



Do You Want to Support Clean Water?

We are looking for sponsors for our 30th River Roundup event. River Roundup is a county-wide clean-up event for the community and volunteers to remove trash from the Licking River and its tributaries. With hundreds of volunteers, we can pull thousands of pounds of trash, scrap metal, and tires out of the Licking River.

Becoming a sponsor helps us grow our program and decrease the amount of litter in the rivers of Licking County. Different sponsorship amounts are correlated to various levels.

- Presenting- over \$5,000
- Platinum- up to \$5,000
- Gold- up to \$2,500
- Silver- up to \$1,000
- Bronze- up to \$500

Each level comes with its own designated benefits, which can be viewed on our [River Roundup Page](#).



Upcoming Educator Workshops

Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District, Licking Park District, and The Dawes Arboretum are partnering to offer six workshops that correlate with state and national education standards. Some of the open classes include;

- Newark Water Infrastructure Tour - June 18
- Project WET - July 10
- Environmental Education for Early Childhood - July 17
- Project WILD - July 31

You can visit our [Adult Workshops](#) page to get more information on each. These classes require registration via the form on our page and are filling up quickly!



Granville Attends Envirothon

Granville Blue, a team of students from Granville, participated in the Envirothon this year. The Envirothon is an environmental academic competition to challenge the knowledge of high school students.

The team won 4th place in the Area 3 competition, held on April 23, 2025. They then went on to the State competition on June 3rd and 4th.

A team from Watkins Memorial also qualified for the State competition, but was sadly unable to attend.

Pictured below is the Granville Blue team showing off their Area 3 plaque.



Meadows for Monarchs

Coming July 2025

At the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District office, there will be some changes! The small grass area on our property is going to undergo construction to become a [Meadow for Monarchs](#).



Meadows for Monarchs is a program through the Licking County Pollinator Pathways, which has partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and various Licking County groups. What you can expect to see is an area of dead grass to start from a clean slate at the beginning of July. This area will eventually be seeded and planted with native wildflowers.

Benefits of Meadow for Monarchs;

- Serve as travel rest stops for migrating pollinators
 - Offer food and shelter to wildlife
 - Improve soil health
 - Reduce runoff
 - Requires low maintenance
 - Lower upkeep costs
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[Apply for the Cover Crop Program](#)

Landowners and local producers are now able to apply to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) Cover Crop Program. This program enables farmers to plant cover crops on their land, enhancing conservation efforts and increasing productivity in multiple ways.

- \$12/acre
- Maximum of 175 acres per landowner/producer
- Cannot receive payments from NRCS, but can receive from other private programs regarding cover crops.

You can visit our cover crop webpage [HERE](#), where you will find the application and other information about the program. Please have the completed application returned via email to TaylorCoy@Lickingswcd.com by July 9th. You may also reach out with questions to that email address, or call (740) 670-5329.



Rain Gardens: Quick Facts

What is a Rain Garden?

A specially constructed flower bed designed to capture stormwater runoff. Acts as a reservoir, allowing water to be absorbed into the soil instead of running off into nearby surface water.

How are Rain Gardens Beneficial to the Environment?

They decrease the amount of flooding in unwanted areas and prevent drainage problems. When stormwater is flowing on the surface, it gathers debris and topsoil, which could lead to drainage problems and, therefore, flooding. It also allows water to flow to an intended area instead of sitting in undesired locations.

Local wildlife utilizes rain gardens as a source of food and habitat. Pollinators, such as butterflies, moths, and other insects, feed on the flowers, and these insects then provide food for birds and other wildlife.

The groundwater supply is recharged and filtered by rain gardens. The soil and plant roots allow the water to be naturally filtered as it absorbs into the ground, preventing pollution from running off into surface water.

Common Plant Species in Rain Gardens

- Black Chokeberry
- Fox Sedge
- Common Milkweed
- Purple Coneflower

We are Growing!

Join us in welcoming our new hires! You can find their descriptions on our [Staff Page](#).



Chris Crawford



Brandon Bush



Megan Longwell



Natalie Stotz

The Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking to hire a Stormwater Specialist. If interested, please look at the posting on our website or follow the link below.

[Job Posting](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

June 7 Outdoor Adventures

June 12 Educator Workshop- Project Learning Tree*

June 16 National Pollinator Week

June 18 Educator Workshop- Newark Infrastructure Tour*

July 1 Parks and Rec Month

July 1 Educator Workshop- Citizen Science*

July 9 MWCD Cover Crop Application Deadline

July 10 Educator Workshop- Project WET*

July 17 Educator Workshop- Environmental Education Early Childhood*

July 28 World Nature Conservation Day

July 31 Educator Workshop- Project WILD

*Events require an RSVP

[Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!](#)

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