

# COMMON GROUND

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## Upcoming Dates and Events

March 17th—Board Meeting  
March 11th—Tree Sale Pre-Order Deadline  
April 6th –8th—Tree Pick Up  
April 21st—Board Meeting  
April 26th—Envirothon  
May 19th—Board Meeting  
May 30th—Office Closed (Memorial Day)

The mission of the Champaign SWCD is to help landowners, operators, and the community of Champaign County voluntarily conserve and improve their natural resources.

All programs of the Champaign SWCD are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.

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## Election Results

### 77th Annual Meeting Cancelled



The Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District decided to cancel our 77th Annual Meeting and Banquet on November 18th, 2021. Todd Dallas (bottom right) and Justin Dagger (left) were re-elected as supervisors of the Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). Elected to a three year term, Dallas and Dagger join board members; Jeff Adams, Matt Larmee, and Mike Terry, in administering the Champaign SWCD's natural resource conservation programs. The Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District held our annual reorganization meeting on January 27th, 2022, at the Champaign County Community Center. The board elected Michael Terry—Chairman, Justin Dagger—Vice Chairman, Matt Larmee—Fiscal Agent, Jeff Adams—Secretary, and Todd Dallas—Special Projects.



The Champaign SWCD Board of Supervisor meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Champaign County Community Center for the purpose of conducting their regular monthly business meeting. If you would like to receive notice of the meetings or special meetings, please call the Champaign SWCD at 937-484-5527 or by email at [Melissa.Lee@oh.nacdn.net](mailto:Melissa.Lee@oh.nacdn.net). Meeting day and times are subject to change, please contact the office the day of the meeting to confirm.



## Soil Health And Regenerative Ag with Ray Archuleta

Logan County Land Trust & OSU Extension

Soil health has always been an important part of the sustainability of a farm. Each year we learn more about the conditions in which soils thrive and what BMPs can be implemented to ensure we are improving the soil, rather than degrading it. Ray Archuleta has spent his career researching and teaching soil health. He is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist who has over 30 years of experience as a soil conservationist, water quality specialist and conservation agronomist with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Since retiring, he founded Understanding Ag, LLC and the Soil Health Academy, LLC. Through these organizations, he teaches biomimicry strategies and agroecology principles to improve soil function. He also operates a 150-acre farm with his family in Missouri. On February 24, Archuleta will discuss soil health and regenerative ag practices at the West Liberty Salem High School near West Liberty, Ohio. This is possible through the generous support of the Logan County Land Trust by the Lewis and Dorothy Tamplin Trust. Archuleta's presentation will focus on soil regeneration and health. He will help farmers understand key principles of regenerative agriculture and how to successfully implement soil improving practices.

The February 24<sup>th</sup> event will kick off at 5:30 pm with dinner. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Register at <http://go.osu.edu/archulta>. Cost to attend is \$20 and includes dinner.

# Tree Descriptions

**Norway Spruce** – Fast growing to 75 feet. Straight-stemmed stock makes this strain especially desirable for Christmas trees, ornamentals, timber and windbreaks.

**Concolor Fir**—Grows up to 80 feet. A medium- growing tree this fir has a traditional evergreen shape. Has excellent needle retention and is commonly used for Christmas Trees.

**Eastern White Pine**—Fast growing to 100 feet. A five needle pine, with soft, light green-blue needles, 4 inches long. Excellent ornamental tree for specimens, naturalizing, wind-break or dense screen.

**Common Lilac** – Masses of very fragrant, light lavender flowers in late spring. Dense, vigorous growth to 15 feet, spread 6-10 feet. An old fashioned favorite! Makes a wonderful flowering screen.

**White Flowering Dogwood** – Grows to 40 feet. Dense lustrous, green foliage, Clusters of white flowers bloom in May. Bright red berries in the fall are food for birds. Considered the best ornamental of all trees.

**Paw Paw**—Grows to 12 to 25 feet. This pyramidal shaped tree has dense, dangling foliage giving it an interesting tropical appearance. A fruit- bearing tree.

**Kentucky Coffee Tree** – Grows up to 80 feet. Has a slow growth rate and a spread of up to 80 feet. Female trees produce fruit pods that can hold on until winter. Commonly used as ornamental trees and street trees. Have a yellowish color in the fall.

**Redbud** – Grows to 20 to 30 feet with a 25 to 35-foot spread. Flowers are perfect reddish-purple in bud, opening to a rosy-pink with purplish tinge in early spring.

**Ohio Buckeye**—Grows 40 to 70 feet. This majestic tree is an excellent shade tree with its dense branches and dark green leaves. Flower clusters produce prickly, leathery husks that contain a shiny brown seed.

**Red Maple** – Fast growth to 40 to 60 feet. Highly prized because of its bright red flowers in early spring before leaves appear. Medium to dark green leaves turn yellow to brilliant red in the fall.

**Red Oak** – Fast growth to 60 to 70 feet. Its dense, lustrous green foliage turns a deep red in the fall. The fastest growing of all oaks. One of the most popular ornamental native oaks. It transplants easily, withstands city conditions, is clean in habit and makes one of the best street trees.

**White Oak** – Grows up to 70 feet with up to a 70 feet spread. Has a slow to medium growth rate. Popular for their bright fall colors from reddish brown to reddish purple. Has a hard and tough wood that can be used for lumber, furniture, etc.

**Tulip Poplar**—Fast growth to 80 to 120 feet. A pyramidal form tree with tulip shaped leaves. Leaves are dark green and smooth. Produces a tulip-shaped flower from April to June.



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## When Planting Trees This Spring, Remember This

Service Forester, Steve McGinnis; Ohio Division of Forestry

Early spring is a great time to plant trees. Frankly, when it comes to planting "bare root" tree seedlings early spring is the only time. But what can you do to increase the likelihood for your trees' survival going forward? Site preparation is extremely important for young trees that **will** be experiencing "transplant shock". Loosen the soil to give roots a place to go, and get rid of immediate growing competition. Often times we are introducing one or two year old seedlings into an environment that provides greater potential for herbaceous weeds and woody shrubs which are much more aggressive. Growing space above and below ground level is at a premium, and almost all other plant types in our area occupy resources more efficiently than tree seedlings. Think of it like painting a wall. The more prep you do, the happier you'll be with the result.

Ideally competing vegetation is controlled before, during, and after planting. Even the grass that grows around the base of your tree is stunting its growth. Once the tree is established, periodically applying a 1% solution of glyphosate to surrounding vegetation is effective for tree support. Deer, rabbits, mice, voles and others are often the difference between success and failure. Seedlings from nurseries have nutrient-rich growth that is very desirable to a variety of herbivores. Suitable plantation species are often preferred foods for wildlife, resulting in selective feeding on your young trees.

Deer will also do physical damage to seedlings through antler rubbing, resulting in dead or broken stems. Shielding young trees with fence or a protective tree tube may be necessary for desired survival. There are a variety of tree tubes on the market and one online search will tell you most of what you need to know. Keep in mind, in order to stay above the deer browse line you'll need to purchase tubes that are at least five feet tall.

For more information about tree planting or other forest management activities visit our website at [www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov](http://www.forestry.ohiodnr.gov)



# 2022 Tree Seedling Order Form

To order, return this form along with payment.

Please make checks payable to:

**Champaign Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**1512 S. US Highway 68, Suite E-100**  
**Urbana, OH 43078.**

**No refunds will be given on seedlings.**  
**There is a limited supply, order early for best selection.**

**Payment must accompany each order.**

## Pick Up Dates:

**April 6th—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**April 7th—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**April 8th—8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**



**Ordering Deadline**  
**March 11, 2022**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Seedling	Number in Packet	Seedling Sizes	Number of Packets	x	Price Per Packet	Total Price
Norway Spruce	10	10-18"		x	\$5.00	
Concolor Fir	10	5-10"		x	\$8.00	
Eastern White Pine	10	10-18"		x	\$8.00	
Kentucky Coffee Tree	5	12-18"		x	\$6.00	
Common Lilac	5	6-12"		x	\$4.00	
White Flowering Dogwood	5	12-18"		x	\$5.00	
Paw Paw	5	12-18"		x	\$8.00	
Redbud	5	12-18"		x	\$5.00	
Ohio Buckeye	5	6-12"		x	\$7.00	
Red Maple	5	12-18"		x	\$5.00	
RED Oak	5	12-18"		x	\$5.00	
WHITE Oak	5	12-18"		x	\$5.00	
Tulip Poplar	5	12-18"		x	\$6.00	
<b>Total Order</b>						

Champaign SWCD is accepting orders on a first come first serve basis, due to limited availability.

**If you have further questions, call**  
**937-484-5527**