

# WAYNE COUNTY URBAN S.O.I.L. GARDEN

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## *Greetings S.O.I.L. friends!*

**Wayne County SWCD and S.O.I.L. has been hard at work the last two months! Take some time to look at our accomplishments and what we need next!**

## OUR FIRST WORKSHOP!

### **VERMICOMPOSTING** with Urban Soil Health

On June 3rd, we had 14 attendees for our first workshop. Megan Ayers from Urban Soil Health taught the practice of vermicomposting. She demonstrated how to build a composting bin that now currently sits under the trees at the garden. One lucky winner, Heather Lechuga, went home with a countertop composter. Even with a shipping hiccup, we were able to give all attendees their own red wigglers to start composting.



### WORKSHOPS

What would you like to see happen at the garden?

Our current ideas for this year are:

- Pollinator Habitat w/ natives
- Cover Crops

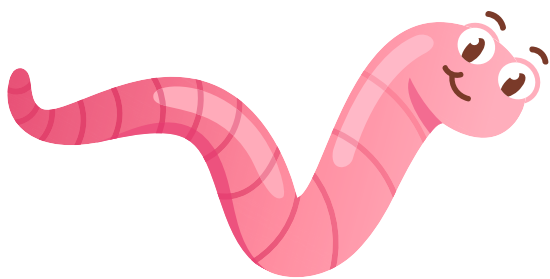


Without your input, we don't know what the community would like to see.

Reach out to the the Wayne Co. SWCD via facebook or email, [swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com](mailto:swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com)

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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MAY & JUNE:

**Beds were started** with the help of Matt Osborn's Environmental Science classes at Centerville Senior High School, and Anthony Kennedy from Osborn Corp.



**833 pollinator plugs** were planted by SWCD employees, LuAnne and Jen along with SICIM employee, Liz Yetter and Volunteers Jan Burke and Teri Grossman



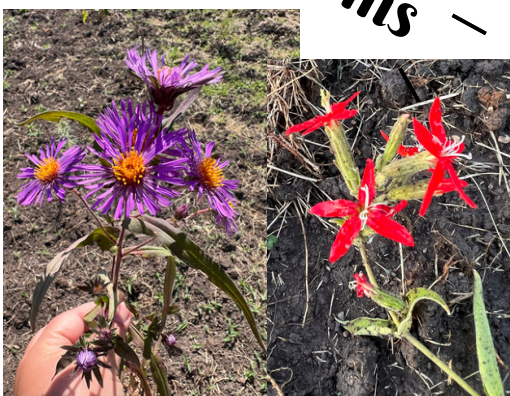
Lots of time spent watering...



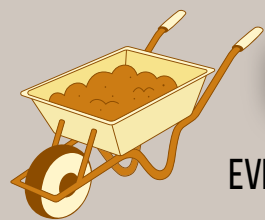
And then we **built a fence!!!**  
Volunteers included SWCD Board Members Jason Ward, Mat Berger, Travis Frame and Lisa Burger, SWCD employees Raquel Baker, Jen Brown, Chloe Chapman and LuAnne Holeva...



WE ALREADY  
HAVE  
**blooms**



... along with Alicia Criswell and her junior leaders, NRCS DC Vince Pitstick and board member's children.



# UP NEXT:

EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

## Volunteers needed:

- **SPREADING MULCH ALONG THE BORDER OF THE INSIDE FENCING**
- **SPREADING SOIL AND COMPOST IN BEDS**
- **WEEDING AND MAINTAINING POLLINATOR GARDEN**
- **MOVING A DONATED SHED TO THE GARDEN; THIS WILL REQUIRE A FLATBED TRAILER AS THIS SHED IS ALREADY BUILT**
- **PAINTING THE SHED - WE WOULD LIKE SOME CREATIVE IDEAS!!! ART CONTEST PERHAPS?!**



No event dates are set at this time.  
Keep posted on upcoming  
workshops and volunteer dates!

If you or your group would like to help in any of these areas, **please contact the SWCD at 765-966-0191 x 3 or [swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com](mailto:swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com).**

We are open to all groups and encourage students!



# Wayne County SWCD & Partner news

## WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE SWCD:

**July 13th - POND CLINIC** - Must RSVP prior to event. Check our website for link.

**August 15th - 2023 OISC Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program** - Forms must be submitted by **August 9th** to participate.

## PARTNERS:



### What's a Weed Wrangle?

- Weed Wrangles are fun, hands-on events where volunteers work together to help control invasive plants in our public parks, green spaces, and natural areas.

### What to bring to a Weed Wrangle:

- Dress for the weather-closed toed shoes & long pants recommended
- Refillable Water bottle
- Positive attitude
- Gloves, tools & light snacks, and water will be provided.

### Fall Weed Wrangle Dates & Locations

Cardinal Greenway

September 9th, 9 am to 12 pm

Hayes Arboretum

September 23rd, 10 am to 12 pm

Cope Environmental Center

October 7th, 1 pm to 3 pm

Earlham College Reller Woods

October 14th, 1 pm to 3 pm



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for more details on  
upcoming events!



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