

2nd Annual Backyard Conservation Day

**Saturday, April 23rd from 10 am – 1 pm
at Soil & Water Office and Land Lab**



Celebrate Earth Day and join us for a day of learning at our very own land lab!

- ◇ Explore our rain gardens, wetland, and woodlot
- ◇ Learn about invasive species & native plants
- ◇ Make nature-related crafts
- ◇ Purchase tree seedlings*, rain barrels, wildflower seeds, and more!
- ◇ Talk to our natural resource professionals about forestry, wildlife, stormwater, and more!
- ◇ Tour the Licking County Master Gardener's demonstration garden
- ◇ Want to take the fun home? Tree seedlings, rain barrels, pond management books, and a host of conservation products will also be available for purchase!

* A list of species available for sale can be found [here](#). Trees will be sold on a first come first serve basis.



Spring Pond Clinic and Fish Sale

**Monday, May 2, 2022, from 5:30 – 7 pm
at Hartford Fairgrounds Natural Resources
Area, 14028 Fairgrounds Rd., Croton, OH**

Get all your questions about ponds answered!

Learn more about where to build a pond, how to keep a pond healthy, and what you should use to stock your pond.

Steve Fender, of Fender Fish Hatchery, will address pond concerns and explain how to stock and maintain a healthy pond. Tim Parker with the Division of Wildlife will provide information about managing wildlife around your pond as well.

Light refreshments will be available. Let us know if you plan to attend for our planning purposes by calling 740-670-5330 or [complete RSVP form](#).

[Fish Sale order deadline is May 3rd.](#) Order pick-up is May 10 from 2:30–3:30 pm. Order line or from [hard copy download here](#). Order forms will be available at the pond clinic so you can ask specific questions about what would work best in your pond.

Landowners Meeting - Conservation

Easement Options

Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Homestead Beer Company, Cherry Valley Public House, 2319 Cherry Valley Road, SE, Newark

Interested in protecting greenspace, farmland, and our natural landscape?

Learn about the many options for landowners with Licking County Soil & Water, Licking Land Trust, Licking Park District, and Licking County Farm Bureau.

Agenda:

5:30 – 6 pm ~ Refreshments and visit agency information tables

6 – 7 pm ~ Presentations

7 – 7:30 pm ~ Talk to representatives about your specific questions

For our planning purposes, [please RSVP here](#).



USDA Offers Water Quality-

Focused Program That Builds

on CRP Contracts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the signup period for its Clean Lakes, Estuaries, And Rivers initiative (CLEAR30) — a nationwide opportunity for certain landowners and agricultural producers currently implementing water quality practices through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to enroll in 30-year contracts, extending the lifespan and strengthening the benefits of important water quality practices on their land.



Producers may apply for CLEAR30, a voluntary, incentive-based conservation program, now through Aug. 5, 2022. Contact Licking County FSA at 740-670-5340 for details.

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is any water from rain or snow that does not infiltrate into the ground after a storm and instead runs along the surface of the ground. This water is pulled downhill by gravity which causes it to run over different terrains until it eventually reaches a body of water like a river, lake,

or stream. Through this journey, stormwater picks up many pollutants along the way like sediment, lawn chemicals, pet waste, and more.

What can you do to help? [Plant a Rain Garden!](#)

What do rain gardens do...?

Collect and filter runoff

Soak up excess nutrients and other pollutants

Provide habitat for pollinators and other wildlife

Ease the burden on our storm sewers and waterways

Create an attractive landscape

Join us at a [Rain Garden Workshop on Tuesday, April 19th at Infirmary Mound Park](#), James Brady Center from 12:30 – 1:30 pm to learn more!



IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 19 Rain Garden Workshop with Licking Park District

Apr 22 Tree Sale Pre-order Pick Up

Apr 22 Celebrate Earth Day!

Apr 23 Backyard Conservation Day @ Soil & Water office

Apr 24 – May 1 Celebrate Stewardship Week

Apr 30 @ Dawes Arboretum celebrating Arbor Day

May 1 @ Licking Park District Outdoor Adventure Day

May 2 Pond Clinic @ Hartford Fair Grounds Natural Resources Area

May 3 Fish Sale Orders Due to Soil & Water

**May 5 Landowners Meeting for Easement Options @ Homestead Beer,
Cherry Valley Hotel**

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

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