

River Round Up 2023

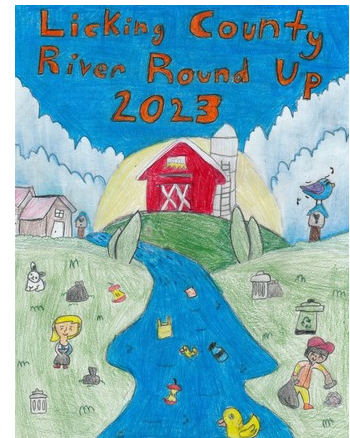
The 2023 River Round Up Committee is excited to announce the winners of this year's Licking County River Round Up Poster Contest!

Congratulations to our 3 winners:

Ryan Knobloch of Granville High School

Liberty Poe of Johnstown Middle School

Eva Haylett of Licking Heights Elementary



Volunteer for the River Round Up!

This community event brings out hundreds of volunteers who pull tires, shopping carts, and mountains of trash from the Licking River and its tributaries.

[Sign up today!](#)



Cover Crop Cost Share Program

The Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District are offering a cover crop cost-share program again this year.

There are many benefits to planting cover crops after harvest in the fall. Benefits like reducing soil erosion, reducing nutrient loss,



increasing organic matter and the health of your soil, and reducing fertilizer and pesticide inputs. For more information click [here](#) or contact Brent at (740) 670- 5329 or BrentDennis@LickingSWCD.com.

Educator Workshop Series

Soil and Water have partnered with Licking Parks District and Dawes Arboretum to offer a series of workshops for educators. This workshop series is correlated to state and national education standards and focuses on utilizing different natural resource-based programs within the classroom and other educational settings.



The workshops offered include:

- Environmental Education for Early Childhood - July 13th
- Citizen Science - July 20th
- Project WET and Healthy Water, Healthy People - July 27th

Pre-registration is required for all workshops. For more information on workshop dates and costs or to sign up for a workshop, please visit the [Education Page](#) of our website or contact Deirdre Wetmore at DeirdreWetmore@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5333.



Seeking Interested Candidates for Board and Committee Positions

The Board is actively seeking interested, conservation-minded leaders to continue the mission of promoting the conservation of natural resources through local leadership, education, and technical assistance.

The Board of Supervisors elected by county residents and landowners, helps chart the course for soil and water conservation and natural resources management in Licking County. The Board also provides supervision to the District Administrator, oversight of fiscal decisions, and technical expertise.

Associate Board Members are concerned citizens who officially volunteer their time to assist the Board and District. Associate Board Members serve on board committees, help plan, promote, and implement district programs, activities, field days, etc., represent the district at various meetings and events, and present district programs to individuals, groups, and organizations.

Committee members: Through committees, work can be divided so that far more can be accomplished. Committees typically meet on a quarterly or as-needed basis.

[Additional information can be found here!](#)



Conservation Mini-Grant Program

The Soil and Water Conservation Mini-Grant program is an excellent opportunity to help fund a conservation-based service learning project for your students.

In celebration of Soil and Water's 75th Anniversary, the Board established a Community Mini-Grant program in 2019. Each year, the program offers up to \$1000 to Licking County non-profits that demonstrate the need and ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects.

Last year, eight applications were received from Licking County non-profits, local entities, and schools for local conservation projects. Just over \$5000 was distributed to all eight organizations!

The Mini-Grant program is open to non-profit organizations such as schools, watershed groups, local government entities, municipalities, community groups, and civic associations within Licking County. The deadline to apply for the 2023 Conservation Mini-Grant is September 29, 2023.

To learn more about Soil and Water's Mini-Grant program, please visit the [Conservation Mini-Grant](#) page of our website. To apply for a Conservation Mini-Grant, please visit the [Conservation Mini-Grant Online Application](#) page of our website. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Britney Stuller at BritneyStuller@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5330.

How YOU can Prevent Stormwater Pollutants



Pollutants, like the ones described in the image above, can contaminate stormwater as it flows across your yard, sidewalks, or driveways, and the stormwater will eventually end up in our waterways, so the less contamination in our stormwater, the healthier our waterways. As a resident, there are a few key things YOU can do to reduce stormwater runoff pollution.

1. Pick up pet waste and throw it in the trash.
2. Use less or don't use fertilizers.
3. Watch for motor oil leaks and repair any leaks or damage.
4. Dispose of Latex/Water based paint properly- Let the paint dry by thickening it using cat litter, dry dirt, or paint hardener and dispose of it in the trash.

Important Dates

Now: River Round Up registration open

July 11: Soil & Water Board Meeting

July 13: Educator Workshop: Environmental Education for Early Childhood*

July 15: Master Gardener Summer Garden Bash

July 20: Educator Workshop: Citizen Science*

July 25: South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting

July 27: Educator Workshop: Project WET and Healthy Water, Healthy People*

Aug 5: Board Candidate Information forms due

Aug 6-12: Soil & Water programming at Hartford Fair at Natural Resources Area

Aug 15: Soil & Water Board Meeting

Aug 25: Downtown Newark Association STEMfest on the Square

Sep 4: Labor Day Office closed

Sep 9: Licking River Round Up*

Sep 29: Conservation Mini-Grant Application Deadline

* RSVP Required

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