

WHY LIVESTOCK EXCLUSION FENCING?

THE CAPTINA CREEK WATERSHED IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY STREAMS IN THE STATE OF OHIO. CURRENTLY, ONE OF THE MOST NOTED SOURCES OF IMPAIRMENT AFFECTING WATER QUALITY IN THE WATERSHED IS EROSION, EXCESS NUTRIENTS, AND SEDIMENTATION. ONE OF THE EASIEST PRACTICES FARMERS CAN INSTALL TO REDUCE MANURE RUNOFF INTO THESE STREAMS IS LIVESTOCK EXCLUSION FENCING AND ALTERNATE WATERING SOURCES. BETTER YET, BSWCD PARTNERS WITH MWCD TO PROVIDE COST SHARE FOR UP TO \$10,000 OF FENCING/ SPRING DEVELOPMENT FOR LANDOWNERS IN THE CAPTINA CREEK WATERSHED.



As a livestock producer, why should I care?



Increased milk production in dairy cattle



Better forage utilization



Good land stewardship & increased property value



Eliminates calving risk areas



Increased weight gain in beef cattle



Limits access to harmful organisms that cause foot rot, mastitis, jaundice, fever, BVD, & tuberculosis