



Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District

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2021 ATV Conservation Tour

Blue Rock, Meigs, Rich Hill, and Salt Creek Townships

Saturday, September 25, 2021

\$20.00 per person. Registration fee includes light breakfast and lunch.

We will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Chandlersville Community Building parking lot, 8775 Chandlersville Road, Chandlersville, Ohio 43727. The tour will begin sharply at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately at 4:00 p.m. Participants are encouraged to pack coolers with water and snacks. Sunglasses/Safety glasses, bug spray, and clothing for all weather conditions are recommended. Please provide an email address on registration form. Updated information will be emailed, available in the District office and social medias, and posted on our website at muskingumswcd.org.

Pre-registrations are required; no sign-ups the day of the event. All drivers are required to have a valid driver's license. The tour is a pet-free and smoke-free zone. Please start the tour with a full tank of gas. We reserve the right to trailer slow moving ATVs. No golf carts or non-recreational vehicles on tour. Liability waivers are required for each participant and are available on our website or at the office. **No waiver, no riding!**

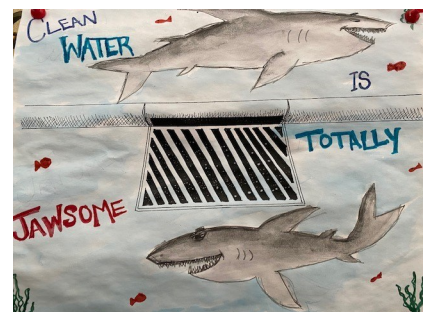
Registration form is located inside.

STORM DRAIN ART

Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the City of Zanesville, is looking for artists to design and paint storm drain art!

Artists will return their applications and original artwork to Ashlee Kopchak to the district office or digitally to ashlee.kopchak@muskingumswcd.org. Artwork is to be on a single sheet of paper no larger than 8.5" by 11". For more information and application visit our website.

DATE OF PAINTING TO BE ANNOUNCED!



2021 Registration for ATV Conservation Tour

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Phone _____

UPDATED INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED ONLY. (Please Print)

Email: _____

Number of ATV (s): _____

Make and Model of each ATV: _____

If you would like to travel in the same group as a friend, please indicate whom you would like to group with.

_____ Number of ATVs that will travel 25 mph and over.

_____ Number of ATVs that will travel between 15 mph to 25 mph.



Reservations only. Space is limited.

**Registration Deadline:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**



Number of Participants _____ **X** **\$20.00** = _____ **(Grand Total)** No refunds

I have included a signed ATV Conservation Tour Waiver for **each participant**.

Waiver is located on our web site - www.muskingumswcd.org or in our district office. **No waiver, no riding!**

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Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District is introducing Camp WILD, which will be held at Blue Rock State Park. This one day camp will bring your campers closer to nature and provide an outdoor recreational learning experience. Campers are welcome between the ages of 3-12. Your child will need to be completely potty trained to attend camp.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions campers will be encouraged to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Due to these guidelines campers will be split by age between three days, and we are only able to accept 21 campers per day. June 15 will be ages 3-5, June 16 will be ages 6-8 and June 17 will be ages 9-12.

Drop off and pick-up will be at Blue Rock State Park, 7924 Cutler Lake Rd. Blue Rock, Ohio 43720.

Cost of registration is \$30 and will include a t-shirt which can be picked up when you arrive for drop off. Please send check, a copy of the registration and the completed Emergency Medical Form and Photo Release Form to Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District, 225 Underwood St. Ste. 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. **REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT, MEDICAL FORMS AND PHOTO RELEASE FORM ARE RECEIVED!** Campers will be taken in the order COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS are received until camp is full.

Deadline to register is May 14th, 2021. Space is very limited. No refunds.

For more information please contact Ashlee at 740-454-2027 or by email at ashlee.kopchak@muskingumswcd.org

Muskingum SWCD Supervisor Candidate Announcement

A Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor represents county residents in soil and water conservation and natural resources management. Supervisors set the District's policy, provide guidance to staff, and assist on projects. The Board consists of five supervisors who serve for three-year terms on a voluntary basis. Supervisors participate in monthly and special board meetings, and attend area and state meetings. This year, candidates will be nominated to fill two open positions. Potential candidates are expected to have experience relevant to the District's goals. The qualities of a potential supervisor include:

- Widespread knowledge of natural resources in the county
- Complement the existing make-up of the district board so that all geographic, educational, and land-use interests within the district are represented
- Leadership ability and willingness to share time and talent.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates. Qualified residents, 18 years of age or older, may also petition to be on the ballot. For more information, call our office at (740) 454-2027 or contact Becky Vansickle, Nominating Committee Chair at 740-297-1997 or by email at rebeccajvansickle@gmail.com.

Muskingum SWCD 2021 Volunteer Summer Intern



Kristin Roessler

My name is Kristin Roessler and I am a 2019 graduate of Maysville High School. As a lifelong resident of Muskingum County, I am most proud of my work with 4-H and assisting with our family farm. My passion for science, animals and nature has led me to pursue a degree in Environmental Science at Marietta College, where I will soon be a junior. I enjoy hiking and spending time with my family and friends. I am thankful for this opportunity and look forward to serving the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District.

Meet the New Face of Muskingum Soil and Water

Paul Campbell

I am very proud to serve as the new Urban Agricultural Specialist for the Soil and Water Conservation District. For the past 15 years I have been working in the golf industry as a golf course superintendent. Growing grass has been a passion of mine for many years and I'm excited to turn my focus to urban agriculture and growing food. My wife and I have three children and we reside in Pataskala. I spend a lot of my free time fishing Dillion Dam and hunting spring turkeys in the hills of Muskingum County. I look forward to helping grow the urban agriculture footprint in the county and meeting many new people. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions about the program and urban agriculture. Be sure to follow the Urban Greens Facebook page for all of our upcoming events for 2021.



For Urban Greens upcoming events please follow the Urban Greens Facebook page and subscribe to our website, www.muskingumswcd.org

For questions contact Paul Campbell at 740-454-2027 or by email at urbanag@muskingumswcd.org



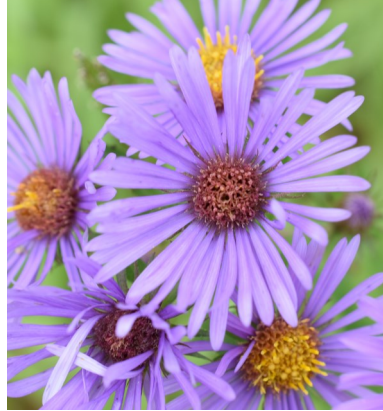
2021 Pollinator Plant Sale



Purple Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea



New England Aster
Symphotrichum novae-angliae



Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



Butterfly Milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa



Common Milkweed
Asclepias syriaca



Hairy Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum pilosum



Showy Goldenrod
Solidago speciosa



Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa



Rattlesnake Master
Eryngium yuccifolium



Lead Plant
Amorpha canescens



Spotted Bee Balm
Monarda punctata



Great Blue Lobelia
Lobelia siphilitica



Cardinal Flower
Lobelia cardinalis



2021 Pollinator Plant Order Form

NAME _____

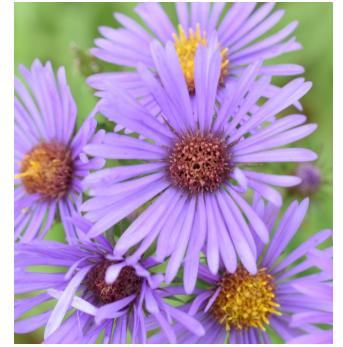
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAKE CHECKS TO:

MUSKINGUM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
225 UNDERWOOD STREET, SUITE 100
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701



PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT THE TIME OF ORDER. TO ORDER, CLIP THE ORDER FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO THE MSWCD OFFICE. ADDITIONAL ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT WWW.MUSKINGUMSWCD.ORG

PLANT PICK-UP WILL BE AT A LATER DATE (LATE MAY or EARLY JUNE)

You will be notified of final pick-up date via e-mail or postcard

	Cost per Flat	Number of Flats	Total Cost
Pollinator / Beneficial Mix #1, 4pk of 12 different plants; Purple Coneflower, Common & Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Wild Bergamot, NE Aster, Spotted Bee Balm, Hairy Mountain Mint, Rattlesnake Master, Showy Goldenrod, Lead Plant and Great Blue Lobelia	\$50/flat (48 total plants)		
Pollinator / Beneficial Mix #2, 4pk of 12 different plants; Purple Coneflower, Common & Swamp Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Wild Bergamot, NE Aster, Spotted Bee Balm, Hairy Mountain Mint, Rattlesnake Master, Showy Goldenrod, Lead Plant, and Cardinal Flower	\$50/flat (48 total plants)		
	Total:		

LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE.

MUSKINGUM SWCD HAS THE RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE POLLINATOR PLANTS.

CURBSIDE PICK-UP AVAILABLE.

Pollinator/Beneficial Mix #1 with Great Blue Lobelia						
Bloom Time	June	July	August	September	October	November
Plant						
Purple Coneflower		Purple				
Common Milkweed	Pink					
Butterfly Weed	Orange					
Wild Bergamot		Purple				
Swamp Milkweed	Pink					
New England Aster		Purple				
Hairy Mountain Mint		White				
Rattlesnake Master		White				
Lead Plant	Purple					
Spotted Bee Balm		Purple				
Showy Goldenrod			Yellow			
Great Blue Lobelia		Blue				

Pollinator/Beneficial Mix #2 with Cardinal Flower						
Bloom Time	June	July	August	September	October	November
Plant						
Purple Coneflower		Purple				
Common Milkweed	Pink					
Butterfly Weed	Orange					
Wild Bergamot		Purple				
Swamp Milkweed	Pink					
New England Aster		Purple				
Hairy Mountain Mint		White				
Rattlesnake Master		White				
Lead Plant	Purple					
Spotted Bee Balm		Purple				
Showy Goldenrod			Yellow			
Cardinal Flower		Red				

2021 Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Cover Crop Program



Cover crops have been getting a lot of press the last few years because of their benefits. They reduce soil erosion, capture nutrients left over from the previous crop, and impact soil health through improving biological activity.

The Muskingum SWCD is accepting applications for the 2021 Cover Crop Program. This program is made available through funding provided by The Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. The program provides a \$12 per acre rate payment toward the planting of cover crops after **SOYBEANS** or **CORN SILAGE**.

The program is competitive. Each potential field that is submitted will be scored based on soil type, slope, if soil samples are current, watershed location, and if cover crops were planted the previous year in that field.

Successful applicants will need to follow NRCS seeding rates and seeding date deadlines. Producers **MUST** supply **SOIL TESTS** for review with SWCD staff to discuss results. Tests must be within the last four years with at least one test for every 25 acres applied.

Application deadline is June 25, 2021. For an application or for more information contact the Muskingum SWCD, 740-454-2027 or stop by the office located at 225 Underwood St., Zanesville.



Monarch Butterfly Tagging



To prepare for tagging this fall we are planning to have Monarch Tagging Training Days!

We will walk you through gender identification, how to tag, what to do with the information, how it is beneficial to Monarch Watch, and help you prepare your garden for Monarchs!



Training days will be

July 23, 2021 and August 27, 2021.

You do not need to attend both training days.

MSWCD will provide tags, please feel free to bring your own butterfly net!



Training Days will be held at McGraw Edison Park, 6165 Park Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701

Please let Ashlee Kopchak know if you would like to attend at 740-454-2027 or at ashlee.kopchak@muskingumswcd.org



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2021 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

We need your help identifying those in our community who are practicing resource conservation in some way! Each year the MSWCD likes to recognize those in our county who are contributing to the betterment of the environment. Examples include a farmer you purchase produce from at the Farmers' Market; a business that has installed energy-saving lighting through-out its site; a neighbor who has established a garden of native plants for pollinators; a group that has started a community garden; or a teacher who is passionate about the environment and passes that on to his/her students. Please consider nominating a deserving individual, group, or business for one of the award categories listed below. A simple nomination form is on the reverse side; please complete as much of it as possible and be sure to give us a brief explanation as to why you are submitting this nominee. Submit the form to the MSWCD by August 3, 2021. Forms can be mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Ste. 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or scanned/emailed to doreen.maurer@muskingumswcd.org.

1. **Resource Conservation Award, Agricultural Division**—Nominee must actively be engaged in farming (own, operate, or both). They must be actively working with the MSWCD. The farm must be located in Muskingum County. They must have demonstrated conservation practices within the last five years. The winner will receive a “Cooperator for the Year” sign, monogramed shirts or engraved tumblers, etc. (to be determined annually by the staff), and two complimentary banquet tickets. The winner will then be nominated for the Ohio Conservation Family Farm Award the following year.
2. **Resource Conservation Award, Non-Agricultural**—The site/project or business must be located within Muskingum County and demonstrate resource conservation. It must have a pleasing appearance, demonstrate community benefits and have an educational value. The winner will receive a plaque and two complimentary banquet tickets.
3. **Backyard Conservationist**—The nominee will need to fill out a form about their backyard and provide pictures for the awards committee to review. Awards are based on the benefit of the small-scale practices installed, not just on appearance. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local garden center (Timber Run, McDonald's, etc.), a framed certificate and two complimentary banquet tickets.
4. **Conservation Educator of the Year**—Let us know about the nominee, the nominee's knowledge of conservation concepts, how the nominee promotes conservation beyond the job requirements, the use of creativity in teaching conservation, and/or how the nominee's students have applied their knowledge. The winner will receive a plaque to be displayed at the school, a bag of educational materials, and two complimentary banquet tickets.
5. **Special Educational Outreach Award**—The nominee is in some way helping to educate the general public about conservation and/or agriculture or, as a business, is following good conservation measures (for example, by installing solar panels). Nominees are individuals, organizations, groups or businesses that don't fit into one of the categories above (1-4). The winners receive a plaque and two complimentary banquet tickets.
6. **Friends of Conservation Award**—This award was created to recognize those businesses, organizations, groups and/or individuals that contribute to the fulfillment of the MSWCD mission in some way. That could include hosting an event for free, donating funds or supplies for projects, or volunteering for a project. The winners receive a plaque and two complimentary banquet tickets.

All winners are recognized on our social media sites, website and Newsletter as well.



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2021 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

AWARD CATAGORIES

- Resource Conservation Award, Agricultural Division**
- Resource Conservation Award, Non-Agricultural**
- Backyard Conservationist**
- Conservation Educator of the Year**
- Special Educational Outreach Award**
- Friends of Conservation Award**

Please Explain your nomination below:

Additional forms can be found at www.muskingumswcd.org

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OVERVIEW

Do you have an interest in the **conservation, environmental or agriculture industries**? Muskingum Soil and Water has partnered with many organizations around the Southeastern Ohio region to bring you hands-on **career opportunities**.

This program is designed to help high school students learn how they want to advance their **conservation/environmental interests into a career**.

Once a month the students will meet at our office and then will be shuttled to off-site visits or will be job shadowing a member of the Soil and Water staff. Program will begin in September and end in May.

Off-site visits may include:

- ◇ The Wilds– Animal Management, Veterinary, Environmental Education
- ◇ The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium– Partners in Conservation, Environmental Education
- ◇ Environmental Protection Agency
- ◇ Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- ◇ Ohio Department of Agriculture/ Policy Making
- ◇ City of Zanesville Mayor, Don Mason
- ◇ AND MORE!

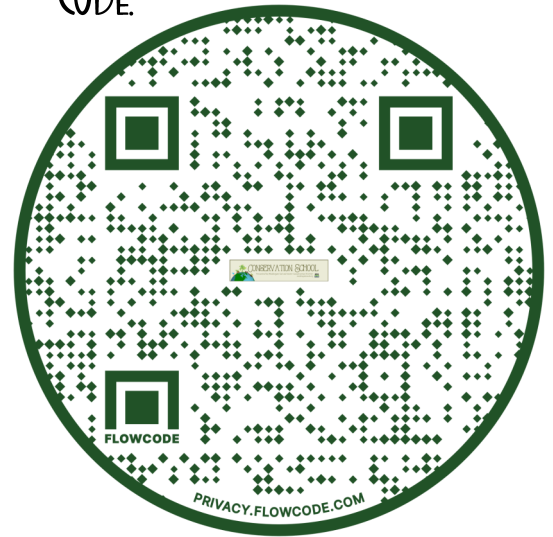
Students will be given the opportunity to build their skills in **professionalism** in the workplace. Upon completion, students will be awarded a \$500 scholarship and will receive a transferable college credit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR
CODE.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- ◇ Be starting sophomore or junior year of high school.
- ◇ Able to provide their own transportation to our office.
- ◇ Submit an application (available on our website), resume, cover letter, and at least two letters of recommendation (from non-relatives), sent electronically to Ashlee Kopchak, Education and Information Specialist at ashlee.kopchak@muskingumswcd.org or mailed to Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District, 225 Underwood St. Ste. 100, Zanesville, OH 43701.



THIS PROGRAM IS COVID-19 DEPENDENT! DUE TO RESTRICTIONS AND GUIDELINES
IT MAY BE POSTPONED TO 2022!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Save the Date

Live at Noon	May 11
MSWCD Board Meeting	May 11
The Art of Nature Meeting	May 17
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	May 18
Farming After Dark	May 19
Live at Noon	May 25
Live at Noon	May 31
MSWCD Office Closed	May 31
MSWCD Board Meeting	June 8
Live at Noon	June 8
Camp WILD	June 15,16,17

WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	June 15
Farming After Dark	June 16
The Art of Nature Meeting	June 21
Live at Noon	June 22
MSWCD Office Closed	July 5
MSWCD Board Meeting	July 13
Live at Noon	July 13
The Art of Nature Meeting	July 19
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	July 20
Farming After Dark	July 21
Live at Noon	July 27

