**Scientific Knowledge Worm** was originated by the creativity of Coordinator, Mike Patterson & built by Life Formations of Bowling Green, Ohio and arrived at the Erie Basin Resource Conservation & Development Office on 3/1/2010. He was designed to help 3rd Grade students meet their Ohio Dept. of Education Benchmarks for Earth & Space science.

He teaches Soil Composition, Soil Conservation, Soil Diversity, and renewable energy. S K Worm is the only animatronics earthworm in the World.

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Over 46,366 adults and 41,981 children, so far, have enjoyed learning about our Countries Greatest Natural Resource, it’s Soil. S K Worm has traveled over 11,642 miles and visited 52 Counties; performing 217 days at 134 events plus 71 school programs totaling 6,891 students. The program has earned $13,244 and has had repairs costing $1,750.