

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 Wayne Co. SWCD via facebook or email, swcdwaynecounty@gmail.com



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.

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



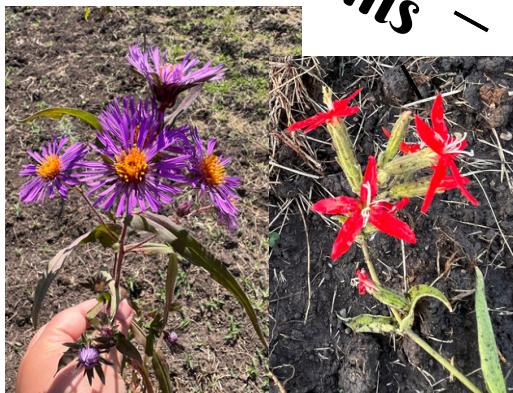
Lots of time spent watering...



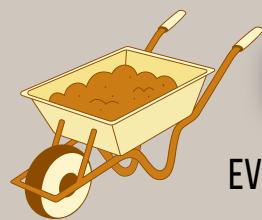
WE ALREADY
HAVE
blooms

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...



... 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.**

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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Please check
www.waynecountyswcd.org
for more details on
upcoming events!



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