

THE CLERMONT CONSERVATION QUARTERLY



OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO MEET THE CONSERVATION NEEDS OF CLERMONT COUNTY

CONSERVATION AT THE FAIR

For local residents, there's only one place to be during the last week of July - the Clermont County Fair. For our conservation minded friends, here are some ways you can engage in and practice conservation at the fair this year.



VISIT OUR RAIN GARDEN

- Visit our rain garden! Located near the poultry barn, this garden filters and soaks in stormwater, preventing runoff and keeping the walkways dry.
- Come to Natural Resources Day! From 11-4pm on July 28th, we will be in Lykins Pavilion with our Stream Table showing how erosion and deposition change a landscape.
- Don't forget to recycle! There will be several recycling bins across the fairgrounds for soda, water bottles, and paper/card products.
- Pick up litter! Let's all do our part to keep the fairgrounds clean.
- Bring a reusable water bottle! There is a filtered water refilling station in the Ag Services Center.
- Visit us! We will have a booth with conservation information and giveaways in the commercial building, or visit our office in the Ag Services Center (next to gazebo).



RECYCLE!



REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE



NATURAL RESOURCES DAY



PICK UP LITTER



VISIT US!

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SPRING LITTER CLEANUP

On April 25th, we held our 34th Annual Spring Litter Cleanup with over 152 volunteers joining us! We love seeing this group come together to make a difference in their communities. In total, they cleared 192 bags of trash from East Fork State Park, Milford, Miami Township and Williamsburg. Thank you to all our incredible volunteers who make Clermont County a great place to live! A big Thank You to the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District, the Clermont County Park District, ODNR State Parks, East Fork and Stonelick State Parks, and the Harsha Lake Army Corps of Engineers.

Couldn't join us? You can still make an impact! Check out the Ohio River Sweep on June 27th or grab a trash bag and some gloves and do a quick cleanup in your neighborhood or favorite park. If you are interested in hosting a cleanup with a small group, we can provide the supplies! Contact Connie Miller at cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov for more information.

SPRING LITTER CLEANUP LOGO CONTEST WINNER

We held our yearly Spring Litter Cleanup Logo contest for local K-12 students. The contest was started to help increase promotion of litter prevention/awareness and natural resources protection. We are so grateful to the Southern Ohio Association of Realtors (SOAR) who have sponsored the contest for the last 12 years. This year the winner was Emma Barber, a 5th grade student from Batavia Elementary. Emma's logo was featured on t-shirts and stickers our volunteers received. She also won a \$100 cash award and an additional \$100 gift given to Batavia art department. Grade-level award winners received \$25 each. Check out all the winning designs at springlittercleanup.com.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone who participated! For additional information about the logo contest, contact Connie Miller at cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATION PLANT SALE!

This year we sold 2,100 seedlings and 1,240 perennials during our annual plant sale focused on Ohio native species. Thank you to all of our customers! We will continue to offer plant material for homes, gardens, and reforestation projects for years to come. Do you have any plants you'd like to see at future sales? We love suggestions from our customers; we also enjoy hearing stories about trees bought years ago at our sale that are now huge and thriving! Send us your photos, ideas, or questions by emailing cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov.

COMPOSTERS AND RAIN BARRELS STILL AVAILABLE

The Adams Clermont Solid Waste District is still offering the Earth Machine Compost Bins and 2 gallon Kitchen Collectors at below market value, available at acswd.org/compost-bins-kitchen-collectors-and-turners-for-sale/. We also still have rain barrels in stock, available for purchase at store.clermontswcd.org.

Sale



Saturday June 27th, 9 am – Noon

The Ohio River Sweep is an annual, volunteer cleanup that extends the entire 1,000-mile length of the Ohio River. Volunteers from the six states bordering the Ohio River remove litter at multiple locations along the river and many of its tributaries. In the past, volunteers in Clermont County have made tremendous progress cleaning their section along the Ohio River.

Clermont County will be hosting four staging locations for this event:

- Chilo Lock and Dam – meet at the boat ramp. This site is only open to adults and older teens due to the terrain. Participants will get wet at this site!
- Moscow – meet at Riverview Park on Second Street.
- Neville – meet at the boat ramp, located on Morgan Street off of US 52.
- New Richmond – meet at the riverfront bandstand.

Participants will receive a free T-shirt, and all sites are celebrating afterward with lunch, snacks and refreshments! Funding for these local cleanups come from the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

If you are interested in pitching in, bring a water bottle, wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty! Trash bags, and a limited number of gloves will be provided. Be sure to register in advance at

WWW.SPRINGLITTERCLEANUP.COM

SAVE THE DATE



Monthly Board Meeting	— Jun. 11, 8am
Neighbors in the Know	— Jun. 17, 6pm
Conservation Farm Field Day	— Jun. 18, 6pm
Juneteenth (Office Closed)	— Jun. 19
Ohio River Sweep	— Jun. 27, 9am
Watershed Restoration Projects in Clermont – Batavia Library	— Jun. 30, 6pm
Fourth of July weekend (Office Closed on Friday)	— Jul. 3 & 4
Monthly Board Meeting	— Jul. 9, 8am
Natural Resources Day	— Jul. 28, 11am
Monthly Board Meeting	— Aug. 13, 8am
Annual Meeting	— Sep. 10, 5pm

NEIGHBORS IN THE KNOW SERIES: FARMLAND ISN'T FREE

June 17, 2026, 6pm, online session

Guests Hal Herron (Jackson Township Trustee, farmer), Holly Isaacs (Village of Bethel administrator, hobby farmer), Sarah Ison (Farm Bureau advocate, farmer), and CSW Board Members and farmers Mike McGraw and Todd Winemiller will discuss the economic value of agriculture in our county, the challenges of keeping farmland affordable, and ways citizens and planners can help protect farmland.

Learn more and Register here: bit.ly/49bEqm0

VERMICOMPOSTING WORKSHOP

WHEN July 9th, 6pm

WHERE Adams-Clermont Solid Waste Building
2403 Old State Route 32, Batavia, OH

Join us to learn all about worm composting (vermicomposting), a popular sustainability practice that is easy to do, doesn't take up much space, and produces great fertilizer!

At the workshop, a few worm bins will be raffled for free, and we will also teach you how to make your own worm bin!



FREE MAPPING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR CLERMONT COUNTY RESIDENTS

WWW.CLERMONTSWCD.ORG/
AVAILABLE-ONLINE-MAPS

In the last month, we received three calls from residents looking for guidance on three very different issues.

- One call was from a property owner who has problems with his yard flooding after heavy rains, and he was wondering where the water came from.
- Another was from a prospective buyer of a property with a creek on it, and she was interested in learning more about the drainage area of the creek.
- Lastly, we received a call from a person with questions about the soil conditions in the vicinity of his septic system.

However in each of these cases, we were able to help in the same way - by providing them with a map.

We frequently receive requests from residents and landowners for maps to help them address concerns or questions related to soil and water, and we are happy to provide these maps. Items we are able to show on maps include:

- **Waterbodies** including rivers, streams, lakes, ponds and wetlands
- **Watersheds**
- **Soil types**
- **Topography** (2-foot contour lines)
- **Storm sewers** and associated structures
- **Property lines**
- **Aerial photos** (1938, 1950, 1962, 1985, and for multiple years from the 1990s on)

If you're interested in having Clermont Soil and Water create a map to help with an issue you are having, please call us at 513-732-7075 ext. 4, or by email at jhahn@clermontcountyohio.gov.

CONSERVATION FARM FIELD DAY

Join us on June 18th from 6-9pm for a Conservation Field Day at the Hatfield's Farm (1174 State Route 222, Bethel, Ohio)!

The Hatfields are long time conservation farmers and have adopted no-till, relay cropping, and cover cropping practices. Guest speaker Roger Wenning from Decatur County, Indiana will discuss his experience with conservation farming and how it has improved his soil.

Dinner from Vinny Rays Barbeque will be provided to registrants. To RSVP, call or email Amanda Best at 513-260-9116 or abest@clermontcountyohio.gov.

This event is free and open to the public! RSVP by the end of Friday June 12th

Clermont Farmers' Markets

Name	Where	When	Website
Loveland Farmers' Market	174 Karl Brown Way Loveland, OH	Tuesdays, 3:00pm to 6:30pm	www.lovelandfm.com
Batavia Farmers' Market	95 N Depot Ln, Batavia, OH.	Wednesdays, 3:00pm to 6:00pm Saturdays, 9:00am to 1:00pm	Batavia Farmers Market Facebook page
Williamsburg Farmers' Market	150 E Main St, Williamsburg, OH.	Wednesdays, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	Williamsburg OH Farmers Market Facebook Page
Goshen Community Market	6785 Goshen Road, Goshen, OH.	Thursdays, 4:30pm to 7:00pm	Goshen Farmers Market Facebook page.
Bethel Market	TBD	TBD	Planning for a new location is underway. Stay tuned!
Union Township Farmers' Market	4350 Aicholtz Rd, Cincinnati, OH.	Friday, 4:00pm to 7:00pm	utclermont.gov/226/Farmers-Market
Anderson Farmers' Market	8101 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati, OH.	Saturdays, 9:00am to 12:00pm	anderson-farmers-market.myfreesites.net/
Milford Farmers' Market	Five Points Landing Park: 527 Lila Ave, Milford, OH.	Saturdays, 9:00am to 12:00pm	www.milfordohio.org/residents/milford_farmers_market/index.php
Milford Farmers' Market at the Greenhouse	Milford Shopping Center: 1025 Lila Ave, Milford, OH.	Saturdays, 10:00am to 2:00pm	Milford Farmers' Market Facebook Page
New Richmond Farmers' Market	River Village Shop: 310 Washington St, New Richmond, OH.	Sundays, 11:00am to 3:00pm	River Village Shoppe Website and New Richmond Farmers Market Facebook page

Shop local this summer! Check out our Farmers' Market Guide at:

WWW.CLERMONTSWCD.ORG/MEDIA/RESOURCES/CLERMONT-FARMERS-MARKETS-2026.PDF

FREE TREE GIVEAWAYS HELP REPLANT BETHEL'S LANDSCAPE

Over the past two years, Clermont Soil & Water has been proud to distribute free trees to residents in the Bethel area. The communities of Bethel and Tate Township have lost an extraordinary amount of trees due to the Asian Longhorned Beetle. Thanks to a grant received by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, we are beginning to re-establish the tree canopy with these giveaways.

During our recent giveaway on May 15-16, we handed out 71 free trees to 32 residents. Throughout the program, we have given landowners a total of 656 trees, including 21 different species.

We'd like to express our thanks to our partners who have helped make this program possible, including ODNR Division of Forestry, OKI Regional Council of Governments, Taking Root, and the volunteers who helped distribute the trees. While this was the final tree distribution under the grant, we continue to look for funding opportunities to conduct additional tree giveaways in the future.

CLERMONT SOIL & WATER
2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us as we celebrate a year of achievements and wrap up our 2026 Board election. Keep an eye on our newsletter or facebook for further event details.

SAVE THE DATE!
September 10, 2026 @ 5PM
Winemiller Farms
 6428 Taylor Pike,
 Blanchester, OH 45107




CLERMONT SOIL & WATER INTERNS

This past spring, we were so pleased to have two wonderful interns from West Clermont High School join us! Kelcey Kirby and River Hall did a great job helping with our education programs, social media, plant sale, and lots of other projects. Thank you both for all your hard work!

This summer, we are so excited to have UC Clermont Junior Eva Milligan interning with us! She is currently studying biology to learn about how the animal world works, and how we can help protect those creatures in our ecosystem, no matter how big or little! Eva stays very busy with stream sampling, education programs, and learning about conservation practices.



SCHOOL SUPPLY RECYCLING PROGRAM

Through our School Supply Recycling Program with the Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District, we collected over 1800 pounds of school supplies from 13 Clermont County schools!

We were able to take almost 1200 pounds of these supplies to our partners at CNE Cares and NEST Community Learning Center that will be used to help families in need. The rest will be recycled or taken to specialty recycling and reuse facilities.

Parents and teachers, we always encourage thinking twice before school supply shopping about what your students actually need. Consider what items you have from last year that could be reused (which saves you money too!).

A huge thank you to the amazing teachers who help us coordinate! We also want to thank our awesome volunteers who help us sort (and, tested over 12,000 markers)!

If you are interested in donating or receiving supplies, contact Elea at ecooper@clermontcountyohio.gov



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