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Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

April is Ohio Native Plant Month

Native plants—those that occur in a specific geographic region over hundreds or thousands of years—have immeasurable environmental and aesthetic benefits. When it comes to their ecological and environmental importance, native plants are the best of the best. Native plants often require less water and no fertilizers or pesticides, and they provide natural habitat for wildlife, including many bird, insect and mammal species. They require little maintenance once established while providing a palette of colorful flowers, fruits/berries and leaves. Incorporating native plants into your backyard, community or farm has measurable benefits to both terrestrial and aquatic habitats. Native plants have deeper and more extensive root systems that prevent erosion and provide extra filtration. Native plants and trees intercept rainfall while their roots aid infiltration and prevent runoff by acting as pathways for water flow. Because of this, native plants can enhance the value of grassed waterways on farms and in drainage ditches. Many native species can also be planted in wet areas in your yard where turfgrass may struggle to grow. Learn more about Ohio's native plants, and make a plan to plant your own! Find an Ohio native plant nursery near you by clicking [here](#).

Annual Tree Sale - Pick up April 14-16, 2021

For those who ordered trees and shrubs in our seedling sale, trees will be available for pick up at the office Wednesday, April 14th through Friday, April 16th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Please pull down to the lower level parking lot, and someone will be available to hand your order to you. There will be no need to get out of your car.

Please plant your seedlings as soon as possible and water them regularly.



TAKING ROOT

Plant trees and native plants to improve stormwater runoff
Native vegetation can temporarily detain, slow down, and/or remove pollutants from stormwater, while offering food and habitat for pollinators.



In The Press

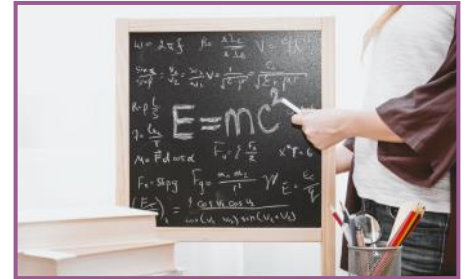
A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [Battle Against Invasive Species Rages On](#)



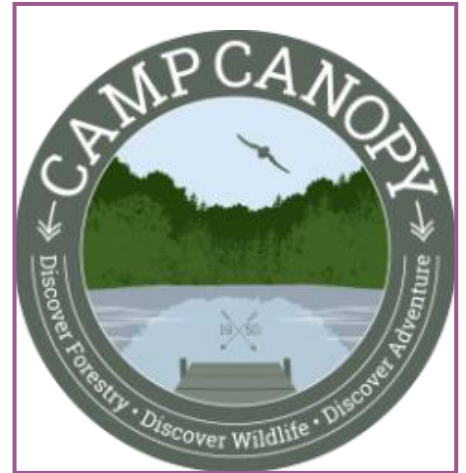
Dick O'Keefe College Scholarship

One (1) five hundred dollar (\$500.00) Dick O'Keefe Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for the academic year 2020-2021. An application and additional information must be received by Monday, April 12, 2021. [Read More >](#)



Camp Canopy

The Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to once again offer one, full-ride (\$375) sponsorship to attend [Camp Canopy](#). The camp, located at Camp Muskingum on Leesville Lake (Carroll County), will be held June 13-18, 2021. Camp Canopy is open to high school students entering their freshman year through seniors graduating in 2021. Applications must be received in our office by May 7, 2021. [Read More >](#)



Employee News

We congratulate Deputy Administrator Bonnie Dailey on her Ohio SWCD Employees Association "Employee of the Year Award." Bonnie was recognized during the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts' virtual Annual Meeting.

Best wishes to Communication Specialist Kim Marshall on her retirement after 31 years of service with ODNR, Knox County Park District and our office. Kim did a wonderful job managing the newsletter, website, and social media aspects of our outreach program.



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