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Funding Available for Local Non-Profits Interested in Conservation

Apply for a 2016 Conservation Mini-Grant Today

1/20/2016 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO— Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District applies funds raised during their annual meeting, silent auction, tree sale, and affiliate membership program toward the District's Conservation Fund. The fund is utilized each year for conservation projects throughout the county, as well as awarding up to three Mini-Grants every spring.

The Conservation Mini-Grants award up to \$1500 to local non-profit organizations who demonstrate the need for funding, as well as their ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects in Franklin County. Organizations that are qualified to apply include schools, watershed groups, municipalities, community groups, and civic associations. Once the Mini-Grants have been awarded, any remaining funds in the District's Conservation Fund are utilized throughout the remainder of the year by Franklin Soil and Water to implement conservation projects and programs, often in coordination with county partners.

The proposed projects that receive funding must work toward accomplishing the mission of Franklin Soil and Water by promoting responsible land use decisions for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil and water resources in Franklin County. Past awarded projects include: tree plantings, invasive species removal, the installation of rain gardens, sediment and erosion control, habitat improvement, and stream clean-ups.

Applications for funding are currently being accepted at [Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's website](http://www.franklinswcd.org) through Friday, March 4th, 2016 at midnight. Applicants may either complete and submit the form online or print and mail it in to 1404 Goodale Blvd. Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43212. Questions and applications should be directed to Sara Ernst, Conservation Implementation Specialist, at sernst@franklinswcd.org or by calling (614) 486-9613.

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote land-use decisions for the conservation, protection and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance and education.