

Locally led conservation is based on the principle that local people make the best decisions for their own communities



Be BIG, BOLD, ASPIRATIONAL!

The most important soil, water and/or natural resources need or issue in Licking County is:

- Water Conservation
- Ag land loss
- Increase of stormwater runoff
- Improper sediment control from construction
- Water quality, quantity and increased demand
- Development impact on wetlands
- Habitat fragmentation- mitigate the fragmentation
- Being open-minded to change *climate change*
- Staying up to date with data collection & using/implementing the data collected
- Forestry and invasive species
- Benchmarking water tables, surface water- before it's too late
- Water quality
- Water quantity
- Riparian corridor protection
- Funding resource for landowners

Suggestions for better informing/educating/assisting users of our natural resources are:

- Increase community participation and visibility
- Newspaper/ press releases
- Translating technical language/lingo to understandable content (i.e. social media, blogs, Cuyahoga SWCD page)
- Involvement in schools
- Keep websites current as possible
- Importance of ditches and stormwater management as county evolves
- Is this a role MWCD can assist with?
- New development checks and balance- permit
- Knowledge of all available programs
- More environmental science programs for schools
- Support for/from OSU Extension
- Applications for FSA/NRCS simplified/explained

What new programs, products, or services, if any, should be added to address new, emerging, or unmet needs?

- Urban farming and small-scale farming in cities
- Non-mandatory stormwater education for development firms as a part of permitting process
- Develop student run/ junior board for younger audience input/participation
- Do a student/junior work group meeting- leaders of tomorrow
- Price point adjustments for programs to local county/region vs. state wide averages
- Programs to incentivize smaller farms, specialty crops to help maintain smaller farms
- Update forms to streamline process for smaller farms
- Eroding streambanks
- Watershed floodplain assistance planning

Suggestions for policy to help conserve our natural resources:

- Stricter floodplain usage
- Water consumption caps for industrial use
- Policies to promote sustainable economics/redevelopment
- Parking lots built up not out
- Education aimed at developers
- Incentives for green infrastructure
- Additional incentives and support to help cost share programs and distribute knowledge
- New sources of water for industry
- Allow recycling/reuse of “purple” water to other user groups