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West Central Ohio Land Conservancy Annual Meeting and Program
Conservation and Agriculture: Where Land Meets Water

WCOLC and BRWP share behind the scenes experiences in the making of this educational video.
November 18, 2021.

Bluffton, Ohio – Join the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy for their Annual Meeting on November 18th. The evening will include election of Board Members, year-end report, and a program about the making of the educational film, *Conservation and Agriculture: Where Land Meets Water*. Lauren Sandhu, Executive Director of the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (BRWP) will introduce their organization and their partnership with WCOLC. Landowners, Amanda Wischmeyer and Jim Spurgat, who's properties are featured in the film, will share their perspectives on being part of the video experience and also be available to answer questions on land preservation and conservation easements.

The West Central Ohio Land Conservancy (WCOLC) is an all volunteer, nonprofit organization that actively works to conserve land by assisting landowners in the conservation easement process, or by its stewardship of such land or easements. The purpose of the WCOLC is to protect land that has agricultural, natural, recreational, scenic, historic, and/or other productive value. *Between 1950 and 2000, Ohio lost more than 6.9 million acres of farmland, representing nearly one-third of Ohio's agricultural land and a size equivalent to 23 Ohio counties.*

In order to protect these important areas of land and the natural resources they represent, the WCOLC works with private landowners who are interested in protecting their land perpetually through a conservation easement. Many of these landowners have worked their land for years, have been good stewards of it, and want to pass the land on as productive farmland, natural areas, or let it revert to natural habitat. WCOLC can help landowners draft their personal conservation easement and monitor the easement. The WCOLC represents Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam and Van Wert Counties.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time: 7:00PM

Location: Bluffton Town Hall

154 North Main Street, Bluffton, OH

Notes: Free and open to the public

Contact the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy with any questions at 567-204-9126.

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