



Local Leaders Breakfast

Join the Licking County Chamber of Commerce at the "Local Leaders" program on Wednesday, June 12, from 7:30 to 9 am at Moundbuilders Country Club in Newark. This vital discussion will feature Evan Collicoat, Director of Policy with the Ohio Farm Bureau, Bryn Bird, Granville Township Trustee, and Kristy Hawthorne, Executive Director from the Licking Soil & Water Conservation.



Speakers will highlight the importance of agriculture to our local economy and identity, and the need for a sustainable land use plan that incorporates conservation. This conversation is crucial for community leaders, business owners, and anyone interested in the responsible growth and environmental stewardship of Licking County. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with experts and contribute to our community's sustainable future.

[Register through the Licking County Chamber of Commerce link here.](#)

Rain Barrel Workshop

Join Licking Soil & Water and the Dawes Arboretum for a Rain Barrel Workshop! You'll learn how to build a rain barrel, get hands-on instruction, and walk away with a fully plumbed rain barrel. The regular price for this type of rain barrel is \$65, but the workshop cost is only \$50. Plus, you'll gain knowledge on the environmental benefits of rain barrels!

Register!

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LICKING COUNTY

SOIL & WATER

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Rain Barrel Workshop!

June 15, 2024
Noon - 1 pm
The Dawes Arboretum

Learn how to build your own rain barrel!

Workshop includes:

- Rain barrel
- Spigot
- Connector for down spouting
- Presentation and hands on building

Workshop Cost: \$50



Educator Workshops

Soil & Water has partnered with Licking Park District and Dawes Arboretum to offer a series of workshops for educators. These workshops are correlated to state and national education standards and focus on utilizing different natural resource-based programs within the classroom and other educational settings.

The workshops offered include:

- Project WET/Healthy Water, Healthy People
- Newark Water Infrastructure Tour
- Project WILD/Aquatic WILD
- Project Learning Tree
- Environmental Education for Early Childhood
- Citizen Science

Pre-registration for all workshops is required. For more information on workshop dates and costs or to sign up for a workshop, [click here](#).

H2Ohio Deadline Extended!

H2Ohio provides producers cost-saving benefits with financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices that are proven to improve soil health and water quality.

Eligible producers can enroll acreage into a Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan (VNMP) and earn a \$10/acre incentive for VNMP development and approval.

Producers can also earn incentives of \$10/acre (Basic) or \$15/acre (Precision) for VNMP implementation.

The deadline to sign up is now June 30, 2024. If interested, call Tayler Coy, Ag Technician, at 740-670-5329 or email TaylerCoy@LickingSWCD.com.



Local Schools Qualify for State Envirothon

The Envirothon is a high school competition designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources. Students are tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. Envirothon encourages cooperative decision-making and team building. While each student on a team is challenged individually to contribute his or her personal best, the score that counts at the end of the competition is the team score. High School students across the state compete on the local level at one of the five Area Envirothons. The top four teams from each Area Envirothon then go on to compete at the state competition held each year in June for the title of State Envirothon Champion.

Two Granville High School teams and one Watkins Memorial High School team will travel to Hocking Hills College on June 4 through 6 for the State Envirothon! Congratulations and good luck to the Licking County teams!

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LICKING COUNTY RIVER ROUNDUP



Help keep our water clean!

[Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Become a Sponsor!

The annual community river clean-up event brings hundreds of volunteers and business together to help take care of our environment. Check out the various ways you can sponsor the event!

River Round Up is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024. Volunteer sign-up will open in July.

Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area Program Highlight: Food Competition- Sweets, Greens & Wild Proteins

Join us at the Natural Resources Area during the Hartford Fair for a week of fun filled activities!

Local chefs, home cooks, foragers this contest is for you! This annual food competition highlights local foods, so recipes must contain locally caught, foraged, or sourced ingredients. The Sweets, Greens and Wild Proteins competition takes place on August 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area. Prepare the recipe at home or in the campground.

The two categories are:

Wild Game: Must include wild game or fish.

Sweets & Greens: Recipe must include a sweet (such as fruit, honey) and/or a green (such as lettuces, collards).



August 4 - August 9



All items must be legally harvested, gathered, or purchased. One recipe/person/category; all ages welcome. After judging, all entries must be made available for tasting by the audience. Start prepping now!



Reduce Synthetic Chemicals for a "Greener" lawn

Synthetic lawn chemicals such as fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides contribute to water pollution every time it rains. Stormwater runs over lawns and picks up these chemicals along the way.

Once this reaches a stream or river, the chemicals enter into the body of water and can cause adverse effects on the water quality and aquatic life. By reducing your usage of lawn chemicals, you can help protect our waterways and ultimately keep our drinking water and aquatic organisms safe!

Beyond environmental benefits, transitioning to organic lawn care can also improve the health and safety of families, pets, and local wildlife. By minimizing chemical exposure, we create safer outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy. In the fight against stormwater runoff, every small change counts. By choosing organic lawn care methods, homeowners can play a vital role in protecting our waterways. Check out more tips & solutions [here!](#)

Important Dates

June 11 Soil & Water Board Meeting

June 12 Licking Chamber of Commerce Local Leaders Ag, Land Use & Conservation*

June 15 Rain Barrel Workshop at Dawes*

June 19 Office closed for Juneteenth

June 23 @The Energy Cooperative Kids Day

June 25 Minerals Program at Miller Library

June 30 H2Ohio Deadline Extended

July River Round Up Registration Opens*

July 9 @STEM Camp at C-TEC

August 6-9 Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area Programs

*Registration Required

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

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