



Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

2014 Healthy Soils Mini-Grant Final Report *Soil Health Through the Seasons Workshop*

The 2014 Healthy Soils mini-grant opened the door to several engaging and essential educational opportunities for the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District. On Saturday, March 22nd we offered our first soil health workshop focusing on lawn care, entitled *Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn*. The program started with a soil health quiz, a “soil sleuths” vocabulary activity, and a brief overview of the critical functions of healthy soil, including capturing storm water and improving water quality. With the groundwork covered and the crowd warmed up, our featured guest speaker was Alec McClennan of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care. Alec provided the essential steps of starting a natural lawn care system and effectively guided participants through month-by-month practices to build organic matter, improve soil health, and create a low-maintenance lawn that is free of synthetic fertilizers. Alec was able to educate and entertain by weaving his wit and passion into wisdom acquired through years of real world experience. Topics included soil testing, grass types, proper mowing and watering methods, overseeding, controlling weeds and pests, and nutrient pollution.

With 48 participants (and requests for an additional workshop by some unable to attend), we were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and enthusiasm generated. This program applied to everyone... those who are infatuated with a green, lush lawn, and those doing only the bare minimum to keep their neighbors from complaining! Regardless, participants seemed grateful for the information and genuinely committed to examining and changing their lawn care habits. Though the *Healthy Lawn Care Calendars* that we intended to distribute were not completed by the time of our workshop, the grant funds enabled us to provide many awesome resources to participants (per household) including a free soil testing kit and a comprehensive DVD entitled *Making the Organic Lawn Care Transition* by SafeLawns founder Paul Tukey. In addition, participants received plenty of handouts on a wide range of environmental lawn care topics. By the completion of the program we gave away 38 soil test kits, 35 DVDs, and 3 “The Organic Lawn Care Manual” resource books to the soil quiz winners.



The 2014 Soil Health Through the Seasons program hosted by Geauga SWCD in March was later replicated regionally.

Immediately following our workshop, I received a few emails thanking me for the program (*attached*) and I shared its overall success with the Northeast Ohio Public Involvement and Public Education (NEO PIPE) work group. This seven-county collaborative decided to slightly modify our original workshop by adding a

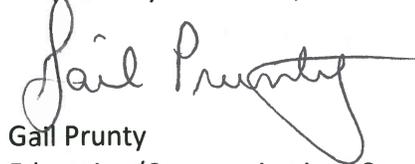
cover crop component, and offer it on a regional level in August 2014. Healthy Soils Mini-Grant funds were requested by Portage SWCD, and this workshop was also a huge success with over 100 participants and more soil tests, resources, and cover crop seed packets distributed! Soil health programs are now taking the communities in Northeast Ohio by storm.

Ultimately, this program gives people what they want... information to make decisions and effective methods to make positive changes in their own yards. The recent large scale harmful algal blooms (HABs) in Lake Erie and nearby waterways have brought an urgency and relevance to this topic like never before. People are aware that these HABs are fed by the increased presence of nutrients from many different sources, and are no longer willing to overlook the 80 million tons of synthetic fertilizers applied to American lawns every year. They want to curb the pollution and be part of the solution.

“Keep Your Yard Green and Our Water Clean” was our 2014 storm water theme and we continued to promote healthy lawn care practices at our annual events, including Summer Supervisors School, the Geauga SWCD Annual Meeting, and the Geauga County Fair. With the remaining resources provided by our Healthy Soils Mini-Grant, we challenged fair-goers to take the *Soil Health* quiz for a chance to win a free soil test kit or “The Organic Lawn Care Manual” book. Our project came to completion by September 2014 and all told we distributed 50 soil test kits, 35 instructional DVDs, and 6 resource manuals. We are extremely grateful for the support of the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources and for your ongoing financial assistance to soil health education!

Enclosed please find the 2014 *Soil Health Through the Seasons* workshop information including the budget summary, flyer, agenda and quiz, news releases and articles, and evaluation copies. Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information. We sincerely appreciate the resources provided by your grant program and look forward to implementing our 2015 *Soil Health Through the Seasons* initiative in the new year!

Respectfully submitted,



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2014 Healthy Soils Mini-Grant
List of Actual Project Expenditures

<i>Item</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Cash Match</i>	<i>In-Kind Match</i>	<i>Total</i>
Soil Testing Kits (\$10 each / 50 kits)	\$500.00			\$500.00
Speaker Stipend	\$50.00			\$50.00
Copies & handouts 50 packets (6 flyers, double-sided, color copies @ .25/copy) +(5 flyers, double-sided, BW copies @ .10/copy)		\$200.00		\$200.00
Natural Lawn Care Resources for Participants				
<i>Making the Organic Lawn Care Transition</i> DVDs (35 DVDs @ \$10 each + \$7.00 shipping)	\$357.00			\$357.00
<i>The Organic Lawn Care Manual</i> by Paul Tukey (6 books)	\$93.00	9.11		\$102.11
SWCD personnel (85 hours x \$25/hr)			\$2,125.00	\$2,125.00
TOTALS:	\$1,000.00	\$209.11	\$2,125.00	\$3,334.11

Geauga SWCD Transactions by Account As of December 31, 2014

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Cir	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
District Fund									
Checking - Huntington									
2014 Healthy Soil Mini Grant									
Deposit	1/9/2014								0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	3/13/2014	6049	OSU Ext.	Deposit-6032	X	Grants	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	3/24/2014	6051	Alec McClennan	(50) Soil Test...	X	Accounts Pay...	-500.00	-500.00	500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	4/9/2014	6052	Geauga Credit Union	Honorarium f...	X	Accounts Pay...	-50.00	-50.00	450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	4/9/2014	6053	Geauga Credit Union	Books for He...	X	Accounts Pay...	-50.88	-50.88	399.12
Bill Pmt -Check	8/14/2014	6121	Geauga Credit Union	Books for He...	X	Accounts Pay...	-357.00	-357.00	42.12
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				Grant spendi...		Checking - Hu...	9.11	9.11	0.00
Total 2014 Healthy Soil Mini Grant							0.00		0.00
Total Checking - Huntington							0.00		0.00
Total District Fund							0.00		0.00
TOTAL							0.00		0.00



Geauga Soil and Water
Conservation District

Proudly presents:

Soil Health Through the Seasons

How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn

Saturday, March 22, 2014

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

at the West Woods Nature Center

9465 Kinsman Road (S.R. 87) Novelty, OH 44072

Working “from the ground up” this unique workshop offers the essential steps for starting a natural lawn care system in your own yard. Resource professionals from Good Nature Organic Lawn Care will guide us through practices that build organic matter, improve soil health, and create a low-maintenance, chemical-free lawn!

Don't miss your chance to dig into these topics and resources:

- An overview of soil composition, function, and health
- How & when to test your soil - free soil testing kits will be provided!
- Ways to implement a natural lawn care system in your yard - including aeration, overseeding, amending the soil, watering, properly mowing, mulching leaves, controlling weeds and pests
- Free resources including a month-by-month reference guide

Don't delay - registration required by March 20th!



Featuring
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organic lawn care

For more information or to register contact Gail Prunty at
440-834-1122 ext. 2 or gprunty@geaugaswcd.com

This program is a part of the “Storm Water, Phase II, and You!” education series with support provided by a Healthy Soils grant from ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources.

Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn

- 9:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 – 10:05 Welcome
- 10:05 – 10:50 **From the Ground Up: Building Healthy Soil for Your Yard and Our Water** – Gail Prunty, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (www.geaugaswcd.com)
- 10:50 – 11:00 Restroom break
- 11:00 – 12:15 **A Comprehensive Organic Lawn Care Program through the Seasons** – Alec McClennan,  Founder and President, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care (www.whygoodnature.com)
- 12:15 - 12:30 Questions, evaluations, resources



Soil Health Through the Seasons Quiz

NAME:

1. What is the largest crop by area in most metropolitan areas?
2. TRUE or FALSE If your grass is brown, it is dead.
3. Name one difference between organic and synthetic lawn care?
4. How often are soil tests recommended for lawns?
5. Excess nitrogen and what other important plant nutrient are causing a severe water pollution problem?
6. In 2013, the Ohio Phosphorus Task Force released a recommendation to Ohioans to cut our phosphorus runoff by _____ percent to prevent harmful algal blooms.
7. List one example of an organic fertilizer.
8. How many inches is the recommended mowing height of grass?
9. Name the watershed in which you live. (hint: perhaps a nearby river).
10. TRUE or FALSE Adding organic matter to the soil will have little impact on your lawn.

News Release

From: Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

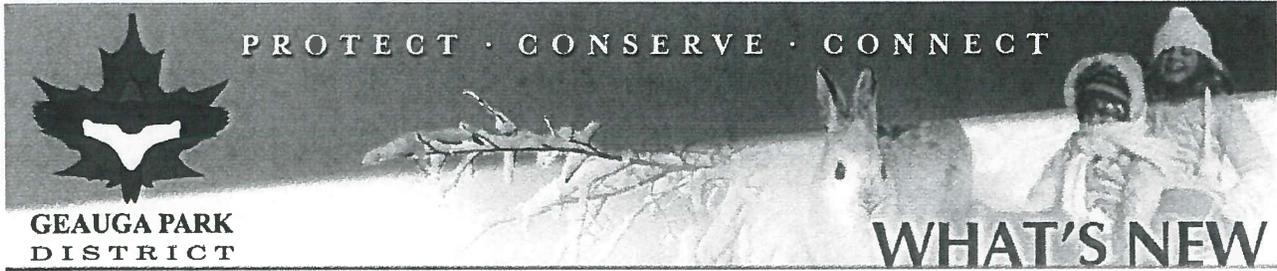
Contact: Gail Prunty

(440) 834-1122 ext. 2

Date: February 6, 2014

The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District invites you to attend **Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn** on **Saturday, March 22, 10 am – 12:30 pm** at the **West Woods Nature Center** (9465 Kinsman Road, Novelty, Ohio 44072). This unique workshop offers the essential steps for starting a natural lawn care system in your own yard. Resource professionals from Good Nature Organic Lawn Care will guide us through month-by-month practices that build organic matter, improve soil health, and create a low-maintenance, chemical-free lawn!

Topics to be covered include soil health, aeration, overseeding, amending the soil, watering, properly mowing, mulching leaves, controlling weeds and pests, to name a few. Participants will also receive a soil testing kit and helpful resources! While this workshop is FREE and all are welcome, registration is required. Registration deadline is March 20th. For more information or to register, please contact Gail Prunty at 440-834-1122 or visit www.geaugaswcd.com. This program is part of the “Storm Water, Phase II, and You!” education series with support provided by a Healthy Soils grant from ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources.



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Update: February 20, 2014

Healthy Soil Program at The West Woods

The Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District invites you to attend Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The West Woods Nature Center. [Click here](#) for details.

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Update: February 3, 2014

Job Openings: Camp Counselors, NRM Interns, Seasonal Maintenance

[Click here](#) for details on new job openings in our Naturalist, Natural Resource Management and Operations departments.

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Update: January 28, 2014

Results of Burton Christmas Bird Count

[Click here](#) to see the tabulations from our program and general Burton community count on January 4.

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News Release

From: Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

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Date: March 7, 2014

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Seek food drive donations

All Geauga County Public Library locations – Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West/Chester, Middlefield, Newbury and Thompson – are collecting food and other necessities for Geauga families in need throughout the month of March.

The nonperishable food items may be donated at the collection bins at each library. Visit www.GeaugaLibrary.net for addresses and contact information. The drive is sponsored by the Geauga Hunger Task Force, which operates seven food pantries. Anyone in need of food assistance is encouraged to call 211 First Call for Help.

Suggested items for donation include canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stews, macaroni and cheese), canned fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, powdered baby formula, pasta, rice, diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and bathroom tissue.

Nourish the lawn naturally

The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District will host "Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn" from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 22 at the West Woods Nature Center, 9465 Kinsman Road, Russell.

This unique workshop offers essential steps for starting a natural lawn care system in participants' own yards.

Resource professionals from Good Nature Organic Lawn Care will offer month-by-month practices that build organic matter, improve soil health and create a low-maintenance, chemical-free lawn.

Participants will receive a soil testing kit and helpful resources.

The workshop is free, but registration is required. The deadline to register is March 20 at www.geaugaswcd.com or contact Gail Prunty at 440-834-1122.

Demo on proper pruning set

Geauga County Master Gardeners Jim Zeitz and Deb Palmisano will demonstrate proper pruning techniques to achieve desired growth and maximum performance in the garden from 9 a.m. to noon March 22 at the OSU Extension Office, Patterson Building, 14269 Claridon Troy Road, Burton.

Understand the when, how, where and why associated with pruning all landscape plants and trees. The fee is \$15 and includes light refreshments.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit www.geauga.osu.edu for information.

Taste of Solon names best

Nineteen Solon Chamber of Commerce members and local restaurants participated in the chamber's Taste of Solon on March 2 at Signature of Solon.

"Best of" honors in six categories were awarded. Best Hot Appetizer was won by The Tavern of Solon for Smoked Turkey Filo in Chipotle Aioli Sauce. Best Cold Appetizer was awarded to Burntwood Tavern for Tuna Nachos. Best Entrée was won by Signature of Solon for Short Rib Gnocchi. Best Dessert was awarded to Swirl Wine Bar for Breakfast for Dessert. Best Display was won by The Sweet Life. Awarded Best of Show – Judge's Favorite was Market District Giant Eagle.

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Submit information by 5 p.m. Thursday to news@chagrinvallytimes.com

ity for Livestock Moved Interstate rule at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Patterson Center on the Burton Fairgrounds in Burton.

The free Animal Disease Traceability Workshop is sponsored by the Geauga County Ohio State University Extension in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and USDA.

For more information, call the Geauga County Extension Office at 440-834-4656.

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The workshop is free, but registration is required.

The deadline to register is Thursday at www.geaugaswcd.com or contact Gail Prunty at 440-834-1122.

Homeschoolers get sappy

Homeschoolers, ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 12, may explore the history of maple sugaring in Geauga County during "Homeschool Days: Maple Sugaring" from 1-2:30 p.m. March 21 at the Sugar House in Swine Creek Reservation, 16004 Hayes Road, Middlefield.

Children will gather sap and learn how it's boiled to make syrup. Separate programs are offered for both age groups.

Adults may attend but need not register or drop children off with waivers. This program is partially wheelchair and stroller accessible. Registration for the students is required. To register, call 440-286-9516.

Keep your yard green and water clean

By GAIL PRUNTY

The recent surge of long-awaited warm weather has brought some of us back to a long-lost, yet oh so familiar place...our yard!

In the weeks ahead we will joyfully watch spring bring our yard back to life. This sacred space surrounding our home hopefully brings feelings of comfort, relaxation, pride and security.

Whether we are lounging with a book in the hammock, playing ball with our children, enjoying a cookout with friends or tending to a flower bed, our lawn is an essential space to our family and an extension of our home.

Love our lawns. We love our lawns. Oh, those great swaths of lustrous green. We love them so much, in fact, that today the United States is covered with approximately 30 million acres of turf, making grass a bigger agricultural crop than corn and soybeans combined.

And our love of green brings in the green, as lawn care is now a lucrative multi-million dollar industry.

Green is here. The green is here indeed. Since the average size of a home lawn is one-third of an acre, all of that yearly mowing, blowing, watering, weeding and fertilizing require resources and create consequences.

Since the post-war era, the notion of the perfect lawn became an integral part of our suburbia status and thousands of new chemicals, including synthetic lawn care products, entered our stores, our homes, our yards and inadvertently, our waterways.

Nutrient pollution. Over the last 50 years the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus entering our waters has escalated dramatically and nutrient pollution is becoming one of America's costliest and most challenging environmental problems. This pollution now threatens our drinking water, our fishing and tourism industries, our property values, our freshwater habitats and our health.

Recent large scale algal blooms fed by the increased presence of nutrients have reached unprecedented numbers in Lake Erie and nearby waterways. Though these harmful algal blooms are the cumulative effect of many different sources, we cannot overlook the 80 million tons of synthetic lawn fertilizers Americans apply each year to our beloved lawns.

Building healthy soil. The good news is that we can have both - healthy, green lawns and clean, blue water. This year the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District is enabling homeowners to break their addictions to lawn care chemicals starting from the ground up.

Through educational opportunities and resources, the district is promoting soil health through natural lawn care and helping residents evaluate their old habits, access the needs of their lawn and apply newly-learned natural lawn care practices that build organic matter, improve soil health and create a self-sustaining, low-maintenance lawn.

Soil health workshops. By collaborating with our storm water partners, Good Nature Organic Lawn Care, and other soil and water conservation districts and agencies, Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District has already hosted one soil health workshop and another regional event is in the works for this fall.

These workshops provide an overview of soil health and management, along with ways to implement a natural lawn care system. Topics include soil tests, grass types, organic fertilizers, proper mowing and watering techniques and ways to control weeds and pests. Free soil testing kits and resources are provided to participants with assistance from the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources Healthy Soils Mini-Grant.

Start with a soil test. An easy and essential first step to any lawn care program is to test your soil. Just like us, soil needs adequate food, air and water to function properly and stay healthy. Soil should be considered a living, dynamic body and only healthy soil can produce healthy plants.

Anything done to the yard or plants



The Dirt on Conservation

soil is simply a waste of time and can often cause more harm than good. In fact, many synthetic fertilizers and pesticides actually destroy the beneficial organisms in a lawn's ecosystem.



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Organic lawn care focuses instead on soil management techniques by building up the nutrients, organisms and life in the soil over time.

Long term results. These long term results ultimately improve the quality of the soil, increase its ability to hold water and nutrients, and reduce yard maintenance and the money and resources needed for such maintenance



Soil test results will provide scientific and reliable guidance for improving your soil and greening your lawn.

— like fuel, water, products and time.

If you haven't already, contact your soil and water conservation district or Ohio State University Extension office to obtain a soil testing kit. Test results will provide solid, scientific, and reliable guidance for improving your soil and greening your lawn.

Now is the time to make a difference...beginning in your own backyard.

(Gail Prunty is the education/communications specialist for the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District.)

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News Release

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Date: July 23, 2014

If you missed Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District's spring event, now is your chance to attend **Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn** on Tuesday, August 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Twinsburg City Hall Council Chambers (10075 Ravenna Road). Back by popular demand and sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Public Education Public Information (NEOPIPE) work group, this program will provide tips and techniques for maintaining a green, chemical-free lawn while improving soil health. Join us for special presentations by guest experts including *How to Naturally Manage Your Lawn* with Alec McClennan, owner of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care and *Using Cover Crops to Optimize Soils and Manage Weeds* with Ann Brandt, co-owner of Walnut Creek Seeds. This program is free and open to the public but registration is required by contacting Mary at 330-722-9322 or maungst@medinaco.org. Registration deadline is August 12th! Don't delay... registered attendees will receive a soil test kit, lawn care calendar, and a packet of cover crop seeds! For more information, visit www.geaugaswcd.com or call 440-834-1122 ext. 2.

Don't Miss Natural Soil Health

If you missed Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District's spring event, now is your chance to attend **Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn** on Tuesday, August 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Twinsburg City Hall Council Chambers, 10075 Ravenna Road. Back by popular demand and sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Public Education Public Information work group, this program will provide tips and techniques for maintaining a green, chemical-free lawn while improving soil health.

Join us for special presentations by guest experts. How to Naturally Manage Your Lawn with Alec McClennan, owner of Good Nature Organic Lawn Care, covers basic lawn care techniques. Using Cover Crops

to Optimize Soils and Manage Weeds with Ann Brandt, co-owner of Walnut Creek Seeds, helps homeowners build healthy soil and control unwanted growth.

This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required by contacting Mary at 330-722-9322 or maungst@medinaco.org. Registration deadline is August 12!

Don't delay... registered attendees will receive a soil-test kit, lawn-care calendar and a packet of cover-crop seeds! For more information, visit www.geaugaswcd.com or call 440-834-1122 ext. 2.



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Hello Theresa and Bob,

Thank you for your kind words! I'm so glad you found the time worthwhile and are now inspired to make some changes! Your comments and awareness fuel us to continue offering such programs and serve as a reminder that we CAN each make a difference... one yard at a time.

Thanks again and enjoy the soon-to-come time outside nurturing your lawn through "new eyes". We will keep you in the loop for future programs.

All the best and thanks again!

Gail

From: Theresa [<mailto:btscott71@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2014 6:51 PM

To: gprunty@geaugaswcd.com

Subject: RE: Soil Health Through the Seasons reminder

Hello Gail,

Thank you for a great seminar today. Bob and I learned a lot--it just goes to prove that one is never too old to learn! Now we have all the handouts to absorb. We do plan to put the suggestions presented today into action in the months ahead.

Great job! We're looking forward to the next program.

Theresa & Bob Scott

-----Original Message-----

From: jbitonti@windstream.net [<mailto:jbitonti@windstream.net>]

Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 2:31 PM

To: gprunty@geaugaswcd.com

Subject: Soil Health Through the Season

Gail,

My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the program. We learned a great deal about how to organically care for our lawn and yard. Your program was very educational and informative. Hopefully, now we can be better stewards of our little piece of the earth. Your passion and energy made the program most enjoyable. Thank you for helping us realize there is a better way to care for our yard than with commercial products. The book on Organic Lawn Care we were fortunate to receive is very helpful.

Thank you ever so kindly,

Marianne

Denise,

Thank you for your kind words! I'm so glad you found the time worthwhile and are now inspired to make some changes! Your comments and awareness fuel us to continue offering such programs and serve as a reminder that we CAN each make a difference... one yard at a time.

Yes, I will forward the information on from Alec McClennan J once I confirm with him.

And we will keep you in the loop for future programs.

All the best and thanks again!

Gail

From: Denise Moore [<mailto:denisemoore96@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 12:02 PM

To: gprunty@geaugaswcd.com

Subject: Re: Soil Health Through the Seasons reminder

Gail, Had to thank you for the great program on Saturday! Really enjoyed every minute of it and so much great information. I will present a snippet of your information to my Cat's Den Garden club meeting the beginning of next month and hopefully we can arrange a time in the future for your presentation to the club. I'll let you know how that progresses. Will you be sending the grass maintenance schedule that was presented by. Good Nature? Forgive me, I just blanked on his name! Thanks again, Regards, Denise Moore



**Soil Health Through the Seasons: How to Naturally Nourish Your Lawn!
EVALUATION FORM**

Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Lynn Mekeel

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify)

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: Excellent & informative

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: Q & A about lawn care

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: Followed topic on Insects, Fungi & Vegetables

6) How could we improve this program? Can't imagine how

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Tam Wood

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify)

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments:

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program:

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments:

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours:

6) How could we improve this program?

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) MARK KERIS

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) **Yes** Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough **Just right**

3) Name a highlight of the program: ALL OF IT WAS INFORMATIVE

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 **5**

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Will Friedland

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) **Yes** No Somewhat

Comments: Excellent all around program

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough **Just right**

3) Name a highlight of the program: Great hand-outs, good organization

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 **5**

Comments: All need microphones!!!

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: Weeds for our area

6) How could we improve this program? Less-rushed time-wise=add an hour

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EVALUATION FORM

Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Denise Moore

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: amazing! great! THANK YOU!

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: all of it

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: Thank you for allowing Cuyahoga residents

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: do the pruning class on another day!
missed it!

6) How could we improve this program? can't! it's great

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) JAMES BRADY

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: VERY INFORMATIVE

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: _____

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? did very good

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EVALUATION FORM

Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Sue Moriarty

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) Geauga Park District mailer

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: good visuals

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Marianne Bitonti

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: very informative + educational

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right I would love more

3) Name a highlight of the program: ~~good~~ learning about grasses + corn gluten

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: Excellent, very personable, made it interesting

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) _____

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: SOIL TEST KIT

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: AT TIMES BOTH PRESENTERS TALKED TOO FAST

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) T. B. CORNET

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: LAWN PROBLEMS

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) CAROL + BOB HORNAK

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad _____ Email _____ Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: Some info on soil disturbance

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: Good info on negative aspects of soil disturbance

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: composting. More info on fertilizers for crops in field

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Sue Negron

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad _____ Email _____ Word of Mouth
 _____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: _____

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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EVALUATION FORM

Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) CATE & RANDY MARLES

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: MS. DRUNTY'S ENERGY!!!

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 GAIL ALEC

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) John Bokowski

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: treatment of lawns - N - tips

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: doing planting a biosuave garden.

6) How could we improve this program? Great job. Thank you.

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) JULIA WENDT

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify)

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: Great reviews & info

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: all good

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: organic pest management

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: organic gardening perennials

6) How could we improve this program? IT WAS GREAT THANKS!

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) _____

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify)

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: NO PROBLEM/SOLUTION

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: _____

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: SLOW DOWN/PRESNT FACTS

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) JIM SEDIVY

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: ORGANIC LAWN CARE

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Name: (optional) _____

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad _____ Email _____ Word of Mouth
_____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: Chill good

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Name: (optional) _____

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: My first organic based lawn treatment program. Info overload

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: _____

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Khaldia Shilad K Shilad A

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad Email Word of Mouth by ab.oolo
 Program Flyer Other (please specify) Master Gardener News letter

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: Testing Kit and DVD

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? nothing was v good

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Name: (optional) _____

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad _____ Email Word of Mouth
 _____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: types of organic products

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) Bob + Theresa Scott

How did you hear about this event: Newspaper Ad _____ Email _____ Word of Mouth
 _____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: grass seeds to use; which fertilizers not to use

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) R B McDERMID

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad Email _____ Word of Mouth
 _____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes Somewhat No

Comments: _____

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: _____

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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Please complete and drop in the evaluation box at the registration table.

Name: (optional) MARK GEORGE

How did you hear about this event: _____ Newspaper Ad X Email _____ Word of Mouth
 _____ Program Flyer _____ Other (please specify) _____

1) Did the quality of the program meet your expectations? (circle one) Yes No Somewhat

Comments: would have liked more & step by step guidance

2) Was the content of the program? (circle one) Too much Not enough ^{things to do} Just right

3) Name a highlight of the program: Great overview

4) Please rate the presenters on a scale of 1-5 (5 being excellent) 1 2 3 4 5

Comments: _____

5) Suggestions of topics for future programs and/or tours: _____

6) How could we improve this program? _____

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