



Upcoming River Roundup Events

River Roundup

September 12th

This year marks the 31st year of cleaning the Licking River and its Tributaries! There are 12 public sites that range in difficulty, location, and duration.

In 2025 we had 277 volunteers pick up almost 9,000 pounds of trash, 174 tires, and 1,300 pounds of scrap metal. We are expecting more trash this year with the significant increase in rain and flooding throughout the county.

[Register](#) by Sep 4th to make your impact!

Celebration

September 24th

To celebrate 31 years of volunteers cleaning the water throughout the county we are hosting an event on September 24th, 2026. Join us at Infirmary Mound Park, 5 to 7pm for food, music, games, and Velvet Ice Cream!

To top it off, volunteers who helped out at River Roundup will get the opportunity to enter a FREE Kayak raffle.

We would love to see you there!

Last 2026 Rain Barrel Workshop

Licking Soil & Water is hosting a final Rain Barrel Workshop for the year with the Licking Park District. During the workshop, participants will make and take their own rain barrel using provided supplies and instructions.

Your homemade rain barrel will allow you to collect rainwater and make a difference in conservation right in your own backyard! Attendees will be provided with a food grade rain barrel, spigot, and downspout connector, as well as valuable information from our team.



There is a \$50 fee to cover the cost of the barrel and plumbing. Register for the workshop [HERE](#).

When? Thursday, September 17th, 6-8 pm

Where? Bradley Center, Infirmary Mound Park, 4531 Lancaster Rd., Granville, OH 43023

LC Forward

LC Forward is an integrated growth strategy planning process providing a long-term guide that expresses the community's values and aspirations.

It is the broadest public policy document a community can create for its future physical development, considering the insights of residents, businesses, and other stakeholders. It outlines a vision for the County's future, setting forth goals with implementable actions to address important topics such as land use, conservation, housing, and infrastructure. It makes an intentional effort to integrate recent planning efforts undertaken by the County and its many townships, villages, and cities. The plan is a common tool to manage change, acting as a guidebook for decision-makers for years to come.

You can learn more information at the [LC Forward](#) website!

Septic Smart Week - September 14-18

Are you smart with your septic system?

The week of September 14-18 is to celebrate and educate on the proper care and maintenance of septic systems. The EPA aims to encourage communities to demonstrate public stewardship in wastewater treatment processes.

This program covers seven main tips for how to be "Septic Smart":

- Think at the Sink- Be conscientious of what you are putting in your sink
- Don't Strain Your Drain- Use water efficiently
- Keep It Clean- Test well water
- Shield Your Field- Learn about your septic leach field
- Protect It and Inspect It- Learn about inspection, frequency, and consider advanced systems
- Don't Overload the Commode- What to flush and what goes in the trash
- Pump Your Tank- Learn about pump-out services

If you have a septic system, it's essential to look into this information to save your tank! Reach out to the Licking County Health Department for septic tank information. Always be mindful of [sustainable stormwater](#) practices!

2026 Annual Banquet

Join the Licking County Soil and Water team in celebrating 82 years of natural resources conservation in the community! The 2026 Annual Banquet will be one that you want to attend.

The event will be taking place Thursday, October 15th, 2026. At the Grove by the River, 840 Hollander Street, Newark, OH 43055. A Reception and Board of Supervisor Elections will occur from 5:30 to 6:30PM, and be immediately followed by a buffet supper, and awards from 6:30 to 8PM.

Tickets can be purchased via our website, stop by the office or download the paper form. The tickets are \$15 for one guest, or \$25 for two guests.

We look forward to celebrating conservation in Licking County!

Hartford Fairgrounds Natural Resources Area - A Big Hit!

The 2026 Hartford Fair Natural Resources Area was a huge success!

Seeing the gears turning, and eyes lighting up in the younger generation when they learn about our natural resources, is why we do what we do.

From nature related competitions, to conservation themed crafts, we had a blast hanging out with everyone for the week!

Check out some of the highlights from our week teaching the fairgrounds about nature.

Important Dates

Sep 4 River Roundup Pre-Registration Deadline*

Sep 7 Labor Day - Office closed

Sep 8 SWCD Board Meeting

Sep 12 River Roundup*

Sep 14-18 Septic Smart Week

- Sep 18 Rain Barrel Workshop***
- Sep 19 @ Licking Land Trust Autumn Equinox**
- Sep 22 First day of Fall**
- Sep 22 South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting**
- Oct 1-7 Ohio Stormwater Awareness Week**
- Oct 2 @ Canal Market District - Stormwater Awareness Week**
- Oct 3 @ Granville Farmers Market - Stormwater Awareness Week**
- Oct 3 @ Harvest Moon Festival**
- Oct 10 @ Hebron Farmers Market - Stormwater Awareness Week**

*Events require an RSVP

Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!

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