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Just as ripples spread when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching impact. *The Ripple* is a special newsletter created by Cincinnati Nature Center for people who want ideas, insights, and inspiration to act in support of nature and the environment.

GET INSPIRED!



A Bucket and a Seed: Meet the Tree Lady!

Cincinnati Nature Center member, Cindy Kessler is the originator of Seeds to Trees, Inc., an initiative that offers ready-to-plant specimens of a variety of species native to southwest Ohio. And they are free!

Cindy has been “doing good” in her home community of Loveland since the 1980s, when she founded the city’s tree committee and chaired it for a decade and a half. Evidence of her civic engagement abounds, from streetside tree plantings at Loveland Primary and Elementary Schools, to pollinator gardens at Loveland Post Office, to reforestation of turf areas at Phillips Park. One person CAN make a difference!

**Read the full
story!**

News from Your Peers

Learn how other Nature Center members are making a difference, overcoming obstacles, and forming connections through service. If you would like to tell your story about an environmental issue, action, or cause in which you are working to make a difference, you may submit your blog for consideration to Connie O’Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org. Keep it short and send photos. Maybe we will use your piece next time!

LET'S COLLABORATE!

Attend a Common Good Gathering!

[Monday, October 24, 6-8 pm](#)

Have you ever had a strained relationship because of a clash in beliefs? In our September gathering, our facilitator helped us explore an alternative to conflict and arguments. Is there a more productive way forward? We also thought about specific people with whom we have social capital and why it matters.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 24, from 6-8 PM and you are invited to attend, even if it's your first time. You belong here! [Click here to register!](#)

[Click Here to See Meeting Notes](#)

Let's Hear from the Audience!

Maybe you've watched a nature documentary or read a thought-provoking article about conservation. You want to share your thoughts and get ideas from others, but how? If you have suggestions for how members can share information, ideas, and support with one another or would like to moderate a Facebook group for CNC action-takers, please contact Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.

TAKE ACTION!

Reduce Food Waste

With the price of food these days, it's unlikely that anyone intentionally wastes food. But it happens anyway, for a variety of reasons. According to the World Wildlife Fund, "about 6-8% of all human-caused greenhouse gas emissions could be reduced if we stop wasting food. In the U.S. alone, the production of lost or wasted food generates the equivalent of 32.6 million cars' worth of greenhouse gas emissions per year." It takes good planning, time, and good storage techniques to prevent food waste. The link below gives lots of tips on how to make the most of your groceries.

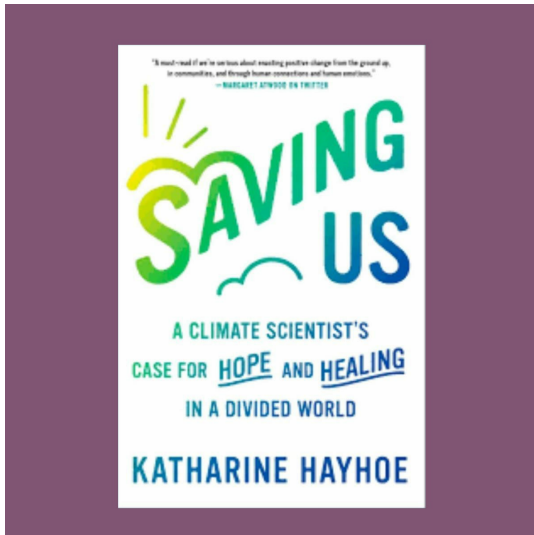
[Learn More about Sustainable Management of Food](#)

LEARN MORE TO DO MORE

Permaculture Through The Seasons

[Cincinnati Permaculture Institute](#) is offering a Permaculture Design Certification that will meet on 11 Saturdays and two Sundays over 12 months, beginning November 12.

[Click to Learn More](#)



Book Discussion Group

Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World by Katharine Hayhoe

The group will meet 10-11:30 am Tuesdays on November 1, 8, 15, 29, and December 6 and 13 at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods. Participation is free, though you need to provide your own copy of the book. Space is limited to 10 people. To participate, contact Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.



Conservation Changemakers Speaker Series (Online) FREE!

Get ready to think about conservation in new and different ways! Be inspired as you hear from compelling speakers who are changing the conversation about our environment, making an impact in their communities, and thinking about how to make nature more accessible and equitable for all.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register for the upcoming program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Cincinnati Nature Center is seeking Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists to write content for the Now in Nature weekly newsletter. These should be short, informative, interpretive pieces. For more info, contact Marketing Manager Tracy Smith at tsmith@cincynature.org. If your article is used, you can count the time to write it as volunteer credit for your OCVN certification hours.

Cincinnati Nature Center offers many opportunities for volunteerism. [Click here to learn more about volunteering at Cincinnati Nature Center.](#)



CNC New Volunteer Orientation: October 9, 2022

If you have an interest in volunteering with Cincinnati Nature Center, take a look at our Opportunity Directory and complete a volunteer application.

[Click here for the Opportunity Directory](#)
[Click here to fill out the Volunteer Application](#)

You will also pick an orientation date while filling out the application. Orientations are hosted during times of the year when we need an influx of

people to support upcoming programs/projects.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Volunteer Team at volunteer@cincynature.org.

Clermont County Soil and Water Conservation District:
[October 15 from 9 am-4 pm at the Clermont County Fairgrounds](#)

Sanding and priming rain barrels to be used for the Rain Barrel Art Project through Save Local Waters. Lunch will be provided and interested volunteers can contact Connie Miller cmiller@clermontcountyohio.gov for more information.

[October 22, 9 am-12 pm](#)

Make a Difference Day at Shor Park and rain garden restoration. Give the existing rain garden a tune-up. More details can be found on the [Clermont County Parks Facebook Page](#).

Mill Creek Alliance:

Help is needed at Chamberlain Park in Springdale on **[October 29, 9 am-3 pm](#)**, for the Upper Mill Creek Cleanup. Volunteers will clean up by land and water and participate in impactful service projects. [Click here](#) for more info and registration.

Audubon Miami Valley:

Remove honeysuckle on October 29 from 10 am-1 pm at Hueston Woods State Park. Audubon Miami Valley will provide all the equipment needed and a pizza lunch at 1 pm. For more information and to register, contact Lisa Portwood at lupe9796@yahoo.com or (513) 461-5852.

Are You Social Media Savvy?

Cincinnati Nature Center is looking for an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist to help with its OCVN Facebook page. If you're interested, email Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.

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If you have suggestions for content or have other input, feel free to contact Director of Applied Learning Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org.

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