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**Franklin Soil and Water Celebrates Backyards**

At Their 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' Election

**09/3/2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**— The Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' Election on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 1404 Goodale Blvd., Suite 100 in Columbus, OH 43212.

This year's theme is *Celebrating Backyards*. This is a family-friendly event jam-packed with community networking, displays, games and activities, a silent auction, raffle, and all of your favorite summer foods as we transform the office parking lot into a backyard summer BBQ!

The Annual Meeting's silent auction and rain barrel raffle serves as a fundraiser for the Conservation Fund. The fund awards grants to conservation projects throughout Franklin County each year. Last year's silent auction raised over \$1,300, enabling us to award three mini-grants to local groups striving toward land and stream conservation and management.

There will be a brief review of recent District activities and projects beginning at 7:00 p.m., followed by the presentation of the Conservation Stewardship and Environmental Educator of the Year Awards. Residents can also participate in the evening by casting a vote for two members of the five-person, publicly elected Board of Supervisors. Your vote matters! Election rules and applications for absentee ballots can be found at [www.franklinswcd.org](http://www.franklinswcd.org).

Franklin Soil and Water would like to invite county residents and partners to join us in *Celebrating Backyards*! To register, visit <http://shop.franklinswcd.org/> and click the 2015 Events tab to the left. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and FREE for children 12 years and younger. Voting details can also be found at the Franklin Soil and Water website.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote land-use decisions for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.