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April 30, 2018

Only two more days until [Pollinators for Beginners!](#) Please join us **Wednesday, May 2** at 6:30 p.m. at the Longview Center. Emilee Hardesty, an Ohio Department of Natural

Resources (ODNR) wildlife biologist will discuss monarch butterflies, what has led to pollinator decline and how we can help.

We are accepting applications for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Cover Crop Grant program. The 2018 cost-share rate will be \$12.00 per acre. Producers in the Rocky Fork, Black Fork, Clear Fork and Upper Kokosing watersheds are eligible. Applications will go through a scoring process to see which fields are the most eligible. The goal is to get winter cover on fields with low residue, such as corn silage and soybeans. Therefore, low residue fields will score higher. Contact [Matt](#) for more information.

We need your help! We have unique volunteer opportunities available that are perfect for a variety of interests and hope you'll consider joining our dynamic volunteer team. We're looking for Office volunteers and Precipitation, Lake and Stream Monitor Volunteers. Please contact [Theresa](#) if you have questions about volunteering or wish to volunteer. Here is the upcoming volunteer training schedule for monitoring opportunities:

[Precipitation Monitors](#): **May 9** at 3:00 p.m. Register by May 8

[Lake Monitors](#): **May 12** at 9:00 a.m. Register by May 4

[Stream Monitors](#): **May 22** at 4:00 p.m. Register by May 15

Don't forget to have your [soil tested](#), before you plant. Bring us a soil sample and we'll send it in to a certified lab. After we get the results back, we'll tell you whether or not you need to amend the soil.

Thank you:

For purchasing [tree seedlings](#) during the recent sale that benefited Clear Fork FFA. Over 8,000 tree seedlings were sold!

For attending the Protecting our Natural Resources program. We partnered with USDA-NRCS, the US Army Corps of Engineers and EPA to host the [event](#), which focused on water quality and manure management.

To EPA and attendees of the NPDES meeting. The NPDES program is an EPA mandated program requiring higher accountability for managing stormwater

pollution. Find out more about the program [here](#).

For supporting the pond [fish sale](#). Over 28,000 fish were sold! Thanks to Craig Bridges and Jim Shisler for volunteering to help. If you have questions about ponds or are having an issue with your pond, consult our [pond pages](#) or give us a [call](#).

To the [Nomads](#) for inviting John to speak at a recent meeting.

Check out where it's been raining! Take a look at the [Water Data Map](#) to see amounts volunteers have reported throughout the county.

How may we help you? Please [let us know](#).

Other News:

[Spring is a busy time for bees and their keepers](#)

[Why do forest soils need to be managed](#)

[USDA special agriculture section](#)

Community:

[RichHistory Weekend](#), multiple locations, May 5 & 6

[Woodland Pollinators](#), The Ohio State University Mansfield, May 18

[Naturalist on Duty 2018 Schedule](#), Ashland University Black Fork Wetlands Environmental Studies Center, Birds & Birding 101 is May 19

Your friends in conservation,

John, Matt and Theresa



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For information on varied volunteer opportunities within our office, including identifying historical photos, engaging young people in the District, becoming a Precipitation Monitor, Lake Monitor, Stream Monitor, Office Assistant or an Earth Team volunteer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, please [click here](#).



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