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Community Energy Solutions Workshop: *Heating Rural Schools & Facilities with Woody Biomass*



Jerry Hutton leads a tour of the Hocking College Energy Institute. Photo by Tori Patterson

On January 16, Logan, Ohio reached a high of only 5 degrees – 30 degrees below the city's historical January average. Despite such frigid temperatures, Rural Action staff and volunteers loaded up their cars early in the morning and set off in the bitter cold to put on our first workshop of the year. Appropriately enough, the topic of the day was how schools and facilities in Appalachian Ohio might be able to produce sustainable and affordable heat in the winters to come.

The workshop, titled Community Energy Solutions, discussed the viability of using wood fuel to heat public buildings and other facilities. Woody biomass refers to trees and woody plants (including limbs, tops, needles, and leaves) that are grown in a forest, woodland, or rangeland environment and are the by-products of forest management.

Research is currently being conducted across the United States to see how

these materials, when transformed into wood chips and wood pellets, can be used as a source of renewable energy. Although there are still several pressing questions regarding the technology, such as how much wood residue can be sustainably taken from the forest and utilized in the long term, we at Rural Action think it is technology worth exploring.

The workshop drew 38 attendees from across the state. Representatives from the offices of Sen. Sherrod Brown and Rep. Zack Space were in attendance, as well as state representatives Debbie Phillips (92nd) and Ray Pryor (85th). Other attendees included school representatives, members of the Ross County Biomass Task Force, representatives from the Department of Natural Resources and Soil and Water Conservation Districts, business owners, and sustainable design consultants.

Eight speakers were featured throughout the daylong workshop, covering a range of subjects on the use and availability of woody biomass applications in Appalachian Ohio. Presentations from this workshop can be found on Rural Action's website (www.rural-action.org/woodybio.html).

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Letter From the Director


Nothing endures but change, said Heraclitus back in the 5th century BC. And as much as we plan before and during transitions, we can't know everything that will affect our journey.

Rural Action is now in such a situation as we plan for the close of our 15-year VISTA program in November 2009. We know things will be different. Our goal as the program closes is to maintain our momentum to promote sustainable development for our region. We built this momentum with over 340 VISTA volunteers since 1994. Board, staff, and VISTAs are deliberately planning for the change, including an autumn celebration of the contributions Rural Action VISTAs have made to our region and to the partnership we have with the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Over the last 15 years, we formed an unswerving commitment to service as a foundation for local, sustainable development. Our commitment to developing new leaders who will serve this region in the cause of social, environmental, and economic justice is resolute. Because of this, we are planning for a new AmeriCorps program in our watersheds starting summer 2009. And our new volunteer and internship program (*see page 5*) shows great promise for growing new leaders. Only five weeks old since its rollout, we have 11 volunteers working with us and another 20 awaiting our next orientation. These volunteers will play a vital role in our future as we continue our tradition of nurturing new advocates for sustainable development.

In closing, I want to honor Mary Anne Flournoy who recently resigned as our board chair. Her wise and steady guidance during the last two years has strengthened Rural Action for the long term. Today, she continues to champion our work as a board member and as our fundraising chair. Our new board chair is Travis West, Vinton County Extension's 4-H Coordinator. Travis has extensive knowledge in cooperative development, agriculture, and youth work, and we are grateful for his able leadership.

While the closing of our VISTA program is a big change for us, the world is filled each day with turbulent change and unknown waters. Appalachian Ohio, and the planet, needs all hands to work for local economies that sustain our communities and environment. I am convinced that our vision is as relevant now as ever. Filled with confidence in the people who call this region home, we will continue to join our hands and roll up our sleeves for the good work of sowing seeds of hope.



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Woody Biomass *(continued from front cover)*

Among the speakers, Matt Bumgardner from the U.S. Forest Service presented some of the afternoon's most compelling data. His presentation showed that over 650,000 dry tons of wood by-products went unused in Ohio as the result of lumber practices in 2007. This material, for whatever reason, did not have market access and Rural Action is interested in exploring whether industry wood waste can be utilized as a local fuel source along with residue from forest management practices.

Aside from the obvious opportunities for local woodland owners, one of the benefits of woody biomass is that burning wood fuel has a lower net emission of carbon dioxide when compared with burning fossil fuels. Also, the price of woody biomass has remained relatively stable in comparison with electric, natural gas, and fuel oil.

At the event, attendees toured the new Hocking College Energy Institute in Logan with director Jerry Hutton and project coordinator Jestinah McDonald; they showcased cur-

rent projects at the facility, including work with biofuel production. Hutton also discussed the advanced energy center building at the Institute, scheduled for completion in 2010, which is being built to platinum LEED standards from the U.S. Green Building Council.

This workshop is only one of the many ways that Rural Action's programs are exploring sustainable energy initiatives. In addition to this workshop, our Forestry program is currently working with Kentucky's Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED), to develop a carbon sequestration program in Appalachian Ohio for managed forests.

Thank you to our partners and sponsors who made our Community Energy Solutions Workshop a success: National Association of Conservation



Butch Mitchell and Dale Arnold. Photo by Tori Patterson

Districts, the National Network of Forest Practitioners, the Ohio Forestry Cooperative, Messersmith Combustion Systems, Ohio Farm Bureau, and Hocking College.

If you would like to learn more about these programs, or if you would like to get involved with Rural Action's forestry and energy projects, call our offices (740.767.4938) or email (susi@ruralaction.org)

In Memoriam: *Lucile Jennings*

This past September, former Rural Action VISTA Lucile Jennings died in a tragic car accident at the age of 77. A retired assistant professor of music at Ohio University, Lucile was an accomplished harpist who generously volunteered her time and efforts to several organizations and causes in Athens County after her retirement. Lucile worked at Rural Action from 1994 until 1996. She was most noted for her work with the Human Needs Council, as well as her efforts to set up a chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Former Executive Director of Rural Action Carol Kuhre said Lucile was an "amazing woman" who worked tirelessly as an activist. Lucile and her family have been long-time supporters of Rural Action, and we offer our condolences to them for her passing – as well as sincere thanks in recognition of her years of service.



Although services for Lucile took place on November 1, 2008, donations can be made in her name to the Athens Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, located at 100 Hospital Drive, Athens, Ohio, 45701.

ADVENTURE AUCTION

Break Away from the Everyday



Rural Action's Adventure Auction is coming to the Hocking College Student Center on Saturday, April 4 from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on exciting adventure-themed packages in both live and silent auctions. A buffet from Purple Chopstix and music by Las Cuerdas will set the tone for what promises to be a fun evening. All proceeds will support Rural Action's programs in energy, forestry, agriculture, youth leadership, and watershed restoration.

Some examples of auction items include:

- Spa and Salon Packages
- Sunset Safari
- Romantic Getaways
- Garden Lovers' Package
- Build Your Own Fiddle Kit
- Sunfish Sailboat with Trailer
- Green Home Package including a Solar Site Visit
- Bird Watching Excursion
- Vietnamese Dinner
- Whitewater Rafting
- Kayak and Canoe Trips
- Family Fun Packages
- Paintball Adventure
- Eric Clapton and Steve Winwood Tickets
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Guest DJ Spot on Power 105
- Sounds of Athens Package
- Sushi Lovers' Package

The Adventure Auction will showcase opportunities for those in attendance to explore and appreciate the world around them. Community members have donated one-of-a-kind opportunities to the auction, including weeklong stays in Potato Creek, South Carolina and Paris, France! The Potato Creek Cottage is located on Lake Marion within easy driving distance of world-class golf courses, a beautiful beach, and cypress swamps, while the Parisian apartment is located in Montmartre, the art district of Paris where the studios of renowned painters like Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso and Vincent van Gogh were once located. It is also close to many iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and world-renowned art museum the Louvré!

**Tickets on sale now at:
www.adventureauction.org**

You can also visit the website to view the auction catalog, donate items, sponsor the event, or learn how to volunteer. Free childcare will be provided. If you have any questions, you can email our event coordinator Calaina Goodyear (cgoodyear@ruralaction.org), or call our offices (740.767.4938).

We would also like to thank our sponsors, who are helping to make this event possible: Athens Real Estate Company, Athens Realty, Donald Cooley, ED MAP, Ohio University Credit Union, Church of the Good Shepherd, Sole-Wentworth Inc., Diagnostic Hybrids, Brent Hayes, American Electric Power, Jerri Lynn Baxstrom, Athens Foundation, and Lewis Specialty Services.



Montmartre District in Paris, France



Potato Creek Cottage, South Carolina

In addition to these travel packages, regional businesses and community members have donated quality merchandise and gift certificates to create other unique packages.

Volunteer System Update:



*create change in your community.
share your talents.
develop new skills.
network with people who share your interests.
join a supportive and active community.
take an active role in sustainable development-
become a Rural Action volunteer!*

In January, we launched our renewed volunteer program as a way for our members and friends to really plug into our work. In a month's time, we've had more than a dozen new volunteers join in the work of building sustainable communities with us – and there is much to be done! With our VISTA program transitioning out this year, the efforts of community volunteers are more essential than ever.

We have volunteer opportunities in all our program areas – forestry, agriculture, watershed renewal, youth development, and energy initiatives. Volunteers are also needed to help develop resources, plan special events, and get the word out about Rural Action. We want to tap into your unique talents, so all of our volunteer positions can be tailored to fit your schedule and interests – you can even work with us to design your own volunteer position.

**Check out the volunteer section of our website to get involved:
www.ruralaction.org/volunteer**

You can browse available positions, sign up for a volunteer orientation, and view a calendar of upcoming volunteer activities.

Contact Tori Patterson, Volunteer Coordinator, for more info:
tori@ruralaction.org or
740.767.4938.

Examples of what volunteers are already doing:

- developing a park and ride system for Athens County
- planning the Adventure Auction
- testing water with Sunday Creek
- organizing Rural Action's archives
- contributing ideas to the energy committee
- facilitating community asset mapping meetings



Rural Action volunteers in action!

CAN & CARN: Regional Networks Help Us Do More

Rural Action is a proud member of two networks that help provide partners, fresh ideas, expertise, and a regional context for our work. The first of these is the Central Appalachian Network (CAN), which we helped to found with several other organizations almost 18 years ago. CAN focuses on how local economies can be strengthened while enhancing the environment, with seven groups from five states working on sustainable development projects in agriculture, forestry, and green business network development. Through CAN Rural Action benefits from many collaborations, like the U.S. Forest Endowment partnership between Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) in Kentucky and Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) in Virginia. On April 14 – 15, CAN is hosting a convention of local agricultural projects in Roanoke, West Virginia to help accelerate the growth of local food systems. For more information, visit their website (www.cannetwork.org/).

The second network that we are a part of is the Central Appalachian Regional Network (CARN). CARN was formed through the Kellogg Foundation's Rural People Rural Policy (RPRP) initiative in 2005. The goal of this diverse network is to develop and support policy activities, with involved groups including community action agencies, regional policy groups, and many more. CARN is one of many regional networks that the RPRP program has started, and in March all of these networks from around the U.S. – hundreds of organizations – met to share ideas and lessons about rural development. Rev. Bill Carroll, a Rural Action board member, and our Executive Director Michelle Decker were participants at this learning event.

We look forward to continuing our work within CARN and CAN – and thank them for their continued support!



2009 Sustainability Awards

At Rural Action, we feel it is important to lift up positive examples of sustainable lifestyles. By following such examples, we can grow and strengthen the communities in our region. With that in mind, we are now accepting nominations for our 2009 Sustainability Awards. These awards are a chance for you to recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations that are building better communities through their lifestyles, sustainable business practices, or professional efforts.

This year's categories are: Sustainable Livelihood, Sustainable Business, and Sustainable Partnership. Nominees should:

- work to create new models for living with respect for the Earth
- have a generous spirit and willingly share knowledge, experiences and personal resources with others
- leave the world a better place because of their personal and professional behavior.

Last year, the Athens Kroger was given the Sustainable Business award for their efforts to stock locally grown produce in their store. Greg Kremer of the Earth Justice Network was awarded Sustainable Livelihood for his efforts to cut back on his energy consumption, as well as his numerous volunteer activities. And our long time friends Marshall and Betty Lowe were recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for their years of work with Rural Action, dating back to the Appalachian Ohio Public Interest Campaign (AOPIC).

If you know a person, business, or organization that you would like to nominate, or if you would like more information about the Sustainability Awards, please contact Calaina Goodyear (cgoodyear@ruralaction.org) or call our offices (740.767.4938).

**Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website:
www.ruralaction.org/susawards.html**

Nominations are due by April 13 and the winners will be announced at Rural Action's Annual Meeting on May 8.

Annual Meeting: Wes Jackson Slated for Keynote Address

Rural Action's 2009 Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 8. This year our keynote speaker will be one of the leaders in the sustainable agriculture movement, Wes Jackson. Founder of The Land Institute in Salina, Kansas and a prolific author, Jackson has helped shape the current sustainability movement in agriculture, both domestically and abroad. The millions of dollars in research that The Land Institute has conducted on developing a "natural model" of agriculture has helped inspire many of the current trends in sustainable agriculture.

His speech will help to highlight the work of our Sustainable Agriculture program during the past year. Whether supporting small-scale farmers, sourcing local food, or improving the quality of regional food systems, they are putting the principles of equitable farming and conservation into practice everyday.

In 1990, Mr. Jackson was named as a Pew Conservation Scholar; in 1992 he became a McArthur Fellow; and in 2000 he was honored with a Right Livelihood Award for his work on "practical and exemplary solutions to the most urgent challenges facing the world today." He is internationally recognized as one of the great thinkers in his field – one who has consistently fought for an equitable relationship between society and the environment.

Rural Action is both honored and privileged to welcome Mr. Jackson to our meeting this May, and we hope that you will join us as we listen and learn together about issues of land and soil. Look for a postcard with more specific details to arrive in your mailbox soon.



Wes Jackson. Photo provided by The Land Institute

Suggested Readings by Wes Jackson

Becoming Native to This Place. University Press of Kentucky, 1994. *New York Times Book Review*, Marcy Houle. "From our first arrival, [Mr. Jackson] says, 'most of us have behaved as though nature must be either subdued or ignored.' ... this often subconscious mindset has helped alienate us from nature and led to many of our current problems with agriculture and resource management. *Becoming Native to This Place* is a small book rich in ideas."



New Roots for Agriculture. University of Nebraska Press, 1980. Wendell Berry: "*New Roots for Agriculture* is a landmark.... It offers a sound, thoroughly documented criticism of the assumptions and the effects of industrial agriculture; for that alone the book would be valuable. But it goes beyond criticism to propose practical remedies."

These titles are available for purchase at www.landinstitute.org



News updates on Rural Action people and projects

Rural Action Sustainable Agriculture (RASA) has been hard at work preparing for the growing season of 2009, as well as building new partnerships in our region. In January, Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation (OFBF) approved two grant proposals for projects that RASA is currently involved with. The first is the Staple Foods Collaborative, an exciting cooperative effort to locally produce and market staple crops. The project is being headed up by Michelle Ajamian and Brandon Jaeger with support from RASA. The second is **ohiofoodshed.org**, a website project that will help connect small-scale farming operations with regional buyers, such as restaurants and schools. This winter, RASA has been working with the Central Appalachian Network (CAN) to assess our regional food systems and plan a training program for local food systems players in Roanoke West Virginia this April. RASA is also developing Farmers' Market Training Sessions with the Business Development Network of OSU, with programs already scheduled in Pike-ton and Zanesville this spring. RASA

will continue to partner with the Appalachian Nutrition Network in efforts to link local farmers with the USDA Summer School Feeding Program. It was recently announced that RASA coordinator Tom Redfern will remain on the boards of the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association and Community Food Initiatives. RASA is pleased to announce that they will continue their work with the Chesterhill Produce Auction, concentrating on bringing in large-scale buyers like Ohio University and creating an online marketing strategy through **ohiofoodshed.org**. RASA is also initiating a new local foods procurement partnership with Hocking College and is set to coordinate food vendors again for the Paw Paw Festival this fall. For more information about our Agriculture Program, contact Tom Redfern (**tomr@ruralaction.org**).

Sunday Creek Watershed Group (SCWG) has just begun work on the West Branch Headwaters Project – a large-scale operation being funded by over \$500,000 in grants from the En-

vironmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Once completed, the project will remove thousands of pounds of pollution from Sunday Creek every year by counteracting the effects of acid mine drainage and making the waters of Sunday Creek cleaner for both wildlife and people. In addition to their clean-up efforts, SCWG has been working with Trimble High School and Appalachian Ohio Alliance (AOA) to establish outdoor educational programs at the recently established Trimble Land Lab, located in the 1,200-acre Trimble Township Community Forest. Students will work with SCWG to maintain this wonderful tract of land, while learning about the diverse ecology of the area. In January, SCWG published a beautiful and informative stewardship booklet about Sunday Creek filled with photos, drawings, and information about the ecology of the creek. The booklet is available from their website (**www.sundaycreek.org**) for free, or you can obtain a print copy by calling SCWG offices (740.767.2225).

Monday Creek Restoration Project (MCRP) completed construction of a steel slag leach bed project near the Village of Shawnee in 2008. The structure uses discharge from the Shawnee wastewater facility to increase the water's alkalinity and then discharges it into Monday Creek. This alkaline water mixes with the acidic waters of Monday Creek, and as they mix downstream, the pH balance of the creek normalizes – improving wa-



Brandon Jaeger at Amaranth Harvest. Photos by Sarah Warda

ter quality for the benefit of wildlife and residents near the creek. The project was funded by a grant of over \$200,000 from Ohio EPA, with matching funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Office of Surface Mining. MCRP also hosted nearly 30 community members this past fall when it held two watershed tours, one in conjunction with the Sierra Club. The tours demonstrated the damage done to Monday Creek by acid mine drainage, as well as the efforts of MCRP to reverse that damage. If you are interested in finding out more about Monday Creek, email Mike Steinmaus (mcrp@mondaycreek.org), call their offices (740.394.2047), or visit their website (www.mondaycreek.org).

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership (HRWRP) has been forging new connections and partnerships in the Mineral City community, as well as continuing their watershed renewal work. HRWRP's Environmental Explorers Club continues to engage children with nature and the world around them, meeting once a month at the Nicole Donant Library in Mineral City. In August, HRWRP hosted their fifth annual Huff Run 5K at Mineral City's Party in the Park, raising money and awareness with 30 runners participating. HRWRP also worked with OEPA this summer



Belden Project Photo courtesy of HRWRP

on fish studies and has documented more species of fish in the Huff Run watershed than ever before. The most polluted section of Huff Run is coming back to life, with ten species of fish returning to an ecosystem which could previously support only one. The Belden Project, funded by a US EPA Targeted Watershed grant, as well as the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), constructed two steel slag leach beds and 14 acres of reclamation. The Fern Hill Project, funded by OSM and ODNR, reclaimed six acres and two acidic impoundments to decrease acid mine drainage flow to Huff Run. For more information about HRWRP, contact Maureen Wise (maureen@ruralaction.org), or call their offices (330.859.1050). You can also visit the HRWRP website (www.huffrun.org), which was recently completely revamped with a donation from WRL Advertising in Canton, Ohio.

Sustainable Forestry has been fostering partnerships during the past six months. In November, it was announced that they would be working with our good friends at the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) and Appalachian Sustainable Development (ASD) under a multi-million dollar grant from the U.S. Forest Endowment. The grant will support Rural Action's partnership with MACED to bring a carbon-trading program to managed forests in Appalachian Ohio. The National Network of Forest Practitioners (NNFP) has also been working with Forestry in an economic review of non-timber forest products, like ginseng and goldenseal. The forestry program is currently helping the newly christened Ohio Forestry Cooperative (OFC) to expand their business capacity in our region. In conjunction with our Sustainable Agriculture program, Forestry sold 60 pounds of ginseng and 12 pounds of goldenseal to help local growers this year. In the same vein, they partnered with the Wayne National Forest this fall to collect and clean seeds



Ginseng. Rural Action File Photo

from native plants with the help of 21 volunteers. Forestry was proud to hold Rural Action's first workshop of 2009, hosting the extremely successful Community Energy Solutions program in Logan, Ohio on January 16 for 38 attendees (*see front page*). For more information about our Forestry program, contact Susi Rankis (susi@ruralaction.org).

Youth Act has greatly expanded its presence in local communities during the past six months, most recently through their work with the First Ohio Chapter of the Junior Order of Eagles (JOEs) in Glouster. Their projects with the Eagles included a Youth Art on High Street holiday window display in downtown Glouster and a celebration at the Glouster Depot with the Glouster Church of Christ, involving 15 youth volunteers and 30 adult volunteers. More service learning projects are planned this spring and summer with both of these groups. On February 6, Youth Act helped with a lock-in at Trimble Elementary in partnership with Girl Power.

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Rural Action Work Study member Christa Rice helping at GirlPower Lock-in

They helped 78 girls make journals for children at the domestic violence shelter, My Sister's Place. This spring and summer, Youth Act will develop curriculum to educate children about acid mine drainage and other environmental concerns at several branches of the Athens County Library. They will also partner with Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Athens County and Patricia and Marshall Brudno to continue Rural Action's Youth Organic Garden program in 2009. For more information about our Youth Act program, or to get involved, contact Mary Steinmaus (marys@ruralaction.org).

The Rural Action Energy Committee has been sharpening its focus areas for 2009, developing new

working groups, and reaching out to other regional energy organizations this winter. Subcommittees have started to explore the viability of a biofuels corridor in our region, as well as working on park and ride system development, home energy audits, and energy efficiency education.

The larger committee wants to develop an active speakers bureau and is working with Green Energy Ohio (GEO) and Hocking College to establish a public lecture program to bring engaging speakers on renewable energy topics to the region. The park and ride subcommittee has been making plans for a system in Athens County and will start developing pilot sites this spring. Building on existing efforts, Rural Action wants to help take a home energy audit program into communities outside the Athens city limits. Committee members continue to engage in conversations about 'food vs. fuels' and are starting to learn about the uses of biochar. The committee has recently started looking into a collaboration on a national initiative called the Thousand Home Challenge, which would highlight the many benefits of deep energy retrofits.

The Energy Committee holds public meetings every six weeks, with the next scheduled for April 7 at 5:30 at Ridges Building 22. For more information or to get involved, contact chairman Scott Miller (millers1@ohio.edu).

Positions Available at Rural Action

- Rural Action will host a **summer AmeriCorps VISTA program** again this year, with 12 positions available, including: one position each with Rural Action sustainable agriculture, youth development, watersheds, and energy committee; two positions with Good Works; one position with Friends of Lower Muskingum River; and five positions with Community Food Initiatives.

To apply, go to www.americorps.org (enter Program Name "Rural Action" in Advanced Opportunity Search). Application deadline is May 18th.

View positions descriptions on our website or contact Candi Withem at cswithem@yahoo.com or 740.767.4938 for more info.

- **OU Work Study:** Rural Action has one open position for an Ohio University work study member. Applicants must be work study eligible (check with the financial aid office to see if you qualify) and should apply through the OU Center for Community Service: www.ohio.edu/communityservice. Work study members are eligible for an additional monthly mileage reimbursement through Rural Action.

- **Summer Internships:** we're currently planning our summer internship program. Unpaid positions will be available in all our programs and can be planned around your schedule and academic requirements.

For more details about these positions, visit our website: www.ruralaction.org/employment



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Nelsonville, Ohio

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Growing Healthy Food Sys-
tems from the Ground Up
Stonewall Resort
Roanoke, West Virginia

21 Huff Run Rain Garden Meeting
6:30 PM
Huff Run Office
Mineral City, Ohio

22 Trimble Land Lab Grand Opening
9:00 AM
Trimble Township
Community Forest
Trimble, Ohio

25 Working Woodlands in the Federal Valley
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Broadwell Hill Learning Center
Stewart, Ohio

27 Friends of Sunday Creek Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Sunday Creek Office
Glouster, Ohio

May

1 Trimble Twp Farmers' Market Opening Day
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Trimble Park
Trimble, Ohio

2 Dedication of the Shawnee Steel Slag Leach Bed
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Shawnee Wastewater Facility
Shawnee, Ohio

8 Rural Action's Annual Meeting
Location & Time TBA

14 Chesterhill Produce Auction Opening Day
4:00 PM
8380 Wagoner Road
Chesterhill, Ohio

June

1-22 Huff Run Awareness Days
Huff Run Watershed
Mineral City, Ohio

15-19 Monday Creek Watershed Daycamps
New Straitsville, Ohio

20-24 Sunday Creek Watershed Daycamps
Glouster, Ohio

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