

OHIO STATE GRANGE

PRESENT POLICY: CONSERVATION

1999-2009

1999 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Requests that the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources alert the general public of the potential threat of the Asian Longhorned beetle to our native hardwoods and especially the vulnerable Sugar and Norway Maple trees.
2. Supports laws that would prevent the sale of pumped water from the Great Lakes for any others than those who are adjacent to the Great Lakes.
3. Lobbying the US Environmental Protection Agency to support oxydiesel to help curtail emissions and aid America's farmers.
4. Supports working to stop timber theft and supports the Forest Service to collect the fees due the government and prosecute any company or individual in violation of the law.
5. Supports law that would designate our underground and surface water supply to be a Natural Resource.
6. Supports legislation to fund and support a program to provide for the proper disposal of dead animals along public roadways within the State of Ohio.
7. Opposes the Fish and Wildlife Department's creation of the "Darby Creek Wildlife Preserve."

2000 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Opposes the acquisition of farmland by the federal government for open space and recreation purposes, and support the concept of current legislation, HB 441, to maintain a moratorium and create a contingency plan to include local economic impact.
2. Supports alternative energy sources and incentives for government use to combat our current heavy dependence on fossil fuels in our society. Also supports contacting researchers at the Ohio State University for suggested options and supports encouraging friends and neighbors to use alternative sources which are now available, such as ethanol, solar and wind.
3. Urges the state and federal legislators to investigate and assist in the stabilization of gasoline pricing.

2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports drilling under Lake Erie only by the land based rig angle drilling method.

2. Encourages more research into clean coal technology and review EPA standards for use of coal and gas in building new generating plants.
3. Encourages the Ohio Congressmen and Senators to work toward changing the formula by which ethanol-blended fuels are taxed in order to recover lost revenue to the State of Ohio.
4. Encourages the use of ethanol and support the building of ethanol manufacturing plants in Ohio.

2002 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports a resolution declaring a moratorium on the construction of any additional nuclear power plants in the United States until a safe and permanent method of containing the radioactive waste is perfected.

2003 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Promotes the reinstating of program funding through the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation program that would assist land owners with the eradication and control of the Multiflora rose in the state of Ohio.
2. Recommends that the Ohio EPA, zoning boards and/or a Soil and Water Conservation district must approve any building construction and contour diversion which could interfere with the flow of water in a waterway.
3. Request the Ohio State Grange Legislative Director research the efforts of Citizens for The Protection of Property Rights and determine whether we want to partner with them.
4. Recommends radioactive water discharge by any entity into the Ohio waterways should not be permitted.

2004 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports restraining the power of eminent domain except as spelled out in the Fifth Amendment that to do so it must be for "public use".
2. Encourages trying to find the answer to who the "someone" is and stop the collusion as the price of gasoline is the single biggest contributor to inflation.
3. Encourages increased development of all forms of domestic energy being mindful about destroying the environment. Supports placing the development and use of renewable fuels (ethanol and bio diesel are examples) on high priority and encourages National Grange pushing for establishment of a National Energy policy next year.
4. Supports the production of Ethanol fuel.
5. Supports extending the hunting season for deer and increase the limit of deer to be harvested.

6. Requests the OSU Extension Service and USDA to give us help in setting up small scale Ethanol plants on livestock farms. The wet grain could be fed and the ethanol used locally, to run tractors, trucks and cars. 85% Ethanol will run engines and is much less expensive to produce. Currently pure ethanol costs \$1.30 per gallon to manufacture. The large plants have difficulty selling the wet grain left over from making pure Ethanol.

2005 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Promotes through the Ohio State Legislature the funding of a bounty on the reduction of the coyote population through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources or other agency.

2006 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Seeks cooperation from all agencies involved to give priority to the construction of the Ethanol Plants, with construction to be allowed during the process of obtaining the necessary permits and encourages all Grange members to contact their political representative concerning their opinion regarding EPA.

2. Supports discovery and development of alternate fuel and support for new forms of energy.

3. Favors the use of nonpolluting environmentally safe use of windmills, solar panels, and ethanol, and also encourages the American auto manufactures to produce a more economical vehicle.

2007 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Encourages the development of an application of nuclear, wind, and solar energy.

2008 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges Congress to develop an energy policy that reduces our dependency on foreign oil.

2. Urges the Federal Government to allow for drilling of oil in the coastlines of California and Florida as well as in Alaska; product to remain in the United States.

2009 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges the officials of the state of Ohio allow the transporting throughout Ohio of all firewood for campfires EXCEPT Ash firewood.

2. Urges working with Federal, State and Local agencies to sponsor workshops discussing the feasibility and application of alternative sources of energy.

3. Supports efforts to open the Yucca site in 2010 and oppose actions to delay the project.