



2024 Annual Election and Candidate Information

The Board of Supervisors of the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to cordially invite the public to help celebrate their 80th anniversary in conservation while also voting for two of the next Board Supervisors. The Annual Dinner and Election is Thursday, October 10th at the Veterans Legacy Woods Tribute Lodge (14085 Ravenna Road, Newbury, 44065). The election is 6:00-7:00 pm and dinner begins at 7:00 pm. Candidates include Dee Belew, Mike Henry, and Mary Slingluff.

Dee Belew



Dee Belew and her husband Bill have resided in Auburn Township for 53 years and own Messenger Century Farm. Her two children and six grandchildren also reside in Auburn. Dee has been on the Board of Supervisors since 2013 and currently serves as Fiscal Agent. The Belews produce hay, maple syrup, and have a "Pik Your Own" blueberry patch. Their farm has been protected with a conservation easement through Western Reserve Land Conservancy to preserve the land in its current state. Dee loves all types of gardening and volunteers for Western Reserve Land Conservancy. She was the secretary of the Auburn Township Zoning Commission for 24 years.

For the love of Auburn Township and Geauga County she would like to continue to be on the Board.

Mike Henry

Mike Henry resides in Auburn Township with his wife, Michelle, and they have two daughters. Mike previously served four terms on the Geauga SWCD Board of Supervisors from 2008-2019. He is a Professional Engineer and has spent the past 18 years as a partner with Chagrin Valley Engineers, Ltd. Mike has served as a member of the Auburn Township Zoning Commission from 2005 - 2015. He enjoys skiing, hunting, and being outside. Mike is passionate about managing the resources of Geauga County responsibly and with integrity.



Mary Slingluff



Mary Slingluff lives in Chardon with her husband, Jody, and they have four children and five grandchildren. Mary currently serves as Treasurer and has been on the board from 2009 - 2014 and 2015 to the present. As previous owner of Avalon Gardens Nursery in Munson for the past 25 years, Mary is now the proud owner of Avalon Gardens Farmer Florist. She is passionate about and committed to sustainable flower farming. She grows a lot of flowers on her property and supports local growers by purchasing their flowers for her weddings and events. Mary holds a biology degree from Allegheny College. She is dedicated to preserving and protecting natural resources and enjoys working with the engineers, master gardeners, scientists, and educators at the district to serve the people of Geauga County.

Voting begins September 11th. All voters must be at least 18 years of age the day of the election and must reside or own land within Geauga County. Anyone wishing to vote who cannot attend the Annual Dinner may do so by stopping by the Geauga SWCD office (12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 240, Chardon, Ohio 44024) during business hours (7:00 am - 3:30 pm) or by making a request for an absentee voting ballot by calling 440-834-1122 or emailing clair@geaugaswcd.com. All completed ballots must be received by 3:30 pm on October 10, 2024.

Don't miss this unique conservation celebration! Our Annual Dinner and Election will feature delicious food, conservation awards, a special presentation on how the District's Annual Tree Sale continues to branch out, and unique raffle items donated by local businesses. The cost is \$15 per person. Hope to see you there!

Visit geaugaswcd.com to register or call 440-834-1122 for more information.