



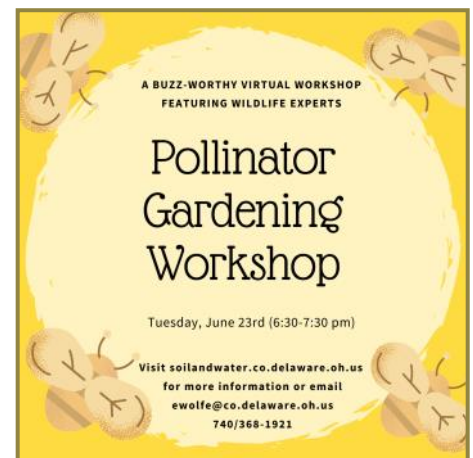
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Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

Pollinator Gardening Workshop!

We are excited to announce a FREE Pollinator Gardening Workshop on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 (6:30-7:30 pm). This “buzz-worthy” workshop will feature wildlife experts that share what native plants help pollinators in residential settings. These plants not only beautify your home but also help our small pollinator friends and even improve water quality. Did you know that approximately 35% of the world’s food crops require pollinators? These crops includes potatoes, onions, beets, watermelons, cucumbers, strawberries, apples, avocados, and tomatoes. Imagine your world without these tasty vegetables and fruits. Pollinators around the world are in decline, principally due to habitat loss. Thus, providing our pollinator friends with food and shelter helps us all. [Register for the Zoom Workshop Here >](#)



O’Keefe Scholarship Winner Announced

Julianna Andres, a 2020 graduate from Buckeye Valley High School, is this year’s recipient of the Dick O’Keefe Memorial Scholarship. Julianna was very active in FFA, 4-H, the Delaware County Junior Fair and Junior Fair Board. The scholarship was established in 1998 by the O’Keefe family to honor the memory of Mr. O’Keefe, a local farmer and lifetime supporter of agriculture, and is open to local seniors pursuing further education in agriculture or natural resources. We congratulate Julianna on this achievement and wish her well in future academic pursuits.

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In The Press

A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [What's Brewing in Agriculture?](#)
- [When It Rains, It Pours](#)
- [Peregrine Falcons Flying High Once Again](#)



New NRCS Employee in Delaware County

The Delaware NRCS office has added a new Soil Conservationist to their staff. Meet Chris Elliott, who, in his own words on our website, shares his background and work experience. We warmly welcome, Chris! [Read More Here >](#)

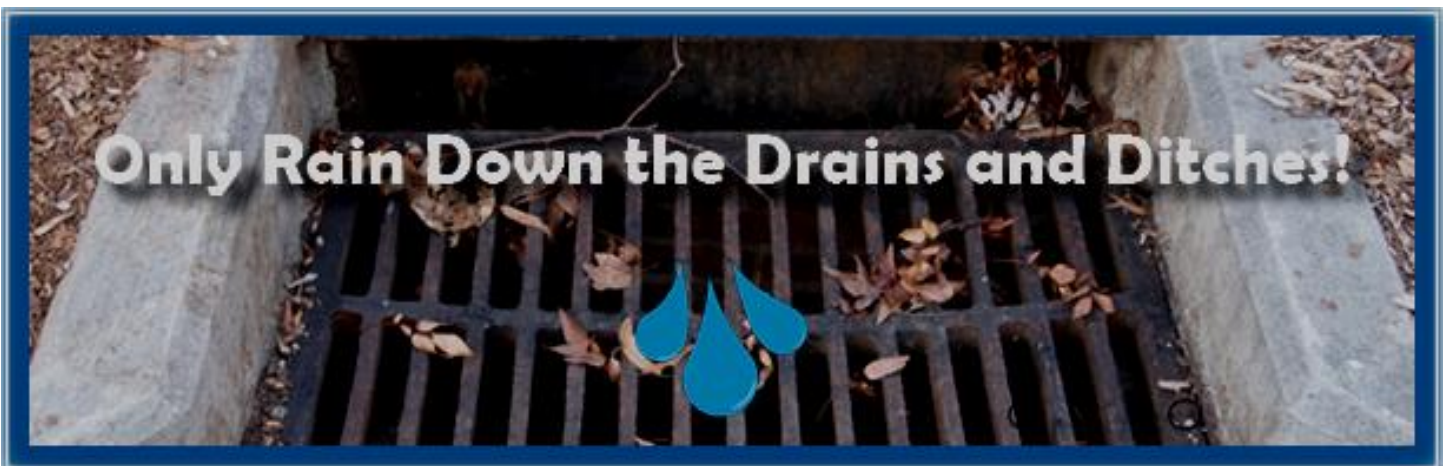


"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June." - Al Bernstein

You Can Help!

Have you noticed the storm drains and grassed ditches along the side of the street or road as you're driving? When it rains, water running off roofs, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and streets flows into these drains and ditches and begins its journey to the nearest waterway. Keeping stormwater from polluting our streams depends on all of us. [Read More Here >](#)

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