



Meet the Candidate

Matt Heitkamp — 5990 T.R. 136, Findlay, OH along with wife Jennifer and three children, farm in Hancock County. Matt has served as supervisor since 2019 and is currently the Fiscal Agent for Hancock SWCD. Matt is an Ag Sales Representative for Advanced Drainage Systems, and previously with USDA-NRCS as a soil conservationist. Matt feels his experience with agriculture, drainage, and conservation can continue to bring support to the Hancock SWCD board. Matt’s goal is to provide great service to the landowners of Hancock County.

Thank you!

With all the changes in our routines currently; we often forget to take the time to thank those who support the Hancock SWCD!

The board of supervisors and staff appreciate all those who contribute to our programs and use our services throughout the year. We would not be able to continue to assist landowners, farmers and individuals without the support of the following:

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Erosion Control Structures
Pond Construction Plans
Fish Sales
Technical Assistance Drainage

Tree Packet Sales
Blanchard River Enhancement
Ag Pollution Abatement
Windbreak Design
Watershed Projects
Water Quality

If we do not have the answers for your particular project/problem; we will assist you in finding the correct agency that can help you!

We are here Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is always best to call the office first to make an appointment as our technicians do a lot of field work and are not always in the office.

You may contact us at: 419-422-6569 or by email at: swcd@hancockswcd.com or visit our webpage at: www.hancockswcd.com. Thank you and we look forward to working with you in the future!



Bluegill are deep slab-sided fish with a small mouth and a long pectoral fin. Colors vary, but the ear flap is always black and bluegills often have a black blotch near the back of the soft dorsal fin. Bluegill are nest spawners and typically build nests in large groups, or beds, sometime between May and August. Peak spawning, in Ohio, usually occurs in June.



The largemouth bass is a popular sport fish. It is native to Ohio and can be found in every county in the state. Largemouth bass are moderately compressed with a deep body. The back of the mouth, when closed, extends past the eye. This characteristic distinguishes it from the smallmouth bass where the back of the mouth does not extend past the eye. The largemouth also has a black band that extends down the side of the body. They prefer ponds, lakes and slow, sluggish streams. Large mouth bass usually spawn between mid-April and mid-June..



The yellow perch is native to Ohio and is found in lakes, impoundments, ponds, and slow moving rivers. Sides are golden yellow to brassy green with six to eight dark vertical saddles with a white to yellow belly. Yellow perch have many small teeth, but no large canines. It prefers clear water with moderate vegetation and lots of sand or gravel bottoms. Yellow perch spawn from mid-April to early May by depositing their eggs over vegetation or the water bottom, with no care given.



The channel catfish is a popular sport and food fish. It is active during the night, moving around and finding food after dusk. During the day it will most likely be found in deep water with little activity. The channel catfish has a slender body with a deeply forked tail. The upper jaw is longer than the lower jaw and there are barbels around the mouth. The dorsal and pectoral spines are sharp and deeply serrated, and the anal fin is curved and has between 24 and 30 rays. The body is bluish silver on the sides and generally has dark spots. Channel catfish are native to Ohio and can be found in most large streams, lakes, and many farm ponds. Channel catfish prefer areas with deep water, clean gravel boulder substrates and low to moderate current. However, they are tolerant of a wide range of conditions

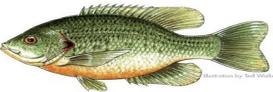


The fathead minnow is commonly sold as bait for fishing. Fathead minnows have short bodies with a triangular shaped head. Coloration ranges from olive to olive-yellow on the back tinged with copper or purple in larger fish. Historically the fathead minnow widely populated only in the western part of Ohio. They prefer muddy brooks and creeks, as well as ponds and small lakes. However, fatheads can tolerate a wide range of water conditions. Fathead minnows spawn in the spring and may continue into August.

The grass carp is not native to Ohio, but was introduced from China as a biological way to control aquatic vegetation. The grass carp is a long slender member of the minnow family. Grass carp differ from the common carp with the lack of a sucker-like mouth, and the absence of barbels on the mouth. Furthermore, grass carp are usually silvery-white, rather than the brownish-yellow of the common carp. Grass carp spawn in flowing water and do not reproduce in lakes and ponds. The grass carp grows very rapidly, and young fish stocked in the spring at 8 inches will reach over 18 inches by fall, and adults often attain nearly 4 feet in length and over 70-90 pounds in weight. They grow 10 pounds a year at least. They eat up to 3 times their own body weight daily.



Redear sunfish are a deep, slab-sided fish similar to the [bluegill](#) sunfish, except the ear flap (opercle) is black with a red or orange spot at the rear edge. Redear sunfish do not have distinct vertical bars like bluegill sunfish, when they are present they are broken and blotchy. Redear Sunfish also lack the black blotches at the rear base of the dorsal and anal fins that bluegill sunfish have. Redear sunfish prefer clear waters with more rooted aquatic vegetation than that of the bluegill sunfish. Spawning normally occurs in May or June.



The Hybrid Bluegill is a cross between a Male Bluegill and a Female Green Sunfish. As a result of the cross the Hybrid Bluegill is 80-90% male, giving it a reduced reproductive potential and making it an ideal choice for those ponds prone to Bluegill stunting. This slows down fast reproduction by keeping the female population to a minimum. Do to their hybrid nature, they can also be slightly larger and have a bit more coloration than regular bluegill.



Japanese Koi are ornamental varieties of domesticated common carp. Koi varieties are distinguished by coloration, patterning, and scalation. Koi are an omnivorous fish, and will eat a wide variety of foods, including peas, lettuce, and watermelon. Naturally koi are bottom feeders with a mouth configuration that is adapted for that. Some koi will have a tendency to eat mostly from the bottom and will eat duckweed.



Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District

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