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Farmer Program Helps Reduce Phosphorus Runoff

Mansfield, OH – Farmers, time is running out to take advantage of the H2Ohio farmer incentive program. H2Ohio is a program that pays farmers after completing practices that reduce phosphorus runoff from commercial fertilizer and manure to prevent harmful algal blooms

About 25 percent of the eligible acreage in Richland County has signed up for the program in the last 6 months and will bring several million dollars into the county over the next couple of years.

To provide information and answer questions about H2Ohio, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (Richland SWCD) is hosting a pizza dinner meeting Thursday, February 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Richland County Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Avenue, Mansfield.

The final sign-up for H2Ohio is scheduled for the spring, so producers are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the program so this opportunity is not missed. Pizza is free, just bring questions and your appetite!

RSVP is encouraged to help plan the amount of food, but not required. To RSVP, contact Evan at Stern.Evan@RichlandSWCD.net, visit <https://richlandswcd.net/> or call 419-774-7890.

H2Ohio rolled out to Richland County in June 2021 and farmers are paid for using conservation practices which benefit soil and water health. So far, 33 producers have enrolled in the program, which represents 25,311 acres, or in other words, 1 in 4 acres that are eligible for the program. Sixteen of eighteen eligible townships are represented.

Under the direction of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the H2Ohio program pays farmers to implement cropland conservation practices that aim to reduce the over application and runoff of nutrients, primarily phosphorus. By voluntarily adopting the program practices and agreeing to manage and plan their nutrient applications, Richland County producers are simultaneously benefitting themselves and the environment, including the health of the Lake Erie ecosystem.

Visit www.richlandswcd.net or call 419-774-7890 for more information on the H2Ohio program.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District develops, implements, and assists landowners, government agencies and our partners with a wide range of natural resource conservation programs.

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