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### 2024/25 BIENNIAL BUDGET HEARING November 6, 2023

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### **OUR TEAM**

### CUYAHOGA SWCD 2023 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & ASSOCIATE SUPERVISORS

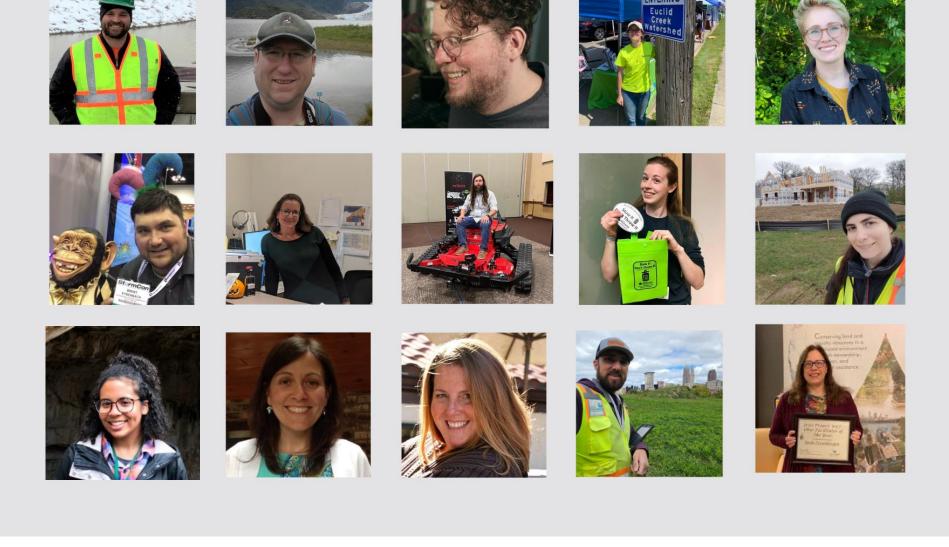


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#### THE BEST STAFF IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY







CUYAHOGA SWCD DIRECTOR (2002-2021)







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## **OUR SERVICES**

### **OUTREACH & EDUCATION**







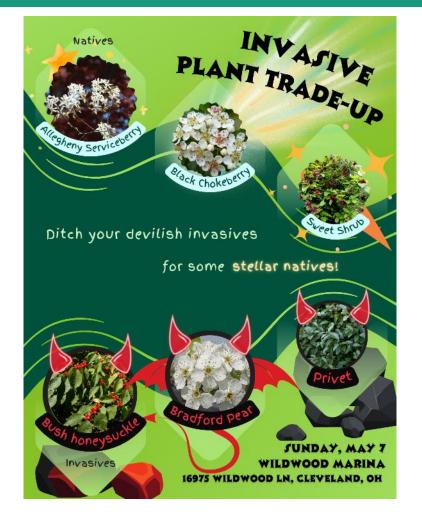


### WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Protecting our Streams & Wetlands A Resident's Guide to Community Policies



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### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT





### HEALTHY SOILS & NATURAL RESOURCES





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## **OUR BUDGET**

### HOW ARE WE FUNDED?

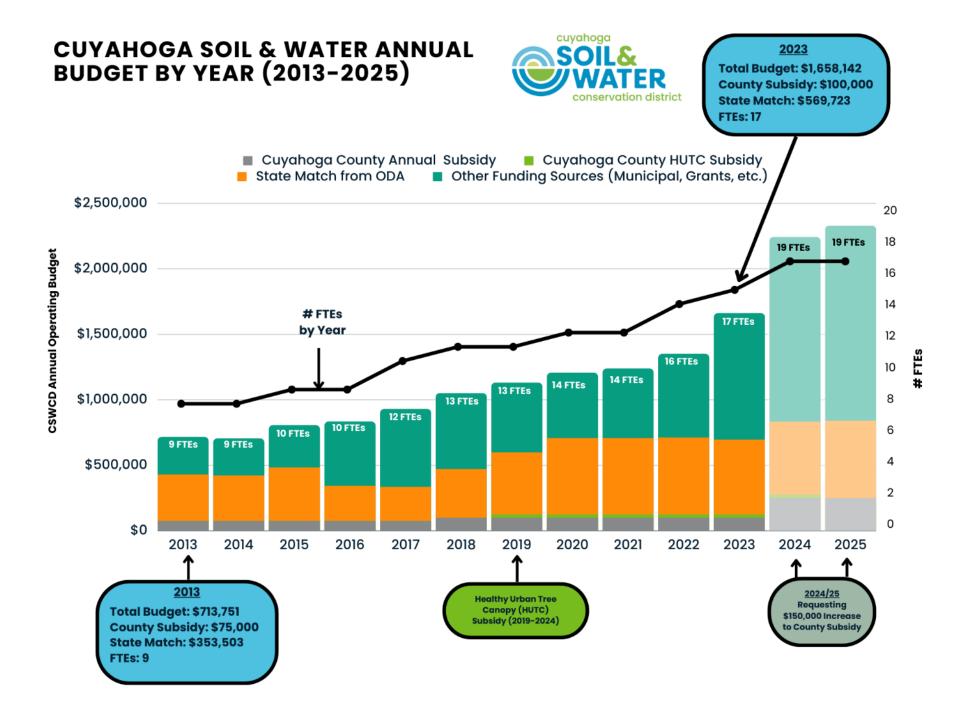
CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUBSIDY FOR OPERATING EXPENSES (\$100,000/YEAR)

HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY (HUTC) COUNTY SUBSIDY FOR ADMIN & TREE PLANTING INSPECTIONS (\$25,000/YEAR)

STATE MATCHING FUNDS FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (MATCHED AT APPX. 60%)

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, ETC.





### WHAT DOES ANNUAL FUNDING SUPPORT?

#### **STAFF SALARIES & BENEFITS**

•17 FTEs
•\$1,731,937 (2024 Salaries & Benefits) = 68% of annual operating costs

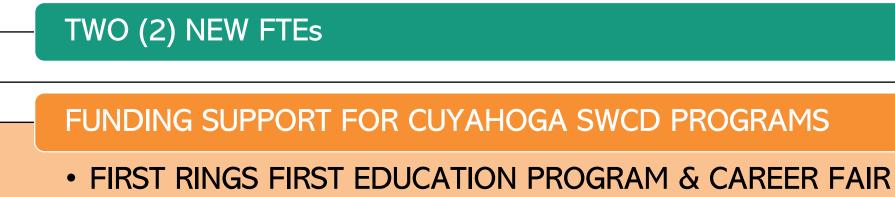
#### ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES

- Rent & Monthly Expenses
- Supplies & Equipment
- Licenses, Memberships, & Subscriptions
- Contractual Services
- Training & Professional Development
- Capital Expenses (vehicles, computer equipment, etc.)



### NEW ITEMS FOR 2024/25 BIENNIAL BUDGET

REQUESTING INCREASE OF COUNTY SUBSIDY FROM \$100K/YR TO \$250K/YR



- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAMMING
- CONSERVATION ACTION GRANTS AND OTHER ON-THE-GROUND PROJECTS

CONTINGENCY BUDGET LINE



### GOALS FOR 2024 & 2025

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND GROW STAFF CAPACITY TO ALLOW DISTRICT TO ADDRESS CONSERVATION MORE **PROACTIVELY** ACROSS THE COUNTY

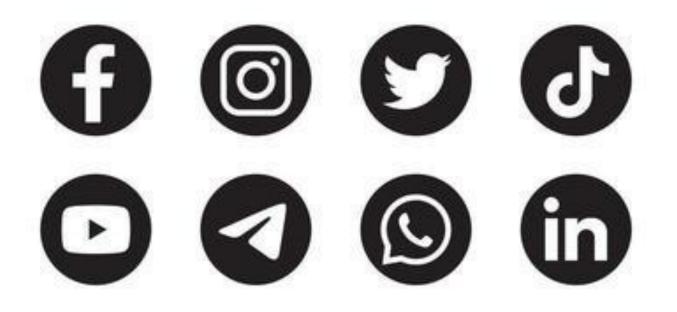
INCREASE EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT AMONG PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF CONSERVATION ISSUES

SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S NATURAL RESOURCES

SCALE UP ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE EFFORTS, INCLUDING TARGETED OUTREACH AND PROGRAMMING IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S EQUITY ZONES



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# cuyahoga conservation district THANK YOU!!

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