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**Columbus Residents Elected to Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**09/18/15 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**—Thomas Shockley has been elected and Jessica D’Ambrosio has been re-elected to the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at a public election held September 17, 2015 at the District office, 1404 Goodale Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio. The three candidates for two open seats were Cathy Cowan Becker, Jessica D’Ambrosio and Thomas Shockley.

Shockley has over 22 years of public service including his role as Franklin County Sanitary Engineer. As Sanitary Engineer, Tom was instrumental in extending sanitary sewer to pockets of unincorporated Franklin County with failing sewage treatment systems through the County’s Water Quality Partnership program. Tom was treasurer and fiscal agent for Franklin Soil and Water Board of Supervisors from 2012 – 2014.

D’Ambrosio is currently serving on Franklin Soil and Water Board of Supervisors as Vice Chair. Jessica is Assistant Professor for Cooperative Education at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Prior to that Jessica served as Program Manager for the Ohio Nonpoint source Education for Municipal Officials program at The Ohio State University. Jessica was instrumental in working with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and Friends of the Lower Olentangy River to implement conservation practices on Waterman Farms at The Ohio State University.

“We look forward to have Tom and Jessica on our Board of Supervisors. Their prior experience and knowledge of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District will be an asset to leading us as we expand our work with communities and residents to address the increasing water quality and natural resource conservation needs,” said Jennifer Fish, Director of Franklin Soil and Water.

Enabled under Ohio Revised Code 1515, soil and water conservation districts are subdivisions of the State of Ohio organized along county boundaries. Franklin Soil and Water officially began its work to improve and protect Franklin County soil and water resources on May 11, 1946. The five-member Board of Supervisors is the governing body of Franklin Soil and Water. Supervisors must own land or reside in Franklin County. They serve, unpaid, for three-year terms as elected public officials. Franklin Soil and Water receives non-mandated funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, local municipalities and from the state as match funding.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote responsible 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.