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**Franklin Soil and Water
Conservation District**

New Supervisors Elected to Board of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

On Thursday, October 22, 2009, a public election was held to elect two members to three-year terms on the Board of Supervisors of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District. Katie Renner of Upper Arlington, current board treasurer, and Mark Dilley of Westerville, current board vice chair were chosen by county residents and landowners who voted at Franklin Soil and Water District's annual banquet, at the district office, and by absentee ballot.

Ms. Renner is an adjunct professor of environmental science at Ohio Dominican University and previously worked as a land use planner for the City of Columbus. She credits her experience in watershed protection and conflict resolution for providing her with the tools to actively participate in the planning and implementation of district programs. Mr. Dilley is co-owner of MAD Scientist and Associates, LLC, which specializes in ecological and wetland consulting. His participation in local community conservation projects including the enhancement and protection of Otterbein Lake, have prepared him for voluntary service promoting environmental and quality of life issues in the county.

Board supervisors are unpaid, publicly elected officials who administer and guide soil and water districts in Ohio. They assist district staff in planning for the "conservation of soil resources, for the control and prevention of soil erosion, and for works of improvement for flood prevention and the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water within the district," according to ORC 1515. Current members of the Board of Supervisors are Chair Dan Binder, Vice Chair Mark Dilley, Treasurer Katie Renner, Lindsay Bair, and Suzan Jervey.

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is the natural resource agency in Franklin County with the sole purpose of promoting conservation and responsible land use for better water quality and natural resource management.

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