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2022 ATV Conservation Tour

North of New Concord

Saturday, September 17, 2022



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

The tour will begin sharply at 8:00 a.m. and end at approximately 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. Please provide an email address on the registration form. Updated information will be emailed, available in the District office, on social media, and posted on our website at www.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.

Watch for us at the 176th Muskingum County Blue-Ribbon Fair! August 14-20, 2022



Join the MSWCD, the Muskingum County Farm Bureau, and the Muskingum County Fair Board for "Appreciate Agriculture with Local Foods", three cooking demonstrations to be held at the 2022 Muskingum County Blue-Ribbon Fair! The events will be held Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. All demonstration will be held at the Veterans' Building kitchen at the fairgrounds. Local farmers will be donating the produce and meat, and local chefs will be donating their time to teach participants how to use local fresh foods to create a meal using at least one of the very popular electrical

cooking appliances - the Instapot or the air fryer. You might even win an Instapot or air fryer, compliments of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative!

Without the help of the Muskingum County Farm Bureau, Muskingum County Fair Board, and our local farmers and chefs, this event would not be a reality. Thank you for helping us bring "Appreciate Agriculture with Local Foods" to the community.

2022 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 9, 2022**



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

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I have included a signed ATV Conservation Tour Waiver for **each participant**. Waiver is located on our website—www.muskingumswcd.org or in our district office. **No waiver, no riding!**

Registration fee and forms can be dropped off or mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Suite 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (service fee applied).

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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 one open position. 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.

#5 Minute Nature Challenge

Summer is the time to get outdoors, enjoy the sun, and water, and explore nature. This quarter your #5minutenaturechallenge is to take just 5 minutes to get outside and enjoy the excitement of summer.

- July – Water
- August – Insects
- September – Gardens



You can submit your photos to our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MuskingumSWCD>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/home> or post to Instagram using #5mintuenaturechallenge. Once you submit your photos, you will be entered into the quarterly drawing for an insulated water bottle.



Since the release of the Spring newsletter, the prices of birdhouses and bird feeders have increased. Please visit the website for current prices.
www.muskingumswcd.org



Join us for These In-Person Nature Challenges!

The MSWCD is partnering with the Muskingum County Library System to bring two fun and educational events to the Rural Services Building Native Pollinator Garden late this summer. Both events are **FREE** and open to all.



You don't want to miss these!

Storytime and Insect ID

Saturday, August 27, @10:00 a.m.
Rural Services Building
Native Pollinator Garden
831 Shinnick Street

Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on and install an identification app, such as iNaturalist, Seek, or Google Lens, on their phone prior to arriving.

Monarch Tagging

Saturday, September 24, @10 a.m.
Rural Services Building
Native Pollinator Garden
831 Shinnick Street

The MSWCD is a Monarch Weigh Station, as identified through Monarch Watch. We will discuss why and how Monarchs are tagged, and hopefully there are some present to tag that morning!

MEET OUR 2022 SUMMER INTERNS



Hi my name is Dylan McNabb, and I am one of the 2022 interns for the Muskingum County Soil and Water Conservation District. I am a sophomore in college, and I go to Zane State studying wildlife conservation. In my free time, I am the head coach of a 10u softball team, and also, help coach a 15u travel softball team as well as a 12u travel baseball team. When I'm not coaching, I like to get outside to enjoy the outdoors, spending more of my time either fishing or hunting.



Greetings, my name is Jade, and I am working as the intern for the Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District. I am currently in my senior year of college, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Conservation. I am a very spontaneous and adventurous individual in my free time, but a few of my favorite hobbies include fishing with my dog, CrossFit, and being an auntie. My goal as an intern is to gain an ample amount of knowledge, to gain hands-on experiences within the field, and to make new connections.



It's not too late to join us for kids'



campers will have fun learning about water, soil, pollinators, and plants while participating in activities and games, making a craft, and exploring the garden.

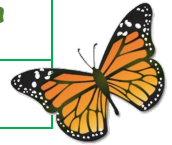


Camp Highlights:

- * **No Fee.**
- * **Registration required. Register at www.muskingumswcd.org.**
- * **Opened to Children ages 6-12; younger siblings are welcomed but must be accompanied by an adult.**

Camp Dates, Times, and Places

July 20, 2022	9AM—12PM	Restoration Park Community Garden
July 27, 2022	9AM—12PM	Imlay Community Garden



Register for one or both camp dates. Don't miss out on the fun!

"Don't Throw That Away" Craft Night

Come join us for an evening of fun, laughs, and making something new again.

July 26, 6PM—7PM September 27, 6PM—7PM

No Cost Minimal Cost

Rural Service Building Meeting Room
225 Underwood Street, Zanesville

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register, visit our website at www.muskingumswcd.org or call the office at 740-454-2027.

Do you have any of the following that we could make new again?

- Christmas Fabric
- 1/8" ribbon (red, green, blue, gold)
- 1/4" ribbon (red, green, blue, gold)
- Embroidery Floss

Just drop items off at our office.

Thank you to all who donated items last quarter!



ONE FIELD CHALLENGE

Information from your own field is always better than from somewhere else! We are looking for 20 producers or fields to make at least a 2-year commitment to do something different on your operation. You will receive the information, soil tests and a small stipend for your participation. Some of the possibilities for the challenge are cover crop versus no cover crop, single species cover crop versus multi-species cover crop, different rates of fertilizer for N, P, or K. It could be starter fertilizer versus no starter or strip grazing compared to continuous grazing. We want to help you find out what is best for your operation and the environment. What is the question you want to ask and try to find the answer to? Let us help you set up an on-farm trial or side-by-side comparison. To find out more information contact Melissa Devore or Van Slack at the office at 740-454-2027.

FIELD SCOUTING DAY

WITH DR. KELLY TILLMAN FROM OSU

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Join OSU Extension and the Muskingum SWCD as they host a Field Scouting Day looking for good and bad bugs! This will be a hands on, in the field experience. If you ever wanted to know what that bug is or what it's doing there...here's your chance to find out!

Check our website for more information closer to event <https://www.muskingumswcd.org/>.



OHIO NO-TILL COUNCIL FIELD DAY



The Muskingum SWCD and Randall Horst will be hosting one of the three Ohio No-Till Council's field days here in Muskingum County on August 23 this summer. The location will be 1145 Morgan Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Check the Ohio No-Till Council website for registration information <https://ohionotillcouncil.com/>. The cost is \$25 and will be collected at the door.



FARMING AFTER DARK . . .

Finding a better way.

Summer Episodes

Wednesday, July 20 @8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17 @8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 21 @8:30 p.m.

urban greens

Our goal is to preserve our natural resources, but we cannot do it alone. Through the generosity of the following grant providers, Urban Greens will be able to help others keep our community green. The funding from these grants will be used to improve all six of our Urban Greens Community Garden sites throughout Muskingum County. Thank you to:



Energy Cooperative for the Veteran's Grant.

Muskingum County Community Foundation for the Spring Grant.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for the Urban Agriculture Initiative Grant.

Natural Resources Conservation Service for the People's Garden Grant.



The NACD Urban Agriculture Initiative Grant has allowed us to hire four part-time seasonal Garden Coordinators to help with the expansion of our Urban Greens garden sites in 2022. All the Coordinators are very passionate about helping us feed our community and teaching people to grow their own food and we couldn't do it without them this year. If you're out helping in our gardens and see one of our Coordinators, be sure to take a minute to say hi! If you'd like to help in the Urban Greens program, please contact Allie (contact info below).

Meet Our Garden Coordinators



Joyce Dilley



Megan Jones



Marcella Gibbon



Kade Hambel

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

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



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2022 AWARD NOMINATION INFO

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, 2022. Forms can be mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Ste. 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or scanned/mailed 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, monogrammed 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 gift card for 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.



Muskingum Soil and Water
Conservation District

2022 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

AWARD CATEGORIES

☐ 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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IF YOU PLANT IT, THEY WILL COME



You've probably heard the saying, "If you build it, they will come" from the movie, *The Field of Dreams*. We decided to test that theory, with our own spin on it. We have built a garden for the pollinators...so now we're waiting on them to arrive!

Late in 2021, the District, in partnership with the Muskingum County Master Gardeners, received a Neighborhood Grant from the City of Zanesville to establish an educational pollinator garden next to the parking lot at the Rural Services Building. The funds were used to purchase fence, ground fabric, and seed to establish the garden on the lot the Muskingum County Commissioners are generously letting us use as the garden site.

As I write this article, District staff and summer interns have the fence installed and they, along with several Master Gardeners, have planted over 700 plants in the garden. There are a few plants to go in yet, then mulch will be put down, and signs will be installed. The garden site features several sample gardens, including a shade garden, a wet-area garden, native grasses, a milkweed garden, and one for full-sun. Small signs will be installed that will identify each plant. A large sign will feature some common pollinating insects that might be found in the garden, along with pictures of some of the plants in bloom.

The District would like to thank The OSU Muskingum County Master Gardeners, the City of Zanesville, the Muskingum County Commissioners and County Maintenance Department, and the Muskingum County Community Foundation.

When you are out and about, be sure to check out the newly established Rural Services Building Pollinator Garden, at 831 Shinnick Street (beside 225 Underwood Street). It is free, educational, and open to the public. We hope to see you enjoying the garden soon!



Attention High School Students

Do you have an interest in the conservation, environmental or agriculture industries?



This program is designed to help high school students learn how they want to advance their conservation/environmental interests into a career. Students will be given the opportunity to build their skills in professionalism in the workplace. Upon completion, students will be awarded a scholarship.

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). Application due by September 30, 2022.

For more information, please contact Allie Murphy at 740-454-2027.

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Save the Date

Office Closed	July 4
MSWCD Board Meeting	July 5
Live at Noon	July 12
Water Quality Bus Trip	July 12-14
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	July 19
Farming After Dark	July 20
Craft Night	July 26
Live at Noon	July 26
MSWCD Board Meeting	Aug 9
Live at Noon	Aug 9
Muskingum Co Fair	Aug 14—20
WHIZ AM 1240 Radio	Aug 16
Farming After Dark	Aug 17
Live at Noon	Aug 23

Ohio No-till Council Field Day	Aug 23
Nature Challenge	Aug 27
Field Scouting Day	Aug 31
Office Closed	Sept 5
Ag Breakfast	Sept 6
MSWCD Board Meeting	Sept 13
Live at Noon	Sept 13
ATV Tour	Sept 17
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