



## **The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program at The Ohio State University, FY 2008**

The Renewable Resources Extension Act funds allocated to The Ohio State University are administered through the Extension program within the School of Environment and Natural Resources. These funds support private woodland owner education through the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program and professional development shortcourses for natural resource management professionals. The impact of RREA resources is greatly multiplied as these funds are combined with resources from local, state, and national partners, grant, and gift resources.

### **Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Planting Workshop**

This workshop, developed in cooperation with the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, provided information and training for OFSWCD employees on effective methods for improving district tree/shrub seedling sales and services. The 50 attendees each received a resource notebook containing detailed information on species recommendations, a list of bare-root seedling nurseries, and a number of publications addressing various aspects of tree/shrub planting along with hands-on planting experience.



SWCD employees learn how to plant trees with a tree planting machine

### **Ohio Woodland, Water and Wildlife Conference**

This conference targets natural resource land managers and educators, including local, county, and state park districts; consulting and state foresters; county soil and water conservation district employees; and county extension staff. It provides a forum for professionals throughout Ohio to interact with their colleagues while participating in presentations on topics addressing natural resource management, natural history, and the latest research. More than 100 natural resource professionals from a wide variety of agencies and organizations throughout Ohio attended in 2008.

*“The information from this workshop will have direct and immediate application within my agency.” 2008 Ohio Woodland, Water & Wildlife attendee*

### **Ohio Forest Tax Law Workshop**

The Ohio Forest Tax Law program, administered by the Ohio Division of Forestry, provides property tax reduction for qualifying woodland owners. Recent changes in the program require participants to complete eight hours of forest owner education. This workshop, developed and administered by OSU Extension in cooperation with the Division of Forestry, satisfies six of the required eight hours of education, providing a comprehensive introduction to woodland management and the requirements of the law. The 2008 workshop drew 120 attendees who collectively manage nearly 3000 acres.

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