



QDC Level 1 Training

Join the Ohio EPA for Credible Data Level 1 training November 8 from 8 am - 4:30 pm at the Licking Soil & Water office.

Level 1 QDC training was designed with educators in mind and may be appropriate for park districts, health departments, or anyone with an interest in Ohio water quality. During a day-long training, it covers chemical, habitat, and macroinvertebrate monitoring. To be certified by the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, participants must participate in both the classroom and in-stream training of the workshop.

[Sign up now!](#)





2024 Soil Health Week

November 10-16, 2024. Ohio Soil Health Week provides a time and space to celebrate, honor, and protect Ohio's soils. Ohio Soil Health Week will occur annually every second full week in November, **honoring the late David Brandt**, a sustainable agriculture trailblazer and the "Godfather of Soil Health," whose birthday falls that week. The week will feature a variety of events hosted by multiple organizations and individuals around Ohio—all celebrating soil health.

Soil Health Breakfast

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

7:30 - 9:00 am

771 East Main St, Newark, OH

Free Breakfast!

Join us for Bacon, Eggs & Soil Health.

- **Learn to use Web Soil Survey & create a personalized soil map.**
- **Take your own soil test.**
- **Cover crops & soil health.**
- **Drought assistance program information.**

Meeting will provide fertilizer re-certification credit.



Take a break-fast and learn some soil facts! November 13 from 7:30 am to 9 am at the Ag. Center join Licking Soil & Water for a Soil Health Breakfast! Learn how to use USDA Web Soil Survey to make a personalized soil map, take your own soil test and how cover crops are related to soil health.

[RSVP Now!](#)

LICKING COUNTY LANDOWNER WORKSHOP

November 14, 2024 5:30pm

Licking County Ag Service Center
771 East Main St, Newark



Learn about the many options to preserve your farm or
greenspace with:

Conservation Easement or Donation Options

USDA Conservation Reserve Programs

Succession Planning

Appetizers will be provided starting at 5:30pm for a social time.

The program will be held from 6-7pm. The sponsors will have
display tables that will allow for individual questions from 7-
7:30pm

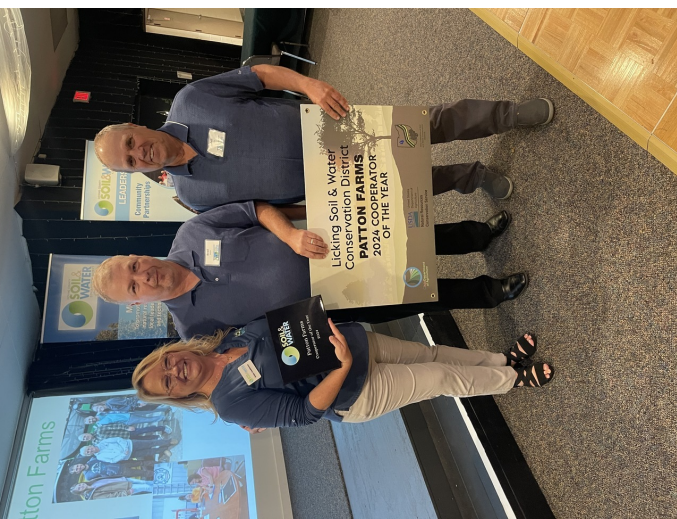
Please RSVP to this free event for planning purposes.

Questions? Contact Soil & Water 740-670-5330



Interested in the Farmland Preservation program? Join us on November 14 for a landowners meeting from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Ag Service Center, 771 East Main Street, Newark, Ohio. Learn about the many options to preserve your farm or greenspace!

2024 Soil & Water Award Winners



Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you for putting environmental conservation first!

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Banquet this past month. We recognize an educator, volunteer and a cooperator of the year during our banquet. The educator of the year was Deanna Karpuz, the volunteer of the year was Jenna Baer, and our cooperator was Patton Farms!

Deanna Karpuz Watkins Middle School- Deanna has received multiple mini-grants from Licking Soil & Water to integrate conservation practices at the school district.

Patton Farms Cooperator of the Year- Patton Farms has received cover crop cost share from Soil & Water and NRCS. Is in the EQIP program with NRCS and has installed seven waterways.

Jenna Bear- Jenna volunteer's her time every week through the AmeriCorps program with Licking Soil & Water. She has become an important part of our education team.

FFA Soil Judging Contest Winners

The FFA Soil Judging Contest is designed to educate high school students on how to evaluate soil for both Urban and Rural use.

2024 Licking County District Winners:

Agricultural Individual: Riley Baker (Utica)

Agricultural Team: Utica FFA

Urban Individual: Emily O'Hara (Utica)

Urban Team: Utica FFA



New AmeriCorps Member

Licking Soil & Water is glad to introduce the new AmeriCorps Buckeye Lake Watershed Coordinator.

Jaret Boettcher is originally from Cuyahoga County, he grew up on the Lake Erie waterfront, regularly visiting nature preserves and metroparks in the greater Cleveland area and gaining an interest in nature and conservation. He enjoys birdwatching, hiking, and camping in his spare time.

Jaret recently graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering in May of 2024. He focused on agricultural soil and water management with his degree and understands best practices and tools for such management, including sustainable waste management, GIS software, and waterway geomorphology.

As the Buckeye Lake Watershed Coordinator, Jaret will support programs and organizations working to improve and maintain the water and habitat quality of Buckeye Lake. This will include coordinating community outreach and education with groups such as Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow and the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, along with assisting in inspections, maintenance, and data collection for water quality. [Read more!](#)

Winterize Your Rain Barrel!



Rain barrels conserve water. Rainfall patterns are quite variable and often inconsistent in different seasons. During below normal rainfall periods, some communities have imposed water use restrictions (e.g. watering lawns and gardens, washing cars, etc.). A rain barrel, or a system of rain barrels, can provide the homeowner with a non-potable water source during dry spells and drought.

As temperatures begin to drop and leaves continue to fall it is important to take the time to winterize your rain barrel before winter temperatures are in full swing. To winterize your rain barrel simply drain the water, disconnect it from the downspout, and then store the barrel out of the weather in a garage, shed, or basement.

If an enclosed storage area is not an option, rain barrels can be left outside. The rain barrel must be stored upside down with the spigot open. Place a heavy object on top of the rain barrel to prevent it from blowing away in the winter wind. Remember to reconnect the original downspout to the house to drain roof water out and away from the foundation.

How Do Rain Barrels Help the Environment?

Rain barrels reduce runoff. When it rains, roof water travels down gutters and often runs off lawns faster than it can infiltrate the soil. In many cases, downspouts drain directly into the street. Utilizing a rain barrel will allow the water to be stored for later use, rather than letting the water runoff the property and quickly enter rivers and streams.

Important Dates

November 8 - QDC Level 1 Training*

November 10-16 Soil Health Week

November 11 - Veterans Day Office Closed

November 12 - Soil & Water Board Meeting

November 13 - Soil Health Breakfast*

November 14 - Farmland Preservation Landowner Meeting*

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day Office Closed

*Registration Required

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

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