

Stream Team Open

House!

Soil and Water is hosting an open house on February 21st from 5:30- 7:30pm at the Agriculture Service Center. Come out and learn about our Licking County Stream Team and the status of our streams and rivers. Staff will be highlighting historical trends of water quality in the county and the excellent work of our Stream Team Volunteers. A light meal will be provided. To RSVP use the button below or contact Kyle Seitz at KyleSeitz@LickingSWCD.com or 740.670.5337.



[Stream Team RSVP](#)

Annual Local Work Group Meeting

- Locally-led conservation is based on the principle that local people make the best decisions for their own communities.
- The purpose of the LWG is to gather landowners to discuss local conservation practices and needs. Provide guidance to your NRCS and Soil & Water field offices concerning the implementation and delivery of conservation programs.

Friday, March 15, 2024 11:30am-2pm

Free Lunch !

**At Ag Services Center, 771 East Main Street,
Newark, OH 43055**

- In addition to these topics, Farm Bureau works on a diverse list of policy issues including trade, ag education, infrastructure, commodities and crop insurance. Farm Bureau believes that the best policies start at the grassroots level from people who live it every day.

Local Work Group RSVP

80th Anniversary

Open House

This year Soil and Water is celebrating our 80th anniversary of serving Licking County! Since our official Charter Day was March 17th, 1944, we are having an Open House Celebration on March 15th from 4-6 pm at the Ag Service Center, the same day as the local work group! Join us as we reminisce about the past and look forward to the next 80 years! Can't wait to see familiar faces at both events.



80th Anniversary Open House RSVP



2024 Seedling Tree Sale

Our native seedling tree sale is open! Trees are such an important part of our daily life. We have 16 species this year, including two berry bushes, raspberry and blueberry! Additional items include wildflower seed mix, tree tubes, tree watering rings, and more. Order yours today!

Order Now!



Free Trees for Students Sponsors

Consider becoming a free tree for students sponsor! Free Trees for Students is a program Licking Soil & Water offers to elementary and middle school students. Students receive free seedling trees! We offer two options to schools to participate in this program that allows students to gain a sense of stewardship towards the land. A huge thank you to past and current sponsors who make this program possible. To become a sponsor check out our [website](#).

Spring Fish Sale

Want to stock your pond this fall? Need conditioner or fish food? Check out our sale!

1. Channel Catfish
2. Fathead Minnow
3. Bluegill
4. Hybrid Bluegill
5. Redear Shellcracker
6. Largemouth Bass



7. Channel Catfish
8. Yellow Perch
9. White Amur

Orders are due by April 29, 2024. Order online or download an order form [here](#).
Fish pick up: Tuesday, May 7, 2023, from 2:00-3:00pm at the Soil & Water office.

Not sure which fish would work best in your pond? Contact Tayler Coy at 740-670-5330 or TaylerCoy@LickingSWCD.com

Welcome Soil & Water Newest Team Members!



Tayler

Tayler Coy is the new Ag Technician at Soil & Water. Tayler was originally from Darke County. Tayler grew up on a 60ac farm outside of Greenville, OH that ran alongside of the Greenville Creek where he spent most of his time fishing and just enjoying the outdoors. He graduated from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Geography and Planning. After graduation Tayler was employed with an Ag Consultant from Ag Spectrum taking soil tests, Five Rivers Metroparks as a Horticulture Technician, and Paulding Soil & Water as a Nutrient Specialist. Tayler has years

of knowledge in nutrient management, program coordination, pollution abatement, and agricultural practices.

Tayler will be assisting Soil & Water with the cover crop program, soil health initiatives, drill rentals, fish sale, H2Ohio, manure complaints, pond concerns, farmland preservation, grass waterways, and any other agriculture needs.



Jenna

Jenna is Soil & Water's AmeriCorps intern. She is from Columbus, Ohio and loved spending time on her Uncle's farm in Southern Ohio as a child. She obtained a BS in Animal Sciences from Ohio State University with a minor in Agribusiness.

Jenna adored living and working in Licking County during college and moved back in 2020 to be closer to nature. The rapidly expanding development in the area prompted her to learn about local conservation efforts and ultimately decide to assist in those efforts in an official capacity with Soil & Water.

Wetlands

Wetlands are defined by the US EPA as areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, including during the growing season.



Wetlands are important for stormwater pollution because they act like a filter. After a storm, rainwater picks up pollutants and sediment and carries them into the nearest river or stream. As this water flows downstream and into a wetland, the water slows down, giving it time for sediments to settle out and nutrients to be used up. While the water is slow-moving, wetland plants help absorb and filter out pollutants.

Without wetlands, our bodies of water would not get the chance to filter out all the harmful contaminants that wash into them. It's our responsibility to protect these important features to keep our water clean!

Important Dates

Feb. 16 USDA EQIP Application Deadline

Feb. 19 Office Closed for Presidents Day

Mar. 15 Local Work Group and 80th Anniversary Open House

Mar. 22 Tree Sale Order Deadline

Mar. 23 Licking County Master Gardener Conference

Mar. 23 Farm Bureau Farmer Share Breakfast

Apr. 8 Solar Eclipse

Apr. 21 Tree Pickup

Apr. 22 Earth Day

Apr. 26 Arbor Day

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