



Upcoming Programs and Events

World Water Day is Monday March 22nd and this year's theme is *Valuing Water* and focuses on supporting the goal of water and sanitation for all by 2030. See <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Protect Geauga Parks Presents a Zoom Webinar:
Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.



Much LaDue about Fracking

What's the connection between water purification plant in Ravenna, Akron's public water and sewer systems, fracking in the Mahoning Valley and Geauga County's LaDue Reservoir? More than you may imagine. Join PGP as journalists Shelley Blundell and Alyssa Lutker explain.

This webinar is free but you must register in advance. Click the link to register:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_D-t1cz3mT_Gvmb8WfazGNq



GAAS March Program: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Derek Schafer, Executive Director of West Creek Conservancy

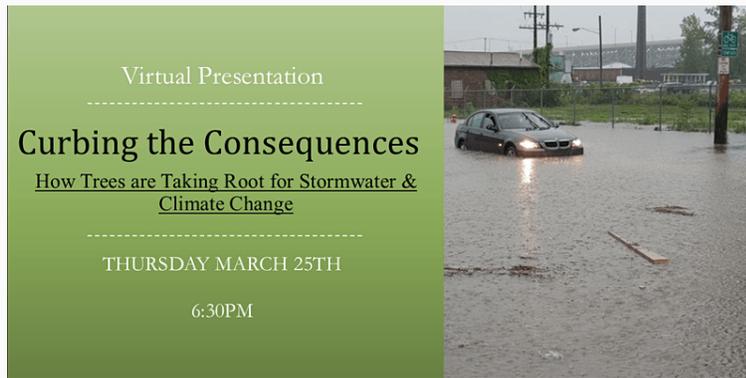
Derek will elaborate on the organization’s mission to create and reclaim greenways and natural spaces in the “live and work” urban areas of northeast Ohio and how strategic watershed planning initiatives furthers those goals. More specifically, he’ll focus on WCC’s efforts in Summit County and more southerly reaches of their area, and how our chapter’s territory fits into the more regional framework of their mission. Derek believes strongly in progress through partnerships and regional collaborations that work together to protect land and water resources and he’ll provide some examples of these, as well as ancillary work that becomes necessary to connect citizens with existing green spaces and water trails.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtceqhpz4tE9Pv3cT_mrsAqzuGprHpr2Ru

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.





Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District hosts Dan Herms, vice president of research and development at Davey Tree Expert Co. While all trees "feel the heat", some are experiencing increased stress and mortality in certain areas, yet increased growth in others. Join us for this informative online presentation to learn more about the challenges facing our future forests and some simple strategies you can use to take root for storm water! Free but registration is required. See GSWCD website for Eventbrite link to register: <http://geaugaswcd.com/>



Earth Hour is one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the planet, engaging millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories.

Earth Hour 2021: Saturday, March 27th 8:30

p.m. <https://www.earthhour.org/> Take part in the Earth Hour Virtual Spotlight

Let's get the world watching. Let's get the world talking.

This year - amidst the current global circumstances - in addition to switching off your lights, we also invite you to raise awareness and create the same unmissable sight online, so that the world sees our planet, the issues we face, and our place within it, in a new light. Every year, we countdown together across the globe to celebrate Earth Hour and take one iconic action: switch off the lights.

But it is so much more than that. It is a symbol of unity. It is a symbol of hope. It is a symbol of power in collective action for nature.

With your support, Earth Hour 2021 could be a spotlight moment that puts nature at the center of international conversations. Together, we can speak up and show world leaders and other decision-makers around the globe that nature matters and urgent action must be taken to reverse nature loss.

👉 How? It's simple. On the night of Earth Hour (March 27), we'll be posting a must-watch video on all our social media pages - and all you have to do is share it.



“Garden as if life depends on it.” –Doug Tallamy, entomologist/author
Bringing Nature Home 2021

Register at: <http://bit.ly/3cMa5gZ>

The virtual series about ecological gardening continues with the final two talks:

Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. *Plant for Pollinators!* presented by Dr. Lara Roketenetz, Project Wingspan State Coordinator of the Pollinator Partnership, and former naturalist at Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, as well as current University of Akron Field Station Manager at Bath Nature Preserve.

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. *Plant Sale Preview: Nick's Picks* presented by Nick Mikash, Nature Center Natural Resources Specialist

Nick will introduce you to his favorite plants for your garden. See what will be available to attract pollinators, birds, other wildlife to your home garden. Registrants will receive the zoom log-in information shortly before the program begins at the email address provided during registration.

Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters (COAC) Virtual Gathering



Saturday April 3, 2021 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Lara Roketenetz, will present “*The Birds and the Bees*” at 1:00 p.m. All Ohio Audubon chapter members are encouraged to attend, as they can, throughout the session. Black River Audubon Society co-hosts and presents on their history and successful bluebird trail project. Regional and national leaders will provide policy and initiative updates and break-out sessions will allow attendees to brainstorm about common chapter priorities. For the full agenda and to register, see <https://counciloac.org/registration-open-coac-spring-gathering/>

Kirtland Bird Club presents: The Evolution of Migration with Dr. Ben Winger

Wednesday, April 7th 7:30pm - 9:00pm



In the Great Lakes region, we are fortunate to witness the extraordinary spectacle of bird migration each spring and fall. How and why did bird migration evolve? The answer to this question may seem obvious (birds fly south for the winter, of course!) but like any interesting scientific question, the answers become more complex the more we learn. When and where did the migratory patterns we see today originate? How can we possibly answer this question given that birds have a poor fossil record? Why do migratory birds fly so far during migration, only to come back to the very same breeding locations each year? Why don't more birds hibernate instead of migrating? Dr. Winger will discuss research that he has been conducting for the past 15 years on these and other questions related to the evolution of bird migration. He will share what he has learned about the evolution of migration and what questions remain difficult to answer. He will also discuss how learning about the evolution of bird migration informs the conservation of migratory birds in our rapidly changing world.

Register here on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kbc-presents-the-evolution-of-bird-migration-with-dr-ben-winger-tickets-135447205237?keep_tld=1

A zoom link will then be emailed to registrants in the late afternoon of the day of the program.



Where Wildlife and People Thrive

A Message from Geoffrey Haskett

President, National Wildlife Refuge Association

The National Wildlife Refuge System celebrated its **118th birthday** on March 14th. President Theodore Roosevelt established Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge in Sebastian, Florida to provide a haven for wading birds such as snowy egrets, and protect a critical rookery for species including the brown pelican and wood stork. It is incredible to think that the protection of a 5.5-acre island at the turn of the 20th century kicked off the creation of the largest system of protected areas in the world—the National Wildlife Refuge System. Today, 568 million acres of lands and waters are protected under the Refuge System.

What makes our national wildlife refuges so special is that they have been and always will belong to us. The public can enjoy world-class bird watching, hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking, photography, and much more on our nation's national wildlife refuges.

National wildlife refuges are also extremely accessible—most cities are within a one-hour drive.

National wildlife refuges truly are an American treasure. There's no better way to celebrate the Refuge System's birthday than by heading outside and visiting your local refuge. We know that these times have been challenging, so we are hopeful and looking forward to what 2021 may bring for our National Wildlife Refuge System

Thank you for your support.



Greater Akron Audubon Society is looking to fill a recent vacancy of *Secretary* on its Board of Directors. If you'd like to be on the leadership team to help influence the future of our chapter, we'd love to have you! Please email info@akronaudubon.org or call 330-645-0953

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