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"Your Soil and Water Conservation Specialist"

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RainWise: Urban Rain Barrel Workshops for Sustainable Water Use

Why are Rain Barrels Important?

Rain barrels are a great way to recycle rainwater while also providing benefits to your property. Benefits include...

- Preventing excess runoff from drainpipes that would otherwise pick up pollutants such as pesticides, animal waste, and other materials on your property that could be harmful if they ran into nearby waterways.
- Reduce erosion and flooding.
- Provide water for yard use, helping to save water used from municipal sources.
- Provides a healthy way to water your plants.

Our Plan

The RainWise project will provide demonstration workshops for you to learn about the benefits of rain barrels and how to use them on your property. Participation in the workshop will allow you to get your own rain barrel supplies at a reduced price.

Demonstration workshops will be held at two of the Urban Greens garden sites, Brighton Grows and Marshall Greens. In the future, we plan to hold Rain Barrel Workshops at different city parks where there will also be rain gardens and pollinator plantings being installed.

There will be rain barrels that will be painted by local artists and groups on display at both of the demonstration workshops. An online auction will be held after the two demonstration workshops to sell these rain barrels.



Flyer with details included in this newsletter.



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2025 ATV TOUR JOIN US



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***SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025***

- Day of Registration 7:00AM
- Leave Promptly at 8:00 AM
- Return at Approximately 4:00 PM

CASS/MADISON TOWNSHIPS

- The registration form is included in this newsletter. It can also be found on our website.
 - Registration can be done by mailing the form, dropping the form off at the District office or online.
 - There will be no sign-ups the day of the event.
 - 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.
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- Participants are encouraged to pack coolers with water and snacks, sunglasses/safety glasses, bug spray, and clothing for all weather conditions. 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 District office.
 - No waiver, no riding!

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED
FEE

\$20



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2025 Registration for ATV Conservation Tour

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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 5, 2025**



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, mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Suite 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701, or register online at www.muskingumswcd.org. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (service fee will be applied).

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*Interested in Helping Native Pollinators
and/or Wildlife?*

DO YOU WANT TO:

- Establish a corner of your backyard as a mini meadow?
- Create a more native backyard?
- Provide habitat for local wildlife?
- Create a buffer strip along a stream?



Even Small Spaces can help native species thrive.

Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District received a "Partner in Watershed Management" grant from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District to "Grow Native". With the grant, Muskingum SWCD was able to purchase a 3' no-till drill to rent to residents of Muskingum County.

This smaller drill can be pulled by a UTV or small tractor and can be used to plant native plants and food plots for wildlife.



CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.

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New to

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LACEY HARRIER, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR



Hi, my name is Lacey Harrier, and I joined MSWCD on May 12th, 2025 as the new District Administrator! I graduated from West Muskingum High School and The Ohio State University. Before joining MSWCD, I spent over a decade with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and then a short time with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

I have been married to my husband, Orlando Harrier, for ten years. We have a 9-year-old son, T.J. and a 5-year-old daughter, Evie. We reside on our family's farm west of Zanesville. In our free time, we love to be outside and enjoy UTV rides, boating, camping and spending time with family.



CARAH MLADEK, CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN/EDUCATOR



Hi! My name is Carah Mladek, and I am the new Conservation Technician and Educator at MSWCD. I'm from Bakersville, OH, and I recently graduated from Hocking College with an associate's degree in applied science with a minor in Natural Resources Law Enforcement.

My love for the outdoors started when I was very young, finding myself outside all the time on my parents' farm. I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking with my dogs, and traveling to new places.

I appreciate being able to step out of my comfort zone to experience new things, and I think that's exactly what this position will do for me. I hope to gain many experiences here at MSWCD and I can't wait to see where my career takes me!

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

2025 Summer

VOLUNTEER INTERNS

SARAH LUTE



Sarah is from Chillicothe, Ohio and just finished her first year at Muskingum University studying environmental science. She is on the cross country and track teams at Muskingum University, and she hopes to pursue a career in environmental law in the future.

SERYNA MANN



Seryna is a graduate from Tri-Valley High School, and She is currently going into her third year as a Criminal Justice and Wildlife Conservation student at Zane State College. Through her internship at MSWCD, she hopes to gain valuable skills working in the conservation field that she can later use in her career working somewhere in a park capacity. In her free time, she can be found out on the river, reading a book, working outside, or playing the piano and drums.

ERIN OBERLE



Erin is from Worthington, Ohio. She is a rising senior at Denison University double majoring in Environmental Science and Vocal Performance. After graduation, She hopes to pursue a career in environmental science, hopefully somewhere in ocean conservation.

FORESTRY INTERN

ALYSSA KIEFER



Alyssa is a senior at The Ohio State University, majoring in Community Leadership with a focus on Extension Education, alongside studies in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife Sciences. This summer, she is interning with the Muskingum County Soil and Water Conservation District, where she works in the Forestry Department. Through this role, Alyssa has gained hands-on experience engaging directly with landowners across Muskingum County. She assists in identifying forestry resources on private lands, helps landowners navigate conservation incentive programs, and connects them with natural resource professionals throughout the state. Her work reflects a strong commitment to community-based conservation and sustainable land management.

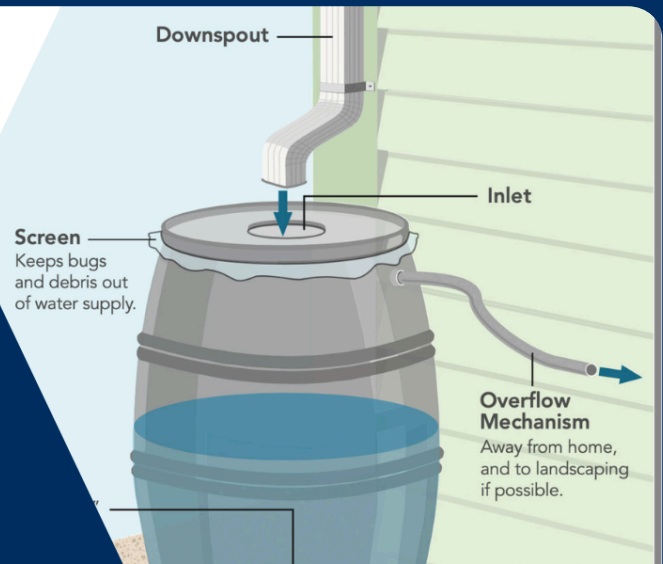


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Rain Barrel Workshop



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What You'll Learn:



Assembly

Learn how to properly assemble your rain barrel for adequate use



Installation

Properly install your rain barrel and its gutter system



Winterizing

How to prepare your rain barrel for winter months, ensuring no damage is done



Benefits

Learn the benefits of rain barrels and why they are efficient and effective!

Event Details:

August 7th - 5pm-7pm
Marshall Greens Garden
3405 Licking Lane, Zanesville

September 6th - 10am-12pm
Brighton Grows Garden
604 Baker Street, Zanesville



**Reserve Your
Spot Now!**



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\$30 PER BARREL

(Limited slots available)

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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 Mark Sterling, Nominating Committee Chair, at 740-328-5892 or by email at masterling912@gmail.com.



Muskingum Soil and Water
Conservation District

2025 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. You will find nomination information on our website at <https://www.muskingumswcd.org/Events/Award-Nomination/>. The nomination form can be printed from our website and mailed to MSWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Zanesville. Nomination can also be submitted via our website. Deadline to submit your nomination is July 28, 2025. If you have any questions, please call Doreen at 740-454-2027.

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



JULY - SEPTEMBER 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

07/11	RESTORATION PARK MOVIE NIGHT Activities begin at 6:30 PM; movie begins at dusk, 252 Muskingum Avenue.
7/28	GARDEN-TO-TABLE AT MAPLE-HARDING GARDEN 4:30 PM; 2720 Maple Avenue, register through the library.
8/8	RESTORATION PARK MOVIE NIGHT Activities begin at 6:30 PM; movie begins at dusk, 252 Muskingum Avenue.
8/25	GARDEN-TO-TABLE AT RESTORATION PARK 4:30 PM; 252 Muskingum Avenue, register through the library.
8/26	ENJOY THE HARVEST SERIES WITH UG & CSU EXTENTION Topic: Food Safety and DIY Handwashing Station Location: Foodworks Alliance, 2725 Pinkeron Road.
9/9	ENJOY THE HARVEST SERIES WITH UG & CSU EXTENTION Topic: Canning/Making Jams & Jellies Location: Marshall Greens Garden, 3405 Licking Lane.
9/23	ENJOY THE HARVEST SERIES WITH UG & CSU EXTENTION Topic: Fermentation: Making Apple Cider Vinegar Location: Marshall Greens Garden, 3405 Licking Lane.

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Thank you Lisa Crock for the many years of service with MSWCD. Goodluck with all your future endeavors.



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Mark Weiser, Treasurer/Fiscal Agent

District Personnel:

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Carah Mladek
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AmeriCorps VISTA Member

NRCS Personnel:

Mathew Hursey
Jencel Rodriguez-Cruz
Dee Wiseman

Save the Date

Independence Day-Office Closed	07/04	Farming After Dark	08/20
Board Meeting	07/08	Mid-Day News	08/26
Mid-Day News	07/08	Labor Day-Office Closed	09/01
WHIZ Radio	07/15	Rain Barrel Workshop	09/06
Farming After Dark	07/16	Board Meeting	09/09
Mid-Day News	07/22	Mid-Day News	09/09
Grazing Event	07/24	WHIZ Radio	09/16
Board Meeting	08/05	Farming After Dark	09/17
Rain Barrel Workshop	08/07	ATV Tour	09/20
Muskingum County Fair	08/09-16	Mid-Day News	09/23
Mid-Day News	08/12	Grazing Event	09/25
WHIZ Radio	08/19	Mid-Day News	09/29



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