



LICKING COUNTY

**SOIL & WATER**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Flood Damage Reduction and Channel Maintenance Information Meetings

The South Licking Watershed Conservancy District (SLWCD) invites property owners and businesses within the South Fork Licking River watershed to learn about the current efforts to complete a Flood Damage Reduction Planning Study.

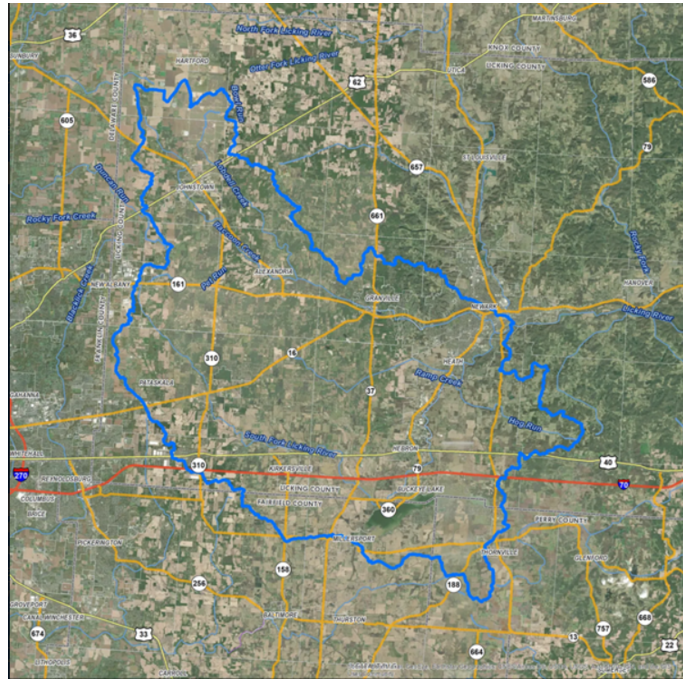
The planning study and findings will serve as the basis for updating the Official Plan for the SLWCD, which is essential to the District being able to implement improvements throughout the area. Landowners are encouraged to provide input about what is happening on your properties and in your communities.

How can you get involved? Join us at one of the two informational meetings:

**Thurs. May 19, 2022 • 2:30 PM •** In Person only Alexandria Public Library, 10 Maple Dr, Alexandria

**Tues. May 24, 2022 • 6:00 PM •** Hybrid meeting In Person: Hebron Admin. Building, 934 W Main St, Hebron Join via Zoom: RSVP to receive virtual call in information.

[Learn more and RSVP here.](#)



## Keeping It Under Cover- 2022 Cover Crop Cost

## Share from MWCD

Long-term use of cover crops can increase crop yields, reduce fertilizer inputs, improve soil health, and decrease water runoff. To promote the use of cover crops, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District is again providing funding for the Cover Crop Cost-Share Program to assist producers in planting cover crops to decrease erosion and improve water quality.

Soil & Water will be accepting applications until July 5, 2022. Applications are evaluated individually with fields being scored based on several criteria. Fields that score high enough are approved for cost-share funding at a rate of \$12/approved acre. There is a cap of 200 approved acres per producer.

[Learn more and request an application here.](#)

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## Soil & Water Gives Back

To celebrate Soil & Water's 75th Anniversary, the Board established a community Conservation Mini-Grant Program in 2019. The program offers up to \$1,000 to Licking County non-profits that demonstrate 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 (including governing bodies and associations such as HOA's and condo associations) and civic associations.

[Learn more and complete an application here.](#)

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## River Round Up 2022: Poster Contest Winners

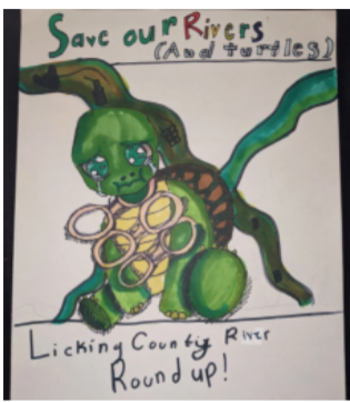
The 2022 River Round Up Committee is excited to announce the winners of this year's Licking County River Round Up Poster Contest!

Congratulations to the

3 winners! Our winners will receive \$100 in prize money and their schools will receive a \$500 scholarship toward advancing science and art projects. The winning posters will be displayed at River Round Up Event sites, and in promotional displays around Licking County throughout the year.

Save the date for this year's River Round Up: September 10, 2022

[Like us the River Round Up on Facebook for updates.](#)



Olivia Frew, Cherry Valley Elementary



Emily Newell, Heritage Middle School



Addy Karns, High School homeschooler

## Summer Workshop Series for Educators

Soil & Water, Licking Park District and The Dawes Arboretum have partnered to offer this series of workshops correlated to state and national education standards.

- Project WET/Healthy Water, Healthy People – June 14, 2022
- Environmental Education for Early Childhood – June 23, 2022
- Virtual Newark Water Infrastructure Tour - June 28, 2022
- Project WILD/Aquatic WILD – July 12, 2022
- Citizen Science - July 19, 2022
- Project Learning Tree – July 21, 2022

[Learn more about workshops and registration here.](#)



## Help Protect Our Water by Planting Native Plants!

Plant Sale Deadline this Friday, May 20th

Native plants are species that have been adapting to Ohio's climate for hundreds of years, making them more suitable for surviving our cold winters and dry summers. The root systems of native plants are considerably deeper than their non-native counterparts and thus create anchors and protect our soils from erosion during storm

events. After it rains, deep roots help soak up excess water and nutrients, and therefore protect our local waterways from flooding and pollution.

We are offering three unique kits:

**Shade, Medium Kit** includes Jacob's ladder, Downy or hoary skullcap, Maryland golden aster and White goldenrod.

**Sunny, Dry Kit** includes Anise hyssop, Prairie sundrops, Lyreleaf sag and, Sky blue aster.

**Sunny, Wet Kit** includes Cardinal flower or red lobelia, Sharp winged monkey flower Sullivan's Coneflower or Fen black-eyed susan and Crooked-stem aster.

[Each kit contains 16 native plant plugs with 4 different species. Kits are \\$50 and can be ordered online here.](#)

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