land in a non-biased way.

The awards were rated according to eight criteria ranging from fulfilling the mission of the All Ohio Chapter, to writing, layout, and referencing of additional materials. The Soil and Water Conservation Society is a professional organization for individuals in the Natural Resource field.

Copies of the **Wills Creek, Our Backyard Watershed** is available free of charge from the Guernsey and Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation office in Cambridge and Zanesville and, the Crossroads RC&D and Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District office, both in New Philadelphia. The booklet can also be downloaded at <http://crossroadsrkd.org/PUBS/wills.htm>

In December, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resource Management announced the

winners of the **2006 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award**. Crossroads RC&D of New Philadelphia, Ohio, Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, ATC Associates, Inc. of Indianapolis, Red Malcuit, Inc. of Strasburg, Ohio, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation shared the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award for work on the Lyons Acid Mine Drainage Reclamation Project in Tuscarawas County. The Lyons site had been the fifth largest source of acid mine drainage pollution in the Huff Run Watershed, discharging destructive amounts of acidity and toxic metals on a daily basis. The project greatly reduced the amount of acidity entering Huff Run by reclaiming exposed toxic mine spoil and coal refuse. The use of steel slag in construction of drainage channels and pond bottoms to generate alkalinity improved the water quality downstream, allowing better fish and wildlife habitat.

## Project Explores Innovative Approach to Dairy Waste Management



*Dairy Wastewater Treatment Project*

Managing animal waste on farms is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive. As operations increase in size, and the need to follow plans that protect our water resources becomes critical, more and more, producers are looking for alternative ways to manage manure generated on farms. Temporary storage has provided the answer for many producers. However, storage requirements need to be at least 6 months in order to properly apply the waste to field for optimum use by crops; more than many farms have or can reasonably afford. Other concerns such as limits on spreading during winter months, traffic and road safety, excessive nutrients already in the soil, are just some reasons why efforts to find a better method are underway.

Crossroads is working with two local producers, one farm in Tuscarawas County and

one in Stark County, to explore an alternative approach. With a \$493,404 grant provided by the Farm Pilot Coordination Inc., and working with numerous partners, we hope to determine the feasibility of installing package waste water treatment plants on these farms. Dave Samsa of Wastewater Services Inc. and Ciaran O'melia from Or-Tech are coordinating their efforts on the field work. Their goal is to separate the solids from the liquids and treat the liquid waste to the point of discharge in an economically and environmentally friendly manner. This phase of the project is projected to take at least one year to complete.

The Ohio State University Extension Service is playing a key role in the economic analysis of the project. Jon Raush, Extension Program Director, Animal Manure Management, and local Extension Agent Chris Zoller will be doing the study. There are multiple partners in this effort! In addition to those mentioned above, other key partners include: the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Stark & Tuscarawas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Fritz Engineering, Ohio EPA and Department of Agricultural, as well as local farmers and waste water plant operators.

## Harrison County Preservation

Crossroads RC&D received a Clean Ohio grant for \$340,500 to purchase and preserve approximately 110 acres in Harrison County. The Harrison County Commissioners are key partners in this project. The plans for the land purchased with these funds, as stated in the application, are environmental education as well as public access for outdoor recreation.

The Clean Ohio Program provides for four hundred million dollars over four years for "Brownfield", environmental clean up projects and "Greenfield" open space and conservation preservation projects. This is the last year of the program unless it is extended.

## CIVIL WAR BUS TOUR SUCCESS CONTINUES

May 25, 2006 marked the second one-day bus tour highlighting the Civil War history within the Crossroads RC&D area. The tour was held in conjunction with the Tuscarawas Valley Military Heritage Weekend. This year the tour included stops in Tuscarawas and Harrison counties.



**Dickerson Church  
stone monument and Alex,  
our tour guide**

soldiers from Harrison County.

Our fifth major stop was the Franklin Museum (formerly Franklin College) where we were treated to an authentic style Civil War era lunch of Marinated Salad, Statehouse Stew, Cornbread, and Ginger Cake. The keynote speaker before lunch was Dr. Lorle Porter, Civil War historian from Muskingum County. She has studied local history in Ohio for more than three decades and has authored several books. She spoke on the history of Franklin College and the many individuals that attended there and went on to become very important players in the Civil War. A guided informative tour was given by Dr. Porter of several areas of the museum. Our final stop of the day was the Dickerson Memorial Church located on "Irish Ridge" in Harrison County.



**"Ladies of the Civil War"  
group hosted a Civil War Tea  
the evening before  
our bus tour.**

By dawn's early light we boarded the charter bus at the Schoenbrunn Inn in New Philadelphia. Our first stop was a mere few minutes away at the New Philadelphia Court House square where we viewed the Civil War Soldiers Monument which was dedicated in 1887. Also located in the square are two Civil War cannons and a Congressional Medal of Honor plaque honoring four Civil War soldiers from Tuscarawas County. We paused momentarily at the Fair Street Cemetery where 128 Union soldiers are buried, as well as many early settlers to the area. As we continued on US Route 250, we took a slight detour to view the Law-Reed Antebellum Farmstead. Our next stop was the General George Custer Monument and Emanuel Custer Lutheran Church turned museum and the adjacent cemetery. This stop included a wonderful brunch prepared by the New Rumley United Methodist Church Women. We moved on to the Cadiz Courthouse where there is a monument to John Bingham, U.S. Congressman and Abolitionist during the Civil War. Also displayed is a Congressional Medal of Honor Plaque honoring 4



**Kaldenbaugh Statue at New  
Philadelphia Court House.**

Thomas Dickerson established the first Methodist Meeting in the county in 1804, later building a log church in 1817. The current church was dedicated as a memorial to

Abolitionist Bishop Matthew Simpson in 2004. The Dickerson family and their neighbors were very active participants in the Underground Railroad anti-slavery movement.

During our visit to Dickerson Church we were treated to a talk by Lyle Zerla about the differences in the Confederate Flags that were flown during the Civil War. Then first person re-enactor, Lonnie Combs, who portrayed John Hunt Morgan, told of Morgan's Raid through the area. Along our route home we pause at the Seven Ranges Plaque on US 250. This marks the beginning area where the new Federal government started



**Lonnie Combs as  
first-person re-enactor John  
Hunt Morgan during our visit  
to Dickerson Church.**

selling land to the pioneers, this was where the "west began". We arrived back at the Schoenbrunn Inn tired but filled with knowledge about the Civil War history in Tuscarawas and Harrison counties.

Alex Bobersky, Cultural Geographer, from Trumbull County was narrator during the bus ride. Alex, who is very knowledgeable in many aspects of history, developed the tour and enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. He spoke concerning the cultural landscape remnants and the people of the Civil War Era who built them as well as giving us information about each stop. A large informational booklet written by Alex was included in the tour participants "goody bag". Both Dr. Porter and Alex who are life members of Crossroads RC&D.

## Coordinator's Corner

One of the quotes I have on my bulletin board is from Jonathan Swift "Vision is the art of seeing the invisible". As the Crossroads RC&D organization worked on developing its long range plan, there was lots of visioning taking place. Responding to needs is an important part of what we do here, but so is anticipating needs. Energy, Venture Conservation, land preservation, are all issues that have been around, but the opportunities are new and exciting, and the chance to make a positive difference in our region is our motivation.

Crossroads RC&D will continue to do many of things they are known for: water quality work through the promotion of local watershed based efforts, helping develop recreational areas, promoting business expansion and development through the revolving loan fund, and providing educational opportunities such as grant writing workshops, displays on our canal heritage and our dry hydrant promotion at the Wildfire Expo to name a few. But new opportunities await, and new discoveries to be made are just around the corner. Taking risks, like funding efforts, to treat animal waste in a new way. Promoting water quality trading programs, exploring new applications for emerging energy technologies can contribute to a better environment and economy in our region.

As always, with our limited staff and resources, partners are the key to making a difference for our communities. As new partnerships form, and old ones renewed, I would like to thank the staff, board, council members, commissioners, and SWCD's and all our partners for their efforts in serving our communities. Together, we can turn the vision Crossroads RC&D's vision for economic and environmental sustainability into reality!



**2005 Partner of the Year Award:** *Erie Basin RC&D, for all their assistance with our Revolving Loan Fund and for filling in as acting Coordinator for several months while Sandy was detailed to Chillicothe for four months. From left to right are: Ed McConahay, Greg Small, Jerry Yaeter, Joyce Morehart, John Davis*



2005 Council Member of the Year: Alex Bobersky

# Awards

## Meet Beverly...

Beverly Fisher was hired as a part-time temporary Receptionist in April. Then in August she was hired as regular part-time staff.



Beverly lives in Franklin Township, Tuscarawas County with her husband, son and daughter. They have a dairy operation with a total herd of about 100 cows and calves. Her main responsibilities are the bookkeeping and looking after her horses. Beverly comes to us from First Federal Community Bank in Dover where she was employed for 8-1/2 years first as a Teller, then Receptionist, and then Operations Department Assistant.

She staffs the Crossroads office on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Thoughts from Our Summer Intern...

As I rounded out my first year at Allegheny College, tucked away in the hills of Northwestern Pennsylvania, I searched for employment to substantiate my summer break. Unlike the normal college kid, I wanted a worthwhile job, perhaps wading through a stream or testing water samples. The idea of a real job came from my high school days. My inception into the world of kick seines and phenolphthalein reagent reactions came when I joined the Wills Creek Volunteer Monitors at the Guernsey County Soil and Water Conservation District in 1999. The streams on my family's property had always been a neon orange that would stain your clothes and tell your mother exactly what you had been doing outside. As a volunteer monitor, I realized that the orange coloration of local streams was caused by the deadly cocktail of heavy metals leaked from the historic coal mine on our property. Immediately I became interested in the study of stream ecology.

Figuring my past experience might lead to meaningful employment; I called the organization that had published the Wills Creek Watershed book, the Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Council. Both of us enthusiastic about the

summer, I soon joined the Crossroads staff as a summer intern. My first day, Sandy and I drove to Huff Run to present a reclaimed AMD site to a herd of Resource Conservationists in training. I learned the role Resource Conservation and Development Councils played in the scheme of land reclamation, community restoration, and environmental innovation. I've always felt there was a lack of facilitation in the world of environmental restoration. However, I was pleased to find Crossroads RC&D was this missing member in the environmental projects world.

I jumped headlong into the tasks of the summer. Waking at six, absorbing the countryside on an hour-long commute, I arrived at the office in New Philadelphia at 7:30 to start my day. While at Crossroads, I accomplished several goals: counted and summarized, as well as conducted, surveys to improve Crossroads RC&D, organized the multitude of digital project photos, created 10 year anniversary signs for the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, created flow charts, with pictures, for the Waste Water Treatment grant for Royer and Andreas Dairy farms, and arranged the Sugar Creek Symposium. Although I yearned to be outside

in the summer sunlight, I found the challenging work and pleasant company exciting and beneficial. The long summer was topped off by the highly successful Sugar Creek Symposium at The Wilderness Center. I loved the "step towards rehabilitation attitude" that hummed in the crowd of 50 concerned conservationists, farmers, and scientists that attended the Sugar Creek Symposium. I also met several neat people in the Environmental Restoration business. Overall, the summer was educational, challenging and rewarding. In fact, Crossroads RC&D graciously awarded me a \$500 scholarship to ease the burden of Allegheny's expensive tuition. At Allegheny, I plan to double major in Geology and Art; completing courses in field geology, painting, chemistry, sculpture, mineralogy, etc.

I am greatly indebted to Crossroads RC&D for the opportunities and awards they've granted me. It was an honor to apply my talents for their needs and assist in accomplishing their goals.



**Jesse Beauchamp**  
Summer Intern

## Thanks to our members in 2006!

Membership is a vital part of the successes at Crossroads RC&D. Thank you to the following for serving as members to our organization. Membership is open to anyone who wants to help fulfill our mission. The following were members in 2006:

### APPOINTED MEMBERS

Carroll County-Terry Wagner, Bill Barricks, Tom Mitchell; Columbiana County-Sean Logan; Joe Stryffler; Coshocton County-Lewis Reiss; Guernsey County-Steve Allen, Bob Hodges, Harley Starr, Joe Secrest; Harrison County-Dennis Watson, Tillie Heavlin, Jack Ourant, Barbara Pincola; Holmes County-Ray Feikert; Jefferson County-Gabe Rozsa; Mahoning County-Anthony Traficanti, Joe Toporcer; Muskingum County-Dorothy Montgomery, Bonnie Dailey, Rollin Hetrick, Earl Murphy Stark County-Terry Gram, Carl Rose, Wilbur Lingenhoel Trumbull County-Alex Bobersky, Richard Houk; Tuscarawas County-Chris Abbuhl, Paul Fanti, Melvin Lahmers, Philip Bond. Joining us for the second half of 2006 was Wayne County-Ann Obrecht, Betsy Sparr, Duane Wood, and John Redick

### AGENCY/ORGANIZATION/CORPORATION

Howell-Craig Insurance Agency, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

### NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Carroll County CVB, Columbiana County Federation of Conservation Clubs, Community Action Agency of Columbiana, Franklin Museum, Harrison County CIC, Huff Run Watershed Restoration, Lisbon Historical Society, Mahoning County Farm Bureau, Mahoning County OSU Extension, Ohio FFA Camps, Tuscarawas CVB

### INDIVIDUAL

Larry & Joyce Klingler, Dennis & Betty Kovarik, Joseph Sommer, Nancy Summers

### LIFE MEMBERS

Bill Brug, Jr, Chris Copeland, Bert Dailey, John Davis, Richard Houk, Bill Lebold, Dr. Lorle Porter, Bob Ramsey, George Sharec, Jim Tressel, Terry Wagner, Alex Bobersky

## Silent Auction Held During Annual Meeting is a Success!

Crossroads RC&D's 3rd silent auction held February 10, 2006 at the Annual Meeting was again a success. The auction and Longaberger basket raffle raised over \$1500. Sincere thanks and appreciation to those who contributed to the success of the auction. It would not have been possible without the generous support of solicitors, donors, and buyers of auction items. Thank you to the following for their support:

Albertson Lawrence Insurance Agency, Al-Bi Winery, Algonquin Mill, Arrowhead Orchard, Atwood Lodge and Resort, Auer Ace Hardware, Bloom's Printing, Carroll County Historical Society, Carroll County Visitors' Bureau, Columbiana County SWCD, Crossroads RC&D, Dennison Bridge Inc., Guernsey County SWCD, Howell Craig Insurance, Jefferson County Landmark, John & Annie Glenn Museum, Kuester Implement Co. Inc, M & M True Value Hardward, Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce, Muskingum County Commissioners, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, Roger's Mill Inc., Stark County SWCD, Taste of Ohio, Trumbull County Farm Bureau, Trumbull County SWCD, Deb Berger, Bob Blanke, Christy Bloom, Norene Bobersky, Dave Boring, Sandy Chenal, Pete Conkle, Cindi Coutts, Pat & Darla Craig, Bert Dailey, Ruth Davis, Tom Edwards, Dr. Andrea Tiktin Fanti, Paul Fanti, Julie Gordon, Terry Gram, Tracy Haney, Carl Harsha, Shirley Heck, Brian Hill, Richard Houk, Jenni Huff, Bob & Betty Hugh, Denny & Betty Kovarik, Bob Madden, Tom Mitchell, Dorothy Montgomery, Irene Moore, Matt Nardi, Cheryl Noah, Jack Ourant, Tom Poorman, Dr. Lorle Porter, Lewis Reiss, Gabe Rozsa, Joe Rozsa, Van Slack, Joe Sommer, Harley Starr, Barbara Stoll, Nancy Summers, Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise.

## Thanks to our Donors!

Our Annual Giving Campaign again this year helped to provide financial support to the Council. These funds are used for operating expenses. Again this year, Crossroads RC&D had a tight budget with some staff reductions. A sincere thank you to all of the donors listed below, as well as anonymous donors, who contributed to our Annual Giving Campaign. Your donations help us us accomplish projects in our communities! We also greatly appreciate all the gifts of time, leadership and hard work of both our members and partners!

### Annual Campaign Donors

#### \$500+

Paul Fanti

The Law Reed Huss Farm  
Foundation

#### \$200-\$499

Community Action Agency  
of Columbiana County

#### \$100-\$199

Robert Blanke  
Jack Ourant  
Dr. Lorle Porter

#### \$1-\$99

Bill & Shirley Brug  
Tom Butch  
Dean Goodman  
Beverly Fisher  
Sean Logan  
Gabe Rozsa  
Clyde & Judy Secrest  
Nancy Summers  
Jim & Nancy Tressel

*A very special thank  
you to all who have  
helped support  
Crossroads RC&D  
in 2006!*



# Crossroads RC&D Drafts Long Range Plan

After a year long effort of public input, committee meetings, an executive board retreat, and council member reviews, the draft of the 5 year plan is complete! This effort resulted in the formation of a new mission and vision statement for the council. **Our new mission is: Crossroads Resource Conservation and Development Council is a connector of people and resources for our communities.** The new vision statement was also approved at our fall meeting. **Our new vision statement is: Economic and environmental sustainability through conservation and effective utilization of the area's resources.**

As the executive board and the planning committee worked through the public input process, new directions for the future became evident. Energy issues facing this country and our area provide us with opportunities for economic development. Crossroads RC&D plans to

help develop these opportunities with our partners. Along with the formation of a regional energy initiative, Crossroads RC&D will be a sponsor of the Green Energy Festival at the Wilderness Center March 3, 2007. For more information check out their website at <http://wildernesscenter.org/GreenEnergyFestival.htm>.

Other goals include promoting agricultural and environmental education, providing natural resource assistance to partners, promoting economic growth through the revolving loan fund, assisting communities in improving or establishing recreational areas, promoting heritage tourism, conducting outreach efforts, and increasing agricultural sustainability through farmland preservation.

Once this draft is approved by the council, it will be forwarded to NRCS for concurrence. This document provides the basic agreement between the RC&D Council and NRCS for the program

support the council receives in staff, supplies, office space etc.

Contact the office if you would like a copy. Also look for it on our website in the near future!

## Dry Hydrant Program Update

The statewide grant through Buckeye Hills RC&D to install dry hydrants will end May 1, 2007. All reimbursement requests must be turned in by that date. If you are installing a dry hydrant, funds may be available to pay for material costs. Contact the office for more information.

This past year two hydrants were installed and over \$1800 was paid to the participants. The counties that benefited from the cost-share program this year were Muskingum County, Hopewell Twp., and Tuscarawas County, Washington Twp.



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