

# The Warren Report

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Warren County  
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## ANNUAL TREE SEEDLING SALE

### Join the reforestation efforts in Warren County

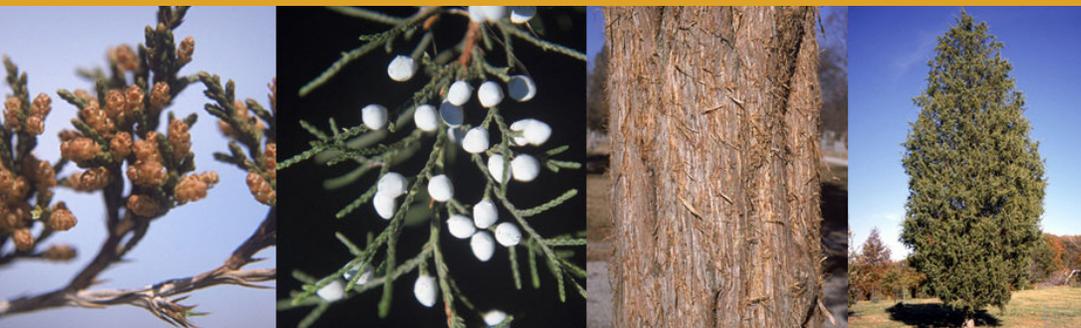
This year our annual tree seedling sale is back! After having to cancel due to the pandemic in 2020, we are excited to bring this great service back to our residents for 2021. The deadline to place a tree order is March 17 and it is approaching quickly! Our 2021 sale offers over 30 different trees and shrubs to pick from, along with marking flags, rain barrels, and compost bins. Tree sale order pickup for Warren County residents will be at the Warren County Fairgrounds on April 8 & 9.

Orders can be placed online via our website. Use the online catalog to read detailed information about each of the tree species, pick your seedling quantity, and purchase your trees with a credit card. Please contact us at 513-695-1337 with any questions or issues you have with online ordering.

After you pick up your tree seedlings in April they will require water and cool temperatures to survive until planted. Once they are planted, seedlings take a lot of care and water for a few years. A great tip is to plant the seedlings in large pots and recess the pots in the ground close to your house or a water source. When the seedlings have grown significantly and are hardy, a permanent location can be found and re-planting will be easy!

This year's sale spans 3 counties (Butler, Greene, and Warren) and is bigger than ever! That's great news for getting more native trees and shrubs planted, but it also means we need YOUR help. We are looking for volunteers to help get trees ready on April 5 & 6. If you sign up for a 4 hour shift, we will even provide lunch! In order to ensure proper social distancing, please sign up by March 26 on our website at <https://www.warrenswcd.com/tree-sale.html>. Thank you for your help and support!

*"We all sit under the shade of a tree that someone else planted." ~ Unknown*



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## Upcoming Events in 2021

### Envirothon Area IV Competition

March 15-19

Virtual Competition

### Annual Tree Sale Pickup

Thursday - Friday April 8 & 9

Warren County Fairgrounds

### Summer Stream Encounters

June 8th

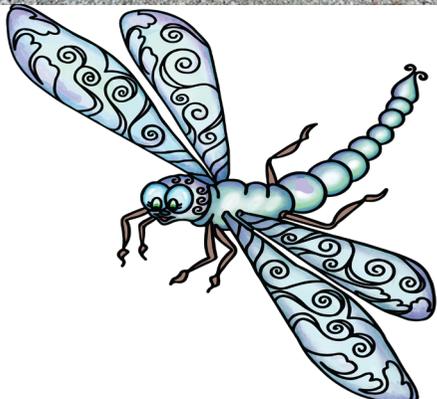
July 13th

August 10th

*Locations TBD, dates subject to change. Final details will be available on our website\**

*For more information about upcoming events or important dates, please visit our website or sign up for our email newsletter on the homepage.*

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Have you seen the new Macro Mobile? This new education vehicle sports a complete stream scene wrap complete with a seek-and-find! Follow Dagmar the Dragonfly to find different **macroinvertebrates (stream bugs!)** that are hidden along the stream. This vehicle will be out and about at different education programs and events across Warren County, like the Hamilton Twp Touch-a-Truck event on June 19th from 10a-2p. You may even see a life size Dagmar!

Dagmar the Dragonfly has become something of an education mascot for us here at the District. Created by local artist Kathleen Wickemeier, Dagmar brings to life the importance of water quality education and a fun way to connect students and the public to this issue. Data from Dagmar, our new Education eNewsletter, delivers education resources and updates directly to your inbox too! You can sign up for this eNewsletter on the Education page of our website.

Our education team is constantly busy bringing programs, knowledge, and resources to people across Warren County, as well as developing new programs and ideas to increase our outreach. Please contact our Education and Communications Specialist Melissa Proffitt for all of your education needs and questions! [melissa.proffitt@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:melissa.proffitt@co.warren.oh.us)

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**The yearly application deadline for both scholarships is the first Friday of April at 4pm**

We believe that the youth of our county are the conservation stewards of the future! This belief fuels the decision of our Board of Supervisors to offer two distinct scholarships annually to qualifying Warren County students. Visit our website for full scholarship descriptions and to download an application form and application instructions. <https://www.warrenswcd.com/scholarship-opportunities.html>

**Thomas C. Spellmire Future Conservation Leader Scholarship:** This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school applicant who plans to enroll in a two or four-year undergraduate program in one of the following courses of study: natural

resource management, agriculture, forestry, equine science, wildlife, geography, ecology, environmental science or other related fields of study.

**The Vince Uetrecht Environmental Stewardship Scholarship:** This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a college student who graduated from a Warren County high school and is currently enrolled in a two or four-year undergraduate program in one of the following courses of study: natural resource management, agriculture, forestry, equine science, wildlife, geography, ecology, environmental science or other related fields of study.

Virtual Stream Table demonstration, January 2021



## Exploring our local waterways with a new team member!



This year Warren County SWCD symbolically adopted Maryann the Mussel from the Ohio River Foundation to support water quality education and their “Mussels in the Classroom” outreach program. Here at the District water quality education is directly tied to our mission to provide good stewardship of our natural resources. This is why we are continuing our Summer Stream Encounters this year! Held the 2nd Tuesday of each summer month (June-Aug), we will be at a different stream in Warren County learning about and finding stream bugs and organisms that live in the water, while also cleaning up litter along the way to keep the water healthy for those critters. Exact locations and information to register will be on our website and sent out via our E-Newsletter soon so stay tuned!

## RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT

### Save Local Waters Event and Auction at the Cincinnati Zoo



The Rain Barrel Art Project continues to combine creativity and conservation in a fun way to promote the use of rain barrels throughout the Ohio River Valley. Local artists, schools, and organizations have been chosen to paint a rain barrel that will be auctioned off this April during the 9th Annual Rain Barrel Benefit Action. These artists participated in a virtual artist workshop in February and are busy creating beautiful rain barrels!

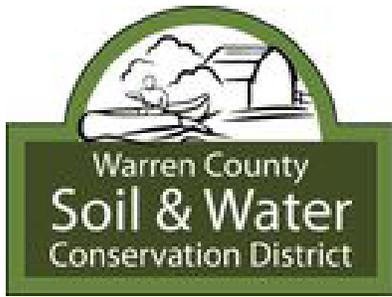
The barrels will be displayed at the Cincinnati Zoo between April 1 and April 30. During that time, anyone can bid on a barrel online by visiting [savelocalwaters.org](http://savelocalwaters.org).

Rain barrels are one of many practices for backyard conservation. The barrels capture water from a roof and hold it for later use such as on lawns, gardens, washing cars or indoor plants. Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels is helpful in times of drought and reduces the amount of water that flows from your property.

You can purchase a rain barrel from the auction in April or visit our website to purchase a non-painted barrel through Warren County SWCD. Also, join us for a DIY rain barrel workshop this spring to build your own barrel. More details coming on our website!

### Clearcreek Elementary 1st graders, bat houses, 2020





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# SW Ohio Education Site

The Soil & Water Conservation Districts of SW Ohio have partnered to bring area teachers and educators FREE online lessons and activities to support Ohio educators!

Access lessons aligned to Ohio Learning Standards for grades K-12. Import into your google classroom or simply click on the lessons and begin! Plus find out how to bring live virtual presentations and discussions to your classroom from our professional educators.

Contact your county educator to find out more about this incredible FREE resource!

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