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Registration for the 2024 River Round Up is open! Improve your community while getting wet and a little dirty.

Volunteer for the county-wide river clean up and pick up trash, tires, and anything else thrown in the Licking River. (A piano, shopping carts, cars, and road signs, have all been found in previous years.) There are multiple sites across the county so you can volunteer closest to home! Volunteers receive t-shirts and bags for their help and contribution.

Sign up to walk, wade, or canoe!

Register Now!

Can't volunteer on Saturday, September 7th? Show your support with River Round Up swag! The River Round Up storefront is open this year. Help support the river clean-up by buying **merch**! Five dollars of every item purchased goes directly to River Round Up. This is a great way to financially support the Licking County River Round Up!

Shop for Clean Water!





Help keep our water clean!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a Sponsor!

The annual community river clean-up event brings hundreds of volunteers and businesses together to help take care of our environment. Check out the various ways you can sponsor the event!

River Round Up is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 2024.

Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area





We had a blast at the 2024 Hartford Fair! The Natural Resources Area consists of 4 acres, including a pond, a man made wetland, a pavilion, and multiple native gardens. For six days, we have a lineup of great programming and tabling. Our most popular events include the Velvet Ice Cream Eating Contest, Fishing Contest, and the FFA Challenge. Check out some fun pictures from the Natural Resources Area and like our Facebook page!





STEAM on the Square

August 30th from 4-7 pm. Don't miss this annual tradition for Licking County students! The square will be filled with stations hosted by local businesses and organizations offering hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering, art (new this year!) and mathematics. Look for Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District!



Conservation Mini-Grant



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, demonstrating the need and ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects.

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 27, 2024. To learn more about Soil and Water's Mini-Grant program, visit [Conservation Mini-Grant page](#).

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Britney Stuller at BritneyStuller@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5330.

Reduce Water Usage this Summer

During the hottest months of the year, water usage tends to increase. Here are easy tips to help reduce your water consumption!

Tips for Reducing Indoor Water Usage

- Turn off the sink while brushing your teeth and shaving.
- Take shorter showers or alternate days of showering.
- Fix all leaking appliances and pipes.
- Consider installing a water-efficient toilet.
- Only run the dishwasher and washing machine on full loads.



Tips for Reducing Outdoor Water Usage

- Plant native plants that are more drought resistant than non-native plants.
- Connect a downspout to a rain barrel (pictured above) and use its water for your lawn or garden.
- Mulch around trees and plants to help hold in moisture.
- Water during in the mornings rather than the hottest part of the day.
- Always check the forecast for rain before watering your lawn or plants.

Soil & Water Board Candidate Recruitment

The Board is actively seeking an interested, conservation-minded leader to continue the mission of promoting conservation of natural resources through local leadership, education and technical assistance. The Supervisors help 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. Candidate information forms are due by Friday, August 16.



Celebrating Conservation -October 8th!

Save the date! The Soil & Water Banquet is on October 8th, 2024 at the Grove by the River. Join us for a dinner, award winners, and celebrating the community's conservation efforts!

Important Dates

August 30 - STEAM on the Square

September 5 - Invasive Plant Management Workshop with USFWS

September 7 - River Round Up*

September 10 - Soil & Water Board Meeting

September 14 - Pollinator Pathway Native Plant Sale

September 16-20 - Septic Smart Week 2024

September 24 - South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting

October 8 - Soil & Water Annual Meeting*

*Registration Required

Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!

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