



Hartford Fair Natural Resource Area Schedule

The Hartford Fair is right around the corner, August 6th - 12th.

Soil & Water and our partners will be at the Natural Resource Area with a variety of programming for all ages!

We've brought back the cooking contests - Sweets, Greens and Wild Proteins served up on Monday, August 7th at 2 pm!

Check out our schedule below and follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date!

Program schedule



Sun. Aug. 6 Licking Soil & Water-

- OSU Bug Mobile
- Soil & Water Make & take a Craft
- Velvet Ice Cream Eating Contest

Mon. Aug. 7 Licking County Recycling-

- Archery
- Paddle the Pond
- Recycling Make & take a Craft
- Sweets, Greens, & Wild Proteins Cooking Contest

Tues. Aug. 8 Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists-

- Paddle the Pond
- Archery
- Ohio Bird Sanctuary Program
- Fur Trappers Program

Wed. Aug. 9 Licking Park District-

- Open Fishing
- Ohio Nature Education Program
- Art in the Park
- The Canid Center Program

Thur. Aug. 10 The Dawes Arboretum-

- Fishing Contest
- Dawes: Saving Species Program
- Wildflower Walk Program

Fri. Aug. 11 FFA Challenge and the Natural Resources Skill-a-Thon

- BB Gun Range
- The Works make & take Craft



The mission of the Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area is to build a sustainable natural resources program area celebrating Ohio's natural heritage. It is supported by local conservation partners and organizations to provide educational, recreational, and interactive conservation experiences during the Hartford Fair and at other outdoor events.

Get involved with the River Round Up!



Join us Saturday, September 9th

River Round Up is an annual river clean-up that brings out hundreds of volunteers who pull tires, shopping carts, and mountains of trash from 30 miles of rivers and streams. Through this amazing community-based conservation effort, a river system that had all but been abandoned has seen a beautiful rebirth of aquatic and bird life.

[Click to Volunteer!](#)



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 schools.

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:](#)

What to do with Yard Waste



Grass clippings and yard waste should not go down stormwater drains, as these drains carry rainwater and anything else put down directly to our streams. To reduce pollutants entering our waterways, keep grass clippings out of the street where they can be washed into storm drains. Yard debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides, which could end up in our waterways.

How to dispose of yard waste

- Use leaf / grass collection bags
- Use a mulching lawnmower
- Compost leaves and grass clippings
- Take yard waste to a Registered Public Compost Facility
- Most importantly, do not pile yard waste near drains or streams

Click [here](#) for a list of composting facilities.

Remember only rain down the drain!



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!](#)

Important Dates

Now: River Round Up registration open

Aug 5: Board Candidate Information forms due

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

Aug 25: Downtown Newark Association STEMfest on the Square

Sep 4: Labor Day Office Closed

Sep 9: Licking River Round Up*

Sep 12: Soil & Water Board Meeting

Sep 29: Conservation Mini-Grant Application Deadline

Oct 1-30: Soil & Water Board Election

Oct 9: Columbus Day Office Closed

Oct 10: Soil & Water Annual Banquet*

* RSVP Required

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