



Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 70 Years

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Conservation Stewardship Fund Kicking-Off on #GivingTuesday



12/3/2019 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO- If we are going to protect our water resources in Central Ohio successfully, we need long term funding sources for projects and programs to supplement local, state, federal, and private grant programs. Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District has joined that initiative by creating our Conservation Stewardship Fund through the Columbus Foundation.

Purpose: The purpose of our Conservation Stewardship Fund is to raise money for the implementation of conservation projects targeted to improving water quality for the benefit of wildlife, recreation and drinking water. While focused on water quality and rainwater runoff, these projects will also benefit wetlands, forestry, carbon offsets, pollinators, native plants, and bird populations throughout Central Ohio.

Projects: Potential Conservation Fund projects eligible to receive funding support will include wetland and stream restoration, the creation or enhancement of rain gardens, bioswales, stormwater basin retrofits, native tree plantings, invasive species removal, installation of practices through our community backyards program, and natural area protection through conservation easement acquisition.

Management: Franklin Soil and Water will be the manager of these funds in partnership with The Columbus Foundation. Project implementation may be led by other local governments or non-profits through coordination and oversight provided by our management and staff. Each year Franklin Soil and Water Board of Supervisors will authorize spending from the Conservation Fund to ensure long term sustainability of the funds as well as to ensure that funds are used according to the established purpose.

Donate: To learn more or to support on-the-ground conservation projects in Central Ohio, visit our direct donation and sponsorship page with The Columbus Foundation:

[Franklin Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship Fund](#)

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The mission of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote responsible 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.

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