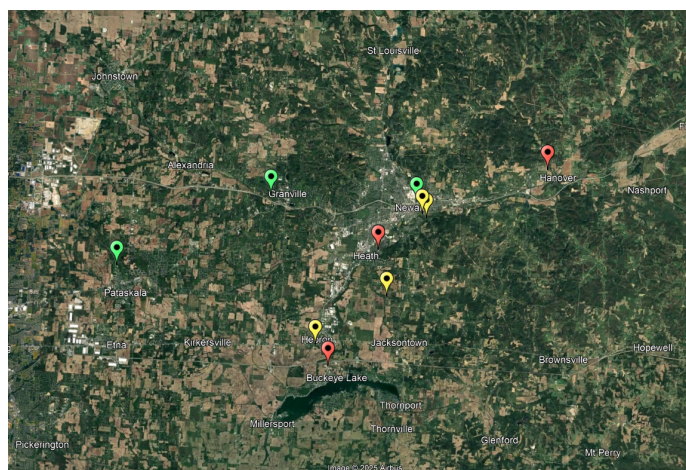




[Join Us to Celebrate 30 Years of River Roundup!](#)

Take part in the 30th River Roundup trash pickup event. Registration is officially open through September 2nd. There are 12 different locations around Licking County where you can sign up to clean the Licking River on Saturday, September 6th.

- Dutch Fork at Dawes Arboretum
- Village of Hebron
- Pataskala: South Fork
- Everett Park, Newark
- Riverview Preserve, Newark (walking)
- Riverview Preserve, Newark (canoe)
- Heath: South Fork
- Wildwood Park, Granville
- Rocky Fork, Hanover
- Buckeye Lake
- Ohio Street, Newark
- Johnstown



Sign up to volunteer at one of these locations by visiting our [River Roundup](#) webpage!

Can't participate but want to support River Round Up? Buy a shirt, hoodie, or hat and wear it to help us promote the event and celebrate our 30th year cleaning waterways in Licking County. Click [here](#) - a portion of every sale will go directly to the River Round Up fund!



[Hartford Fair Recap](#)

Licking County Soil & Water had so much fun at the fairgrounds! Check out some of the memories we captured.

Thank you to Amazon Web Services and Granville Kiwanis for your support in bringing in some fun but educational programs this year!

[Monarch Butterfly Season](#)



In Ohio, Monarch butterflies migrate from June through September. Monarchs rely on a plant called milkweed as a host plant. Unfortunately, Monarchs are experiencing a decline in population due to habitat loss.

How can you help?

In November, Soil & Water has collection bins for milkweed seed pods. We do this to increase the number of milkweed seeds collected, distributed, and planted. Having more milkweed plants allows more Monarchs and other pollinators to have a habitat to make a pit stop during migration.

In August and September, you can locate any milkweed plants and keep an eye out for these signs indicating they are ready to harvest.

1. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, it can be harvested.
2. Store the pods in paper bags; plastic bags collect unwanted moisture.
3. Please put the date and county collected on the bag when you turn them in.
4. Keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you can deliver them to the nearest collection site.

Reduce Water Usage



August is the hottest month of the year, and the amount of water we use tends to increase. There are many ways that you can help conserve the amount of water you use this summer!

Reducing Indoor usage

- Turn off the sink when not actively using water
- Take shorter showers
- Fix leaky appliances/pipes
- Only run full loads of dishes and laundry

Reducing Outdoor Usage

- Plant native plants that are more drought-resistant
- Install a rain barrel that is connected to the roof downspout
- Water in the mornings, NOT mid-day
- Check the forecast before watering

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 various non-profit organizations within Licking County. The deadline to apply for the 2026 Conservation Mini-Grant is September 26, 2025. To learn more about Soil and Water's Mini-Grant program, visit the [Conservation Mini-Grant page](#). If you have any questions about the program, please get in touch with Britney Miller at BritneyMiller@LickingSWCD.com or 740-670-5330.



Good Luck to our MORPC Summer Intern!

Licking County Soil and Water wants to give a big thank you and good luck to Natalie Stotz, our MORPC Summer Intern. Here's a little bit about her time with us!

"I'm so thankful to Licking County Soil and Water for this opportunity! Everyone was so welcoming and helped me understand what Soil and Water does for Licking County.

My favorite memories of my time here are planning an outreach event with Velvet Ice Cream and going on construction site inspections. I was able to branch out here, participating in communication and outreach

initiatives as well as technical work. These activities, along with digitizing construction maps using GIS, taught me how Soil and Water manages stormwater pollution so we can maintain good water quality around the county. This is especially important in a rapidly developing county with big investments and projects underway and I feel lucky to have contributed to this work.

I liked making a difference in communities around Licking County and meeting all the amazing people who make it possible. It's been a great summer!"

Important Dates

- Aug 23 Stream Romp 1**
- Aug 30 Stream Romp 2**
- Sep 6 River Roundup***
- Sep 7 International Clean Air Day**
- Sep 16 World Ozone Day**
- Sep 16-18 Farm Science Review***
- Sep 20 National Cleanup Day**
- Sep 22 First Day of Fall**
- Sep 28 30th River Roundup Celebration***

*Events require an RSVP

Visit our calendar for all upcoming events!

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