



Celebrate the Conservation Efforts of Licking Soil & Water

To celebrate community conservation in Licking County, join us at our annual banquet.

Soil & Water serves the community in a variety of ways from education to technical assistance. All of which will be shown off and honored during our awards ceremony.

Award Winners

- Soil Judging First Place Team Rural Team - Utica High School
- Soil Judging First Place Team Urban Team - Utica High School
- Volunteer of the Year - Amy Vohsing
- Cooperator of the Year - Bill Hoskinson
- Educator of the Year - Caleb Hickman



When you attend, you will get to enjoy a free tour of Newark Native American Mounds.

Where: The Earthworks, Octagon, 125 N. 33rd. St, Newark, OH 43055

When: October 14th, 2025 | 5:00pm-8:00pm

Please make sure to purchase a ticket prior to the banquet, secure a seat and dinner. RSVP [HERE](#).



Rounding Up the 30th River Roundup

Licking County really knows how to turn picking up trash into a fun event!

The Licking County River Roundup is an annual, county-wide, river cleanup event in September. This year's took place on Saturday September 6th.

For our 2025 River Roundup, we had a grand total of 277 volunteers spread across 12 different locations. We want to give a big thank you to all volunteers, sponsors, and partners who help to make this event such a big success each year.

This year we collected:

- 8,610 pounds of trash
- 174 tires
- 1,321 pounds of scrap metal

If interested in becoming a partner or sponsor for 2026 check out our [River Roundup page](#), reach out to our office

Get Out and Vote!



Licking County Soil and Water has five Board of Supervisors who represent our county's soil conservation and water conservation needs in rural, suburban and urban settings, on farmland, and in our backyards and public lands.

One Supervisor will be elected to serve a three-year-term, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028.

To read more about the candidates visit our [Board Page](#). Voting will be October 1, 2025 until October 31, 2025. Results will be announced November 4, 2025.

Find out how [HERE](#)

Welcome the Newest Team Members

The Soil and Water team is growing! We have welcomed two new Urban District Technicians, a Geographical Information Systems Intern, and an Americorp member. In October we also plan to welcome a second AmeriCorp member. Click on the names to read more about them!

[Sophie Pajak- Urban Tech](#)



[Kellie Hill- GIS Intern](#)



[Alex Anhorn- Urban Tech](#)



[Maddie Moss- AmeriCorp](#)



Prime Time to Prep for a Prairie Planting

Strides are being made at the Soil and Water office towards creating a [Meadow for Monarchs](#). The next step for us, spread wildflower seeds!

You may ask, why are you putting seeds down before winter? That's because in the natural process of seeding, the plants will drop seeds in the fall. This led to an adaptation called cold stratification. In order for these seeds to germinate they must go through this process to break dormancy.

So, if you are planning on having wildflowers make an appearance in the spring, ensure you research the proper techniques for planting. Some may need planted before winter to ensure the most successful results! Visit [Licking County Pollinator Pathways](#) to learn more about important pollinator conservation efforts.

Stormwater Awareness Week October 1-7

Licking County Soil and Water is participating in the Ohio Stormwater Awareness Week to hopefully bring light to the public on stormwater pollution and conservation efforts.

To celebrate, Soil and Water is doing various stormwater related events and activities that the community is welcome to visit!



- October 3, 2025 - [Newark Canal Market District. Rain Barrel Raffle](#)
- October 4, 2025 - [Granville Farmers Market. Rain Barrel Raffle](#)
- October 9, 2025 - [Rain Barrel Workshop @ Infirmary Mound Park](#)

Our team really hopes to see you at one or multiple of these events so we can teach you how to conserve our stormwater!

Important Dates

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| Oct 1-31 | Board of Supervisors Voting* |
| Oct 1-7 | Stormwater Awareness Week |
| Oct 3 | @ Newark Canal Market District |
| Oct 4 | @ Granville Farmers Market |
| Oct 4 | @ Harvest Moon Festival |
| Oct 6 | World Habitat Day |

- Oct 9** Granville Rain Barrel Workshop*
- Oct 11** Tire Amnesty Day hosted by Licking County Recycling
- Oct 13** Columbus Day - Offices Closed
- Oct 14** Soil & Water Board Meeting
- Oct 14** Soil & Water Annual Banquet*
- Oct 15** Team Professional Development - Offices Closed
- Nov 11** Veterans Day - Offices Closed
- Nov 25** South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting

*Events require an RSVP

Due to the FEDERAL government shut down, our USDA partners, NRCS and FSA, are currently CLOSED until further notice. Soil & Water is a local government agency and will remain open during our regular office hours, 8 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday. We are closed for federal holidays.

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

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