

# Erie Basin RC&D

## AT A GLANCE

Erie Basin Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is a regional organization governed by a local body, formed to improve the economy and environment of the area. Erie Basin RC&D is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 organization receiving support from a member of County Commissioners, a Soil and Water board member, and a member at large from each of the ten counties. This council of 30 individuals determines the priorities of the office staff.

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Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed on Saturday and Sunday



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## YOU CAN HELP!

Erie Basin RC&D is always accepting financial contributions and donations!

Please make checks payable to:

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### SERVING THE COUNTIES OF:

*Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron,  
Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky,  
Seneca, Wood, and Wyandot*



*The 2014 participants and volunteers*

## HISPANIC YOUTH FIELD DAY

Erie Basin partners with Firelands Electric People Fund, Ohio Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Huron Soil and Water Conservation Department (SWCD), Salvation Army, and the Boy Scouts to host a camp for Hispanic youth that features presentations about nature, activities including nature hikes and swimming, and making a craft that the children can take home. The event takes place in Huron County and Lorain County and has been ongoing for over a decade. This is a great way for children to learn about and have fun with their local environments!



*Local credit helps job creation.*

## LOAN PROGRAMS

The Erie Basin Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was established in 1994. This is a low-interest loan fund that creates private sector job opportunities. A loan can be made to new or expanding businesses that are based on the use of natural resources and/or recycling, to downtown businesses that assist with downtown revitalization (in communities of less than 25,000), and to farms and rural businesses to help them become more energy efficient through renewable energy sources. These loans are made for machinery and equipment for corporations and sole proprietorships in the Erie Basin RC&D region. The key to this loan program is job creation. For every job created, \$15,000 can be borrowed from the RLF. Programs such as these help not only businesses and the community but the environment as well, which is what makes these partnerships so successful.



*S. K. Worm explains soil conservation.*

## S.K. WORM

S. K. (Scientific Knowledge) Worm has been with the Erie Basin RC&D since 2010. This project consists of a 6-foot tall, museum-quality, animatronics model of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) mascot, S. K. Worm. S. K. Worm teaches students the significance of soil as an important natural resource and helps them meet the Ohio Department of Education Science Standards for soils. Since his arrival, S. K. has performed at over 100 events, has made presentations to over 39 schools, 149 classes, and 3,693 students and has traveled over 9,500 miles visiting 39 counties in an effort to promote awareness for the education of soil conservation. S. K. Worm was made possible through a generous grant contribution from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and Erie Basin RC&D received additional funding from Lake Erie Buffer Team, Ohio Electric Cooperatives, and Ohio USDA and NRCS.