



MUSKINGUM SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

URBAN GREENS PROGRAM UPDATE

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Mission Statement: Growing food, growing community. Together we are working to develop and support urban agriculture projects in Muskingum County.



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2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD), with financial support from our Board of Supervisors and the Muskingum County Farm Bureau Dinner on the Farm event, employed Kristen Baughman as the part-time Urban Agricultural Technician.
- Faith United Methodist Church donated \$1000 to the MSWCD to be used towards a scholarship for a volunteer intern to work in the Urban Greens Program. Lauren Williams spent almost 200 hours assisting Kristen with the Urban Greens program.
- Hosted a Community Garden Leadership Gathering in February, Garden Design 101 in March, Garden Work Day/Opening event in April, the Plant and Seed Giveaway in May, and a Canning Workshop in July.
- Participated in the Muskingum County Head Start family night, engaging children in composting with the worm bin and had a display at the ZMCHD Health Fair. Had displays and activities at each Movie Night in the Park event, held by the Putnam Business Association.
- Engaged 250+ individuals at public events, garden work days, and programs (listed above).
- Kristen gave presentations to the Beaux Arts Club, Daybreak Rotary, and Duncan Falls/Philo Lions Club, and also appeared on WHIZ's "Live at Noon" segment to promote Urban Greens programs.
- The community garden at Restoration Park was a featured stop on the Beaux Arts 2018 Garden Tour. The New Concord Friendship Garden was a featured stop on the MSWCD 2018 ATV Tour.
- Worked with OSU Extension- Muskingum County to provide "Kids Dig It" Jr. Master Gardener programming to children from Lifewell and the Civic League summer youth programs. For eight weeks children were brought to the Farm to School Garden, where Master Gardeners volunteered 90 hours and taught lessons while the kids gained hands-on experience in the garden. Each youth center had approximately 10-20 children participating each week.
- Received \$2000 worth of bagged soil, donated by Dollar General.
- Raised bed gardens were installed at Zanesville Civic League and Lifewell.
- The Rosecrans Green Club helped get the public gardens and Farm to School garden cleaned up, both in the spring and again in the fall, and refilled the raised beds at First United Methodist Church.
- Lauren gave presentations about growing food and healthy eating at all 18 Zanesville City School Summer Lunch sites, reaching 238 children.

- Doubled the size of the Farm to School garden at Zanesville Community High School, and delivered 275 pounds of fresh produce for the summer lunch program. Additional produce was donated to local food pantries.
- Provided technical assistance to a church looking to build their own community garden.
- Restoration Park was the host site for an event sponsored by the United Way and Kellogg's. The park was cleaned up, trellises were installed in the community garden and flowers planted. The Lowe's Heroes built a gardening shed at the park.
- Planted a "Thanksgiving Garden" at the Zanesville City School Legacy Garden site and worked with Zanesville Middle School vo-ag classes. 178 students harvested and prepared their produce in late November.

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2019 GOALS

- 2019 Farm Bureau Dinner on the Farm will be held at the community garden at Restoration Park.
- Continue to support the existing community gardens and provide assistance to any new gardens established in 2019.
- Establish one completely new community garden within Zanesville City limits.
- Continue to identify and train volunteers to oversee gardens. Our 2018 volunteer intern, Lauren Williams, will be returning to volunteer in the Urban Greens program in the summer of 2019. Lauren will be attending graduate school in the fall of 2019, and has an interest in environmental policy and urban sustainability.
- Continue the Farm to School Project with Zanesville City Schools, including maintaining the garden at the Zanesville Community High School, moving the Legacy Garden at Zanesville High School, and offering in-class and outdoor programs centered on urban agriculture and healthy eating.
- Grow another 250 pounds of produce for the Summer Lunch Program at the Farm to school garden site.
- Continue to work with OSU Extension and Master Gardeners on the "Kids Dig It" programs at the Farm to School garden, engaging youth from Lifewell Ministries and the Zanesville Civic League. Extend the programming to include Bethel Community Center and Eastside Community Ministry.
- Engage at least 150 school-age children in programming in the class room and garden sites (as available).



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