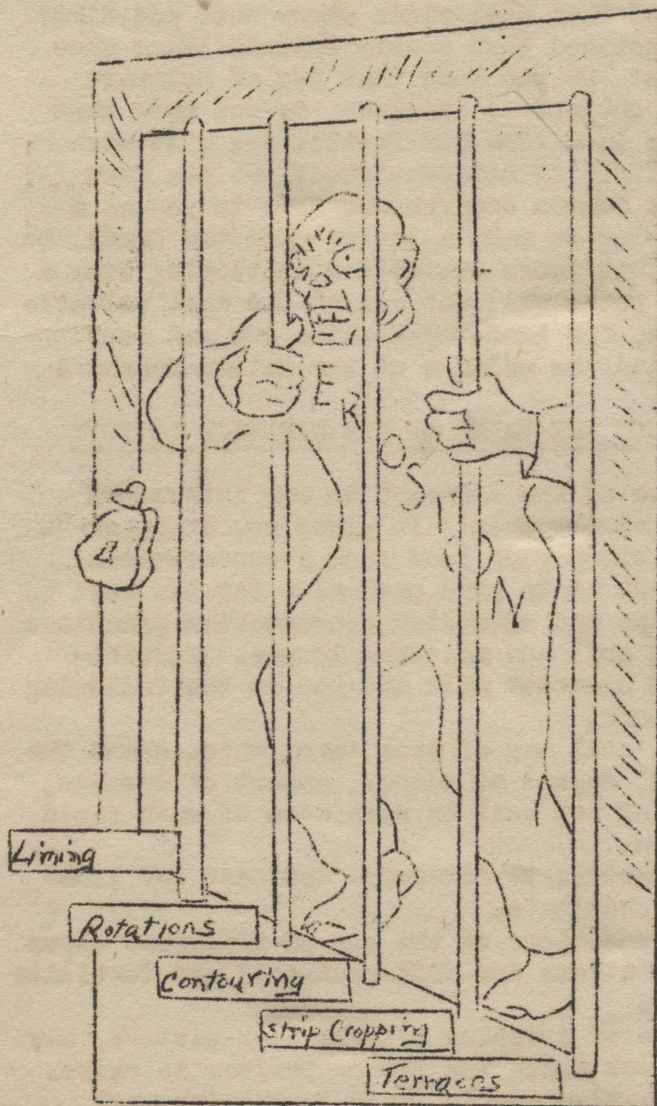


DELAWARE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT



HAVE YOU NOTICED AND DO YOU KNOW?

Have you noticed that water running from cultivated fields is always muddy? Have you noticed that ditches through fields keep washing out the dirt and straw you plow or place in them? Have you noticed that high winds carry dust and dirt? Have you noticed that poorly drained lands grow poor crops? Do you know that 97% of Delaware county is subject to erosion? Do you know that on sloping land lime and fertilizers will wash from the field if not protected? Do you know what these common occurrences mean to you as a farmer trying to make a living upon the land? Do you know that these conditions continuing over a period of years will rob you of the most valuable possession, The Land, upon which you and your children and the welfare of the nation depends!

DO YOU KNOW THE VALUE OF THE DISTRICT TO YOU?

The value of the district to any interested person is simply this: It gives you an opportunity to study your land from a conservation viewpoint so as to plan each acre for its best use, to plan and establish conservation practices to control soil and moisture losses. Specifically, the district will aid you in the following types of work.

1. Make a soil map of your farm, which shows the soil types, degree of slopes, amount of erosion, and depth of top soil on each acre of each field on the farm.
2. Soil testing to determine the need for limestone and phosphate.
3. Recommendations on the use of different types of crop rotations for different soil and fertility conditions.
4. Balance of cropping systems with pasture, hay and livestock which the farmer prefers to raise.
5. Organization of the field layout for most convenient and economical operation of the farm in crops and in ease of pasturing clover and grasses.

6. Recommendations for farm drainage, outlets, size of tile and spacing.
7. Engineering help in planning stock ponds, reservoirs, concrete and masonry dams.
8. Assistance in the layout of conservation practices such as contouring, strip cropping and terraces.
9. Help in developing a program of woodland management and also in working out plans to increase wildlife on otherwise waste land.
10. The combining of all the above types of work to give you a sound, practical farm plan.

DO YOU KNOW WHO IS ENTITLED TO THE SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT?

All landowners and operators of land within the boundaries of the district are entitled to receive the services of the district, according to the state law. No farmers or landowners are compelled to use the services offered by the district. No farmers or landowners will be solicited to use the services of the district. Only those farmers and owners of land who feel they have need of the services will receive them. Services will not be extended to any person unless he makes a request for the services to the Commissioners. At no time and in no way whatsoever is any landowner or farmer obligated in any manner regardless of whether or not he is interested in the services offered by the district.

DO YOU KNOW THE COST OF THE DISTRICT TO YOU?

The district is a non profit organization which has no financial resources whatsoever. The Commissioners serve without pay. There is no taxation. The services offered are absolutely free of any charge or cost. The services are available to any farmer, and are his to use for the asking. The only cost to you will be the materials and your labor for the improvements you decide to make on your farm.

DO YOU KNOW HOW THE DISTRICT OPERATES --
WHAT IT WILL DO FOR YOU?

The district is controlled and operated by the three local landowner commissioners. All business is conducted by the commissioners. No Federal or State agency has any voice in the program or policies of the district, unless asked for their opinion. Decisions made by the commissioners are final without reservation. Farmers using the services of the district cooperate directly with the commissioners and with no other party or parties. Any farmer who with the help of the men assigned to the commissioners, works out a plan for his farm will receive enough help and supervision to make, build, or lay out and put all his plans into effect.

ASK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This pamphlet is prepared by the Commissioners of the Delaware County Soil Conservation District, and given to you for your information as it is your privilege to know the possibilities and opportunities available to you. Any additional information desired may be secured by contacting the Commissioners or the County Extension Director in this county.

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