



# HAMILTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ADVANCING SOIL AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY

## Conservation Spotlight

April 2022



We're excited to partner with Hamilton County R3Source to offer the Spring 2022 Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale. Backyard Composting is an excellent way to reduce trash going to landfills and allows you to make your own compost! Rain barrels reduce water costs, keep our water clean, and provide a natural source of water for plants and gardens all while reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our storm drains.

Orders must be placed by June 2nd and picked up on June 4th. **Click here** to learn more about the Hamilton County Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale and to place your order.



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### Upcoming Opportunities

#### **Yard Trimming Drop-Off**

The yard trimming program runs from March 26th to December 4th. There are several drop-off locations around Hamilton County. Check out the **website** for

additional details.

### **Composting Seminars**

Hamilton County R3Source's popular Composting Seminars are back, with five in-person events throughout the county and 2 virtual options from the comfort of one's laptop or device. **Click here** to learn more and register.

- April 14th - California Woods
- April 21st - Colerain Senior and Community Center
- April 26th - Civic Garden Center
- May 12th - Reading City Hall
- May 17th - Forest Park Senior Center
- Two virtual options on May 3rd and 31st

### **Mow Greener Program**

Residents of southwest Ohio are invited to replace their old gas-powered lawnmower with a new battery-operated mower through the "Mow Greener" program. Residents may register online to receive a \$100 VISA gift card when they recycle their old mower and provide proof of purchase of a battery-powered mower. Program registration opens **here** on Friday, April 1st.

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# Upper Dry Fork Watershed Public Planning Meeting

Help us prioritize our efforts!

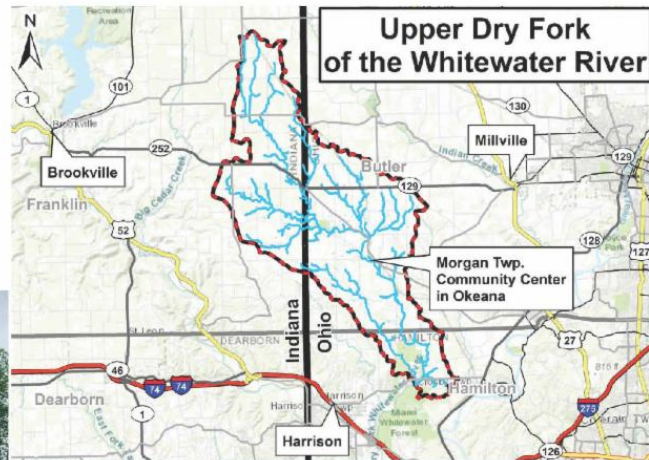
**Thursday, May 19, 2022 | 6-7:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Morgan Twp. Community Building, 6463 Okeana Drewersburg Rd., Okeana, Ohio 45053

**Who:** Anyone living in the watershed interested in clean water, stable soils and healthy streams.

**Purpose:** Following up on the recent Open House designed for sharing information with the community about local conservation efforts and available resources. Survey results will be discussed.

**Public Planning Meeting ... No registration required ... Everyone Welcome!**



## Agriculture Education Day

On April 7th, 360 3rd and 4th-grade students from nine Hamilton County Schools attended a FREE field trip at Gorman Heritage Farm. Agriculture Education Day is designed for students in Hamilton County to visit a working farm and learn about food production, farm animals, water quality, soil science, and composting. Agriculture Education Day was sponsored by Gorman Heritage Farm, The Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Hamilton County Conservation District, Southwest Ohio FFA chapters, and Hamilton County R3Source.



## Green Infrastructure for Planners

Thursday,  
June 23, 2022

8:00 am - Noon

Sanitation District No. 1

1045 Eaton Drive Fort Wright, Kentucky 41017

Registration: \$20

Student: \$ 10 (Promo Code - STUDENT)

Students can attend for free with letter of support from an instructor/professor

Register at: [www.SaveLocalWaters.org/GI](http://www.SaveLocalWaters.org/GI)



Green Infrastructure will and has already become a key tool in coping and battling the impacts of Climate Change. As regulations and codes are being updated to include Green Infrastructure into the development process, planners will become key allies in including these practices into their designs. This workshop is geared to equip planners with the tools they need to start looking at green infrastructure and incorporating them into their planning process. Come hear from planners and engineers who have walked this path before and the lessons they have learned.

**This event is worth 2 AICP CM credits.**

Registration Link: [www.SaveLocalWaters.org/GI](http://www.SaveLocalWaters.org/GI)

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### Cincinnati Master Rain Gardener Course

Congratulations to the first graduating class of the Greater Cincinnati Master Rain Gardener course! We had great students and are excited to see their beautiful rain

gardens get built in our region. For more information about the Greater Cincinnati Master Rain Gardener course, visit [www.cincyraingardener.org](http://www.cincyraingardener.org).



## Upcoming Events

May 1st - City of Madeira Tree City Event

May 7th - Civic Garden Center Plant Sale

May 15th - Crosby Township Day

May 21st - Anderson Township Seed Bash

June 4th - Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Pick Up

June 29th - July 2nd - Hamilton County Community Fair



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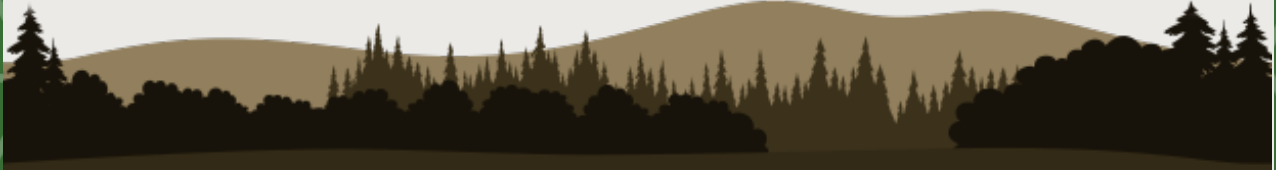
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