

THE RIPPLE

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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!



Meet a Policy Advocate

Ted Bergh has been enjoying Cincinnati Nature Center's trails and programs over the past 25 years and feels a "lift" when surrounded by the trees in the forests. He knows that everything is connected and that human existence depends on a healthy, biodiverse ecosystem.

He has a deep commitment to leaving the earth in better condition for our children and grandchildren. He does what he calls "the normal, personal conservation practices"; he uses sustainable energy, recycles, reduces his consumption, purchases locally, and advocates for pro-environmental policies. He believes that small acts will lead to cumulative effects and larger actions.

[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!

[Wednesday, November 16, 6-8 pm](#)

We'll continue to discuss and practice skills that leverage one's passion and talents for the sake of nature. Peter Block will lead us further along our exploration of how to live as a citizen and not just a consumer or customer.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, 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!

How Do Your Consumer Choices Impact Rain Forests?

Click below to learn why and how you can do better in choosing environmentally sustainable foods.

[Learn More!](#)

LEARN MORE TO DO MORE

The solution to collective environmental problems often requires civic engagement. Click below to watch a video suggesting an interesting new concept called "Civic Saturday" and how making civic engagement a weekly habit can help build communities. Email the editor, Connie O'Connor at coconnor@cincynature.org, to share your thoughts.

[Click to Watch!](#)

Evening Lecture Series: Planting For Birds

Clermont County Park District is offering this FREE lecture series on [Wednesday, November 9, 6:30-8 pm at Pattison Park](#). This opportunity counts towards OCVN continuing education credit.



**Conservation Changemakers
Speaker Series (Online) FREE!**
Wednesday, November 9, 7-8pm

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 next upcoming program.



The Ripple Effect (Online)
January 23-March 6, 2023

Are you wondering what actions you can take to impact conservation, or if one person can make a difference? Just as one drop in a pond creates ripples, your actions can inspire waves of positive change for people and nature. This self-paced online course will show you how. Preregistration required by January 18. Member adult free; nonmember adult free. Donations welcomed!

[Click here](#) to register!

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.](#)



Ohio River Foundation - Habitat Restoration

Volunteers are needed on **November 5 and November 12** to remove harmful, invasive honeysuckle and Callery pear at various locations by using handsaws/trimmers on small plants and trees. For more information, email Jessica Tegge at jtegge@ohioriverfdn.org or call/text (513) 289-6884.

MetroParks of Butler County

Volunteers can support MetroParks staff on **Thursday, November 17, 9 am-11:30 pm at Voice of America MetroPark** by assisting with weeding, mulching, picking up litter, and more. To register, contact Volunteer Manager Elise Moeller at emoeller@yourmetroparks.net.

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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