

## April Program Update

### Conservation Mini Grants Awarded!



Four Franklin County conservation projects will be receiving grant funds this spring to assist in the protection and improvement of soil and water resources. The funds, awarded in different amounts up to \$1500 each, were generated from the profits of the District's annual meeting, silent auction, tree sale, and affiliate membership programs. This year's Conservation Mini-grant projects will include:

- Landscaping and gardening with native trees and plants at Worthington Parks & Recreation Department's Moses Wright Nature Area, and at Friends of the Homeless Community Garden located downtown, a project of Southeast Inc.
- Filtering rainwater runoff and habitat improvement at Worthington Hills Country Club.
- Rainwater harvesting with rain barrels and soil improvement through composting at Canal Winchester Human Services' new community garden.



### Have a Construction Project Over 1 Acre? Check Out the New NPDES Permit!

The Ohio EPA has issued the new NPDES permit for stormwater associated with construction activities. Changes include new Post-construction Requirements and clarification of language regarding sediment control measures. Our [Urban Conversation Team](#) is available to answer any questions you have, or even come out and inspect your site, to help you abide by the new regulations so you can prevent potentially costly setbacks on construction projects!

Get more info on Ohio EPA's Website

## New Prizes and Partners for Get Grassy!



Each month from April-October we'll draw a pledge to receive a \$10 gift card to Strader's Garden Center and Oakland Nurseries as part of our Get Grassy! pledge program. You can download the graphic to the left to share with your residents on social media or newsletters on our resources page below!

Thank you to our current nursery partners!



We'd like to extend a big thank to our nursery partners involved with Gardening for Clean Water, many of which are promoting Get Grassy! by displaying our hot cards in the lawn care section of their stores. Our nursery and lawn care partners are vital in getting our message out on the ground to Franklin County Residents!

[Get Grassy! Resources](#)

## Catch Us Around Town!

Once the weather starts warming up our education and outreach teams break out the sunscreen and pack their schedules with community events. From Hilliard's Garden Club to Gahanna's Paws on the Plaza and everywhere in between you can keep up with where we're at on our Facebook page!

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