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**Franklin Soil and Water Mini-Grants Awarded
for Local Natural Resource Conservation Projects in Franklin County**

Made possible through the District's Conservation Fund

4/9/2019 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO—Franklin Soil and Water's Annual Conservation Mini-Grant awardees have been selected! Conservation mini-grants are awarded each spring to organizations that are qualified to apply including schools, watershed groups, municipalities, community groups, and civic associations. The mini-grant program, which supports the implementation of conservation projects throughout Franklin County, is made possible through the District's Conservation Fund, utilizes profits from our Annual Meeting silent auction and spring tree and plant sale. The seven-year old program, has awarded nearly 30 grants to deserving non-profits for their local conservation projects.

This year, out of sixteen (16) applications, Franklin Soil and Water awarded grants to five (5) different organizations who demonstrated their need for funding, as well as their ability to carry out on-the-ground conservation projects in Franklin County. Below are the awardees and the projects we look forward to seeing in local communities this year.

Awardee	Project Title
City of Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation	West Side Park native habitat install
Clinton Township	Native Plantings in two community pocket parks
Ecole Kenwood Parent Teacher Organization	Dry Stream Bed and Mini-Wetland Outdoor Classroom
Franklin County Public Facilities Management	Early Run North Tree Planting
South Eastmoor Civic Association	Park Sign Pollinator Plot
<i>Congratulations to all 2019 mini-grant awardees!</i>	

Do you or a local non-profit have an idea for conservation implementation that needs funding support? Check back in late 2019 for the open application period. Projects ideas targeted to improving water quality, reducing or slowing stormwater runoff with rain gardens or buffer zones, streambank stabilization, or invasive species removal are highly encouraged.

For more information on Franklin Soil and Water's Conservation Fund or to become a donor, visit www.franklinswcd.org/conservation-fund. Sponsorship levels and donation benefits can be found on our [Conservation Stewardship Fund opportunity chart](#).

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