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The Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District connects the residents, businesses, governments and agriculture of Montgomery County with education, best management practices, and technical leadership of water quality, water management, conservation, and wildlife habitat. We are the community's natural resource stewards for a livable community today and tomorrow.

Local Farm Wins Environmental Stewardship Award



Dull Homestead Incorporated of 10404 National Road in Clay Township was presented an award for outstanding achievement in environmental stewardship by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at a ceremony in Columbus, Ohio on December 10, 2009.

Pete Dull represented Dull Homestead and was presented a plaque by First Lady of Ohio, Frances Strickland and Chris Korleski from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. There were five winners from Ohio joining Dull Homestead this year including GM-Powertrain of Toledo, Honda of Marysville, Anna, and Russels Point, Huron Hospital of East Cleveland, Marathon Petroleum of Findlay, and Masco Retail Cabinet Group of Middlefield and Orwell.

The Ohio Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship honor Ohio companies and organizations that are committed to environmental compliance and demonstrate outstanding achievements in reducing pollution. Those selected for this award demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship through:

- A sound track record of environmental compliance and a commitment to go above and beyond regulations to improve environmental performance;
- A mature Environmental Management System (EMS) and integration of the EMS into core business functions;
- Aggressive environmental performance goals; and,
- A process for communicating with the local community about program activities and progress toward performance goals.

This award is open to any business, industry, trade association, professional organization or local government of Ohio. Recipients are selected following an evaluation of written nomination materials, compliance record review and a site visit by Ohio EPA.

Congratulations to Dull Homestead on this well deserved award. Thanks to Dan Jackson of the Montgomery SWCD staff for preparing this nomination in June of 2009.

Farm Land Preservation

The Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Three Valley Conservation Trust, along with the Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a Public Information Meeting at the Cox Arboretum, 6733 Springboro Pike, Tuesday, January 12, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss the State's Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

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Deciduous & Nut Trees

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Hazelnut (5) <i>Corylus americana</i> - 1 yr. seedlings. Grows to 15' tall and 15' wide. Also known as the American Filbert. Adaptable to moist or dry soils. Best nut production in full sun. Tasty nuts desirable to humans & wildlife.	12-18"	\$ 9.00
Northern Pecan (5) <i>Cary illinoensis</i> - 1 yr. Seedlings. Grows 50-70'. Spreads 40-70'. Beautiful and majestic shade tree. Provides a crop of thin shelled nuts in 12-15 years. Plant in full sun in moist, well drained soils.	12-18"	\$ 9.00
Persimmon (American) (5) NATIVE - <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> - 1 yr. seedlings. Grows 30-60'. Easy to grow. Does not like wet sites. Bears sweet, orange fruit in the fall in about 6 years. Gather after frost. Used in making spiced fruit breads and puddings. Enjoyed by wildlife/bees.	12-18"	\$ 8.00
Red Oak (5) NATIVE - <i>Quercus rubra</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Grows 70-80'. Dense green foliage turns deep red in fall. Acorns are large, rounded & eaten by a variety of wildlife. Tolerant of urban conditions: salt, ozone, & sulfur dioxide.	7-14"	\$ 6.00
NEW - River Birch (5) * NATIVE - <i>Betula nigra</i> - 1 yr. seedlings. Grows 50-70'. Planted as an ornamental shade tree, prized for its flaky, orange ornamental bark. Can be single or multitrunked. Prefers moist to wet, rich, deep, acidic soils.	10-18"	\$ 8.00
Sugar Maple (5) NATIVE - <i>Acer Scharium</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Grows to 75'. Valued for sap from which maple syrup is made. Brilliant scarlet-orange foliage in fall. Popular shade and ornamental tree.	12-24"	\$ 6.00
Tulip Tree (5) NATIVE - <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> - 1 yr. seedlings. Grows 80-150'. Has green tulip shaped leaves and flowers (greenish-yellow with an orange base) blooms in mid-June. Seeds eaten by squirrels and song birds.	12-18"	\$ 9.00

Evergreens

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Arborvitae (5) NATIVE - <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> - (Northern White Cedar) 3 yr. seedlings. Grows 40-60'. Evergreen foliage is scale-like and flat. Will reach 6' in 6-7 years. Plant 4' apart for windbreaks. Red squirrels and birds like seeds.	6-12"	\$ 6.00

Evergreens Cont.

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Colorado Blue Spruce (25) <i>Picea pungens</i> - 4 yr. seedlings. Grows 80-100', Needles 1-1.5" long. Color varies from green to silver blue. Ordinary soil, average moisture & full sun. Slowest growing, but most popular spruce. Ornamental, windbreaks, Christmas trees.	12-20"	\$ 15.00
Norway Spruce (25) <i>Picea abies</i> - 3 yr. seedlings. Grows 60-90'. Needles dark green, 0.5-1" long. Branches droop gracefully as it matures. Does well in average soil conditions, but prefers moisture in soil to maintain deep green color. Ornamental, timber, windbreaks.	10-18"	\$ 15.00
Scotch Pine (25) <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Grows 75'. Needles are stiff, 1.5-3" long. Grows in most soils, excellent for windbreaks, Christmas trees and timber. Space 6' apart for windbreaks.	10-18"	\$ 12.00
White Pine (25) NATIVE - <i>Pinus strobus</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Grows 75-100'. Soft, flexible needles 3-5" long, blue-green color. Moist sandy loam soils. Full sun.	8-12"	\$ 13.00

Ground Covers

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pachysandra (50) Grows to 6". Part to full shade. Dense, lustrous evergreen trailing type of groundcover. White flowers in spring. Very hardy, adapts to any soil. Fine for terraces or any place grass is not successful. Plant 400 plants/100 sq. ft. for extra heavy cover.	2 ¼" peat pots	\$ 27.00
Vinca Minor (50) Also known as myrtle or periwinkle. Grows to 6". Good in shade, spreads quickly in any soil type. Lavender blue flowers in spring. One foot spacing. Potentially invasive to natural areas.	2 ¼" peat pots	\$ 28.00

Other Items

Eastern Bluebird Nest Box (1) Features 7/8" predator guard; Overhanging roof with ventilation roof covers back to prevent rain seepage; Bottom slots for drainage; Easy open front for monitoring & cleaning. Made from 7/8" kiln dried western cedar. Place nest box in open rural country with scattered trees. Mount nest box about 5' off ground on an 8' length of pipe. Size: 7.25"x9.25"x12" Weight: 4.5 lb.	\$ 17.00
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Ornamental Grasses

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Little Blue Stem (1) * + ‡ NATIVE - <i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> - Attractive blue green foliage grows to about 12" by mid summer. Fluffy seeds emerge on 2-3' seed stalks in August. Foliage turns reddish-brown in fall & remains attractive through winter.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Prairie Dropseed (1) ‡ NATIVE TO MIDWEST - <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> - Warm season bunch grass grows in sunny, dry sites 2-3' tall. Long wispy emerald green leaves with globe-type seed head. Turns golden yellow in the fall. Seed attractive to birds. Very low maintenance. Makes a nice border when planted 1 to 2 feet apart.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Switch Grass (1) * ‡ NATIVE - <i>Panicum virgatum</i> - Ornamental warm-season prairie grass, also excellent for erosion control and wildlife cover. Dense, attractive clump grows 4-6' tall. Seed produced on large, airy panicles. Outstanding soil stabilization.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00

Flowering Trees/Shrubs

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Butterfly Bush (1) + <i>Buddleia davidii</i> - Black Knight variety (purple) - They are profuse bloomers with gray-green to dark green leaves and large, fragrant 6-8" long flower heads that are very attractive to butterflies. A must for your butterfly garden! Blooms July all the way to fall.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Elderberry (5) * NATIVE - <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Fast growing up to 10' tall and 6-8' wide. Needs full sun in any soil type. Is wetland tolerant. White flowers bloom in the summer. Blue-black berries are used for making jelly, preserves and wine. Very attractive to many types of wildlife.	1-3'	\$ 6.00
Lilac (2) <i>Syringa vulgaris</i> - 2 yr. potted. Dense, vigorous growth to 15', spreads 6-10'. Masses of very fragrant, light lavender flowers in late spring. Makes a wonderful flowering screen, spaced 6' apart.	12-24"	\$ 5.00
NEW - Ninebark (5) NATIVE - 1 yr. seedlings. Large attractive shrub grows 5-7' tall and is covered with 2 inch clusters of small white flowers in May and June and attractive seed pods later in the summer. The foliage turns yellow-green in the fall and its peeling bark adds interest in winter.	12-18"	\$ 8.00

Flowering Trees/Shrubs Cont.

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pussy Willow (2) NATIVE - <i>Salix discolor</i> - Rooted cuttings. Grows to 15' as a multi-stemmed small tree or shrub. Grows well on most soils and is tolerant of wet soils, but requires full sun. Large, fuzzy, silvery catkins open in late winter or very early spring. It will flower better if pruned. Catkins can be forced into early bloom if taken inside.	12-18"	\$ 5.00
Red Bud (1) NATIVE - <i>Cercis Canadensis</i> - This early blooming tree grows in moist soil, in full to mostly shady areas. Hundreds of magenta blossoms emerge in April and May before leafing out. This wonderful tree makes a lovely landscaping addition to any yard.	5" pot	\$ 12.00
Spicebush (1) NATIVE - <i>Lindera benzoin</i> - Grows 6-12'. Very showy, native plant. Deciduous shrub that is very tolerant of wet conditions. Suitable for shady areas. Blooms in spring, very small white flowers in tiny clusters. Oblong, green leaves turn yellow in fall. Scarlet fruit in fall through early spring.	5" pot	\$ 12.00
White Flowering Dogwood (5) NATIVE - <i>Cornus florida</i> - 2 yr. seedlings. Grows 15-40'. White flowers in spring. Red leaves in fall. Red berries eaten by numerous song and game birds & other wildlife. Prefers moist, rich soils.	10-18"	\$ 8.00
Witch-Hazel (5) <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i> - 1 yr. seedlings. Grows to 30' high, 15' wide. Attractive small tree with bright yellow flowers. Fall color also bright yellow. Good for naturalizing in sun or shade. Native to eastern and mid-western United States.	12-18"	\$ 9.00

Wildflower Descriptions

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
NEW - Beard Tongue (1) * NATIVE - <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> - "Husker Red" variety. White two-lipped, tubular flowers bloom from April through June. Plant in well drained soils and in full sun. Grows 3-5' tall spreads and 1.5-2'.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Black-Eyed Susan (1) * + ‡ NATIVE - <i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> - "Goldsturm" variety. Height & spread 2-2 1/2'. Vigorous and compact. Bright golden flowers from July through fall. Easily reseeds. Flowers attract butterflies. Seeds attract birds.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00

Wildflower Descriptions Cont.

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
NEW - Blue Eyed Grass (1) NATIVE - <i>Sisyrinchium sp.</i> Grows 12-16". The color of the flower is a deep bluish-purple to blue-violet. The stems are flattish and the flowers appear at the top. Blooms from May to June and attracts butterflies. Plant in full sun to light shade.	5" pot	\$ 9.00
Butterflyweed (1) + ‡ NATIVE - <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> - This popular milkweed requires full to part sun. Its bright orange blossoms attract bees, hummingbirds, monarch and orange sulphur butterflies. This stunning plant blooms June through August and reaches a height of 2-3'. Plant in well drained, dry to moist soils.	5" pot	\$ 9.00
Cardinal Flower (1) * NATIVE - <i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> - This bright red attractive native of wet to moist soil grows to a height of 2-5'. Blooming in July-September, attracts hummingbirds. It grows in full sun to nearly full shade in moist, rich soils.	5" pot	\$ 9.00
Coneflower (1) * + ‡ NATIVE - <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> - "Mangus" variety - rosy purple. Grows to 3' tall. Full sun to partial shade. Perennial. Upright clump growth habitat. Flowers mid-summer into fall.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
NEW - Coreopsis (Tickseed) (1) <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> - Moonbeam variety. Flowers are creamy yellow with untoothed petals and a yellow center and bloom from June to August. Grows 1.5-2' tall and spreads 1.5-2'. Easily grown in dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Foam Flower (1) NATIVE - <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> - Brandywine variety - Easily grown in average, medium, well drained soil with high organic matter in part to full shade. Tiny white flowers in May. Can be used as a groundcover. Grows 1-1.5', spreads 1.5 - 2'.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
NEW - Hardy Geranium (1) <i>Geranium cantabrigiense</i> - Biokovo variety - Features masses of 5-petaled white flowers which are tinged with pink at the base of each petal. Blooms in late spring. Grows 6-10" high. Plant in full sun or part shade in medium to well drained soils.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Hardy Geranium (1) <i>Geranium hybrida</i> - Johnson's Blue variety - Blooms in mid-summer to autumn with lots of large, lavender-blue flowers. It blooms best in full sun. It's a magnet for bees and butterflies.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00

	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
Hardy Geranium (1) Max Frei variety - Features 5-petaled, reddish-purple flowers and dark green leaves. Blooms in May and June. Foliage often turns attractive shades of red in autumn. Grows 6-9" tall, spreads 9-24".	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Marsh Blazing Star (1) * ‡ NATIVE - <i>Liatris spicata</i> - These showy and beautiful flowers prefer sunny or partly shaded locations. Excellent as a garden plant in moist soil, the purple spikes of blossoms topping the plant that can reach heights of 3 to 6 feet. Flowering in July through September. Long referred to as a "butterfly magnet"!	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Russian Sage (1) + <i>Perovskia atriplicifolia</i> - Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well drained soil in full sun. Grows 2-4' tall, spreads 2-4'. Produces lavender flowers from July through October.	1 gal. pot	\$ 7.00
Swamp Milkweed (1) * NATIVE - <i>Asclepias incarnate</i> - Grows 2-4'. Mauve flowers form clusters at the top of the plant and bloom in mid-summer. Grows in moist areas in nature, but does not require a moist location in the garden. Attracts the most butterflies, especially monarchs that depend on milkweed for their survival and hummingbirds.	5" pot	\$ 9.00
Wild Bergamot (1) ‡ NATIVE - <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> - A very popular native for the garden, this lovely plant grows 2-4 feet, blooming June through September. Many dense, lavender clusters of flowers attract hummingbirds, birds, butterflies and moths. Grows in a wide range of soils: moist to dry, sand to clay, in full sun to part shade.	5" pot	\$ 9.00
NEW - Yellow Coneflower (1) ‡ NATIVE - <i>Rabibida piñata</i> - Growing in moist soils, in full to part sun, this dashing yellow plant adds lots of color to the home garden. Easy to grow, this pretty flower has a black center cone with drooping large bright yellow petals. Reaches heights of 3-6'. Blooms July through September.	5" pot	\$ 9.00

Symbols Meaning

* These items are appropriate for establishing a rain garden. Contact Cheryl Barkalow at 937-854-7646 ext. 100 at the District office for more information about rain gardens or check out the following website :www.ohioprairienursery.com/pdfs/neo_raingarden_manual.pdf

+ These items are planted in the rain gardens at the District office
‡ These are prairie plants that the District is planning to use in future prairie planting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

#	Name (Number of items in Packet)	# of Packs	Price	Total Price
1	Hazelnut (5)		\$ 9.00	
2	Northern Pecan (5)		\$ 9.00	
3	Persimmon (American) (5)		\$ 8.00	
4	Red Oak (5)		\$ 6.00	
5	NEW - River Birch (5) *		\$ 8.00	
6	Sugar Maple (5)		\$ 6.00	
7	Tulip Tree (5)		\$ 9.00	
8	Arborvitae (5)		\$ 6.00	
9	Colorado Blue Spruce (25)		\$ 15.00	
10	Norway Spruce (25)		\$ 15.00	
11	Scotch Pine (25)		\$ 12.00	
12	White Pine (25)		\$ 13.00	
13	Pachysandra (50)		\$ 27.00	
14	Vinca Minor (50)		\$ 28.00	
15	Eastern Bluebird Nest Box (1)		\$ 17.00	
16	Little Blue Stem Grass (1) * + ‡		\$ 7.00	
17	Prairie Dropseed Grass (1) ‡		\$ 7.00	
18	Switch Grass (1) * ‡		\$ 7.00	
19	Butterfly Bush (1) +		\$ 7.00	
20	Elderberry (5) *		\$ 6.00	
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42	Wild Bergamot (1) ‡		\$ 9.00	
43	NEW - Yellow Coneflower (1) ‡		\$ 9.00	

Date Order Received: _____

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Receipt #: _____

Packet Received By: _____

For Office Use

Total: _____

Donation: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Cut this out and keep as a reminder!

Tree and plant pickup dates are April 15th and 16th, 2010 from 8am to 5pm. No pickup Notice will be mailed this year.

If you supply your email address we will email you a reminder of the pick up dates and next years order form.

Deadline for ordering: March 12, 2010

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2010 TREE & PLANT PROGRAM

Deciduous Trees

Nut Trees

Evergreens

Flowering Trees / Shrubs

Ground Covers

Potted Wildflowers

Rain Garden Plants

Ornamental Grasses

Native Plants

These packets are offered as a low cost source of conservation plant materials which will provide food and cover for wildlife. Many plants are small and bare-rooted. ***Again this year we are offering a few varieties in small pots.*** The majority of our plants are native to Ohio. Most packets will fit easily into one or two grocery bags. They are available to anyone and may be planted anywhere. Because of the low cost, we are unable to furnish replacements nor will we mail or deliver the packets. We reserve the right to make substitutions if necessary.

Please send your **check** or **money order** with your order form. Packets can be picked up from our office on **April 15th and 16th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.** **No additional pick up notice will be sent so mark your calendar!** You will receive your receipt when you pick up your order. ***We have limited quantities of some trees and plants, so place your order early!*** Orders must be received by the District office by **March 12, 2010.**

Make your check payable to:

Montgomery SWCD

And mail to:

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Brookville, OH 45309-9399

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Are there types of trees, plants, bird houses or bird feeders you're interested in that we don't offer? Give us a call or stop in our office and we'll try to locate a source for you.