

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### STEVE DAVIS

Steve Davis is Watershed Specialist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Steve Davis graduated in 1973 from The Ohio State University with Distinction in Agronomy, and has worked for NRCS for over 40 years, with nearly all of that spent in the Maumee Watershed. His early career was spent in field and area positions in Northwest Ohio. Steve has been active in the areas of conservation tillage, water quality, conservation buffers and windbreaks. He served as the Team Leader for the Lake Erie Buffer Initiative, served on the Toledo Harbor Sediment Reduction Project study team, was actively involved in the interagency Upper Auglaize Watershed AGNPS modeling project, and the Northwest Ohio Windbreak Program.

In 2005 Steve was named as State Watershed Coordinator for NRCS in Ohio, and in that capacity led the Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership for NRCS. Steve retired from full time work in 2008, but still works part time with NRCS, concentrating on the Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership and the Lake Erie Algae issues.

Steve has spoken Nationally and Internationally for NRCS. In 1992 he was named the Ohio Forestry Associations' Outstanding Individual in Public Service. In 2004 he was named to the NRCS State Conservationist's Honor Roll. Steve is also a published author, having recently published *Myles Traveled: Stories of My American Journey*, a book about Ohio State football and the life story of legendary Ohio State Assistant Coach Bill Myles.