

A Message From



OHIO FEDERATION OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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ABOUT OHIO’S SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Each district is represented by a five-member, publicly elected, uncompensated board, which works with the citizens of its county to address conservation needs to deliver a tailor-made conservation program. The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts is led by five officers and a board of directors, composed of five supervisors from each of the given areas of the state.

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