

# 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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Closed on Saturday and Sunday



**“THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.”**

## YOU CAN HELP!

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

**Please make checks payable to:**

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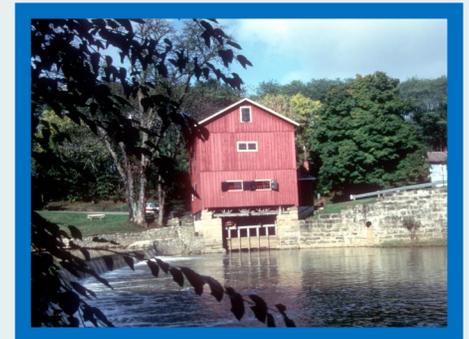


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**Erie Basin**  
Resource  
Conservation  
& Development



### **SERVING THE COUNTIES OF:**

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



*White Tailed Deer*

## The Ohio Wildlife Project

The Erie Basin RC&D adopted the Ohio Wildlife Project (TOWP) on June 5th 2017. Donated funds will provide and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities on more than 195,000 acres of ODNR Division of Wildlife managed lands. The funds will also be used to maintain public use facilities, including trails, hunting blinds, EPAPV roads, observation towers, board walks, roads, and enhance wildlife education. The State of Ohio is eligible for funding from the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937. These funds are generated from an 11% tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment. Sportsmen pay for this fund and they benefit from it along with all Ohio outdoor enthusiasts. Ohio must come up with at least a 25% match from non-federal sources to receive its share of these funds. The Ohio Wildlife Project will help Ohio sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts receive their fair portion of these funds. Donated funds will be matched over 350%! This project is a partnership between the Erie Basin RC&D and those generous individuals and business who have chosen to support this worthwhile project. This is an independent effort and these efforts are in no way affiliated with the ODNR Division of Wildlife. The Ohio Wildlife Project helps you, help Ohio wildlife!

Visit the project's website for more information!  
<https://www.ohwildlife.org>



*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 small businesses, recreation, recycling, and with downtown revitalization (in communities of less than 25,000), and to farms and rural small 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 small 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 60 schools, 214 classes, and 6,560 students and has traveled over 11,516 miles visiting 50 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.