



**Franklin Soil and Water  
Conservation District**  
*Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 70 Years*

## March Program Update

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### Hellbranch Meadows Restoration



If you drive past Hellbranch Meadows in the coming weeks, you might be alarmed to see trees coming down and earth being moved, but fear not, the restoration is part of a plan to increase the available wildlife habitat and water quality of Hellbranch Run.

Read more on our Hellbranch Meadows Blog

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### Gearing up for Community Backyards

We're almost finished scheduling workshops for this year's Community Backyards program that begins April 1st!

[See what workshops are available at  
www.communitybackyards.eventbrite.org](http://www.communitybackyards.eventbrite.org)

**COMMUNITY  
BACKYARDS**  
**GET \$50 FOR YOUR YARD!**

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### Education Highlights

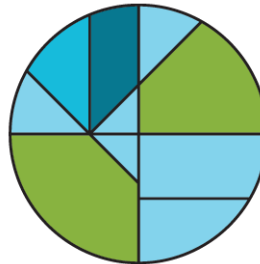


Our education team will be at the Columbus Zoo's annual Party for the Planet on April 21st. Stop by to see animals and learn about soil and water conservation with us for Earth Day!

The annual conservation poster contest is in full swing. Approximately 1,000 students in grades K-8 from 18 schools in 8 different Franklin County School Districts participated this year. We are currently receiving class entries. They will be judged by our staff and winners will be announced in mid April. The awards ceremony will be held at the Columbus Zoo on Saturday, April 28th.

### Earth Day in Columbus

Columbus' Earth Day celebration is a sight to see, with 7 days of volunteer projects that complete over 100,000 hours of service, capped off with a day of celebration, music and food. Pick a time to volunteer April 14-21 then join us at Genoa Park on April 22.



EARTH DAY  
COLUMBUS  
2018

[Register your own, or choose a service site here](#)

### 2018 Ohio Stormwater Conference

The 2018 Ohio Stormwater Conference will be held at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky May 9-11 this year. [Registration is now open!](#)



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