

Celebrating Community Conservation!

The Annual Banquet will be Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at The Grove by the River, 840 Hollander Street, Newark.

5:30 pm ~ Community Celebration Reception

Enjoy complimentary appetizers and cash bar, and thank you gifts for our partners, volunteers and supporters.



6:15 pm ~ Dinner and Awards Celebration

Recognizing **Claylick Run Farm** as the Ohio Department of Agriculture 2022 Conservation Farm Family Award winner

Cooperator of the Year: Chris Crater

Educator of the Year: Colton Kreager, Licking Valley FFA

Volunteers of the Year: South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Directors

FFA Soil Judging winning teams: Utica for both Rural and Urban, individual and team.

Dinner tickets are \$10. Preregistration is required. The deadline to order tickets is November 10th. Call 740-670-5330 to [reserve your tickets online here!](#)



Meet our new Soil & Water Board member, Rodney Tornes at the Annual Banquet!

Rodney Tornes spent 31 years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Division of Water Resources in dam safety, water planning, floodplain management, and groundwater resources, retiring as the Chief of the Division a few years ago. Rodney sees the biggest natural resource challenges are coming from flooding and erosion due to development pressure, both commercial and residential. The stream degradation due to poor stormwater management and increased runoff has a negative impact on all of Licking County's residents. The Soil & Water's mission, oversight from the board, and fully staffed organization will help mitigate some of these issues.

Rodney will be sworn into his new role at the January 2, 2023 Board meeting.

Welcome to the team, Rodney!



Deirdre Wetmore
Conservation Educator



Linda Nicodemus
Stormwater Manager

Our Team is growing!

Over the last month, we have added two new team members. Meet them at the Annual Banquet on Nov. 16th!

Deirdre Wetmore, Conservation Educator will be working with the educators, in classrooms and with education workshops about natural resources.

Linda Nicodemus, Stormwater Manager, is leading the urban team members while ensuring stormwater is managed properly as large land use changes are changing our landscape in the county.

And growing! Soil & Water is hiring!

Seeking three District Urban Technicians: This position provides an essential service to help the communities in Licking County comply with the MS4 stormwater permit requirements. Working in the field, in the office, and with partners, team members work together towards the mission of conserving our natural resources through leadership, education, and technical assistance.

Team oriented, supportive work environment allows for personal growth and opportunities in a rapidly developing county. Benefits include paid vacation, 11 paid holidays, remote working, and employee discount/gear reimbursement programs available.

An Evening with Doug Tallamy.

December 5 at 7:00 pm
Herrick Hall, Denison
University

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Learn from Doug Tallamy, author, professor, and ecologist, as he shares his work and research highlighting the importance of using

native plant species to protect and re-establish habitat biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem.

Registration required. [Additional information is here.](#)

THE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOV. 15TH

The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative is calling on all Ohioans for another year of Milkweed pod collections!

Milkweed is the only host plant for the Monarch butterfly for egg-laying and caterpillar rearing. It also serves as a food source for Monarch butterflies for egg-laying and caterpillar rearing. It also serves as a food source for Monarchs as well as many other pollinator species.

Drop off collected pods at the Soil & Water office, 771 East Main Street, Newark, OH by November 15th.

[Click here to learn more about how to collect the pods correctly.](#)



Winterize your [Rain Barrels!](#)

Over the years, Soil & Water has sold thousands of rain barrels.

This above-ground cistern or container attaches to a downspout, harvests rainwater from a roof, and stores the water for later use. The stored water can be used to water gardens and lawns.

As you winterize your yard, don't forget to winterize your rain barrel too!

1. Start by draining your rain barrel.
2. Disconnect it from your downspout, so that it can't fill and freeze.



3. Once empty, I usually take this time to clean out the inside of my rain barrel.
4. Once clean and empty, you can store it for winter.

[Learn more about how you can manage stormwater on your property!](#)

Important Dates:

- Nov 7: Office closed from noon-4:30 pm for staff Professional Development
- Nov 9: Licking County Watershed Advocacy kickoff meeting
- Nov 11: Office closed - Veterans Day
- Nov 15: Milkweed pod drop-off deadline (extended)
- Nov 16: Soil & Water Board meeting
- Nov 16: Community Conservation Banquet (tickets required)
- Nov 22: South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting
- Nov 24: Office closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec 14: Soil & Water monthly Board meeting
- Dec 16: South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Annual Meeting

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

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