



# WILLIAMS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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## HABITAT ENHANCEMENT LEARNING PROGRAM

So you own land and want to enhance and manage it correctly - who do you ask for HELP? Come, learn and have your questions answered from those who actually have years of hands-on experience!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
7:00 P.M.

### Conservation on Private Lands:

Ohio farmers and landowners have an opportunity to improve their land, support wildlife, and receive conservation funding through the *Wildlife Habitat Initiative (WHI)*. The WHI supports habitat for grassland birds, pollinators, and other native wildlife. Craig will explain the practices included: brush management, brush pile, grass and wildflower planting, multi-species cover crop, successional habitat, edge feathering, hedgerow planting, herbaceous weed treatment, natural communities, native pasture planting, prescribed burning, riparian forest buffer, tree/shrub establishment, upland habitat management, and windbreaks/shelterbelts.

**Craig Bonner, ODNR Division of Wildlife, Wildlife Management Consultant**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**  
7:00 P.M.

### Tree Planting & Maintenance:

Learn from the successes and mistakes of one of the most prolific tree planters in the county, Ed Nickolite. He will share the lessons he has learned from planting hundreds of trees on his private land. Learn how to properly choose, plant, care for, and maintain tree seedlings and trees. Tam will introduce i-Tree, an online program that can be used to plan where and which trees to plant, particularly to improve building energy efficiency and for watershed benefits.

**Ed Nickolite, Local Landowner, and Tam Stage, Williams SWCD Technician**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
7:00 P.M.

### Local Landowners Share Hands-On Experiences:

Learn from the hands-on experiences of local landowners who have installed a variety of conservation practices on their own land. They will share what worked, what didn't work, and personal experiences.

***AND come and share some of your experiences!***

**Lisa Fackler, 'The Promises We Make Wedding Venue & LT Tree Farm'  
Tony Herman, Williams County Dairy Farmer & Landowner**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
7:00 P.M.

### Beyond Bees & Butterflies:

Sometimes it's easy to forget that there is more to pollinators than honeybees and monarchs. And some try very hard to not look like bees, while other insects work hard to look like they are bees. Tam will describe other insects that show up to a well-populated pollinator planting. From tiny flies to unfairly maligned tiny wasps, come learn about the less flashy and confusing visitors to our flower gardens and grasslands!

**Tam Stage, Williams SWCD Technician**

**LOCATION: Williams SWCD, 11246 State Route 15, Montpelier, Ohio**

No Charge to Attend Just RESERVE YOUR SPOT or for more information contact Tam Stage or Anne Marie at 419-636-9395 or email Tam at [tstage@williamsswcd.org](mailto:tstage@williamsswcd.org)