

Stormwater Watch: Fall 2018



City of Delaware

Public Utilities Department

Upcoming Public Events:

Delaware Construction Stormwater Workshop:

December 5, at Delaware YMCA from 10:30-2 pm. Registration required to ccicerchi@delawareohio.net

Earth Week:

April 15- 22, 2019, several volunteer opportunities pending!

Olentangy River Sweep:

August 24, 2019

NOW Festival:

June 22, 2019

Watershed Resources:

[City of Delaware](http://CityofDelaware.org)
Delawareohio.net

[Olentangy Watershed Alliance](http://OlentangyWatershedAlliance.org)
Olentangyriver.org

[Delaware SWCD](http://DelawareSWCD.org)
Delawareswcd.org

[Sustainable Delaware Ohio](http://SustainableDelawareOhio.org)
Sustainabledelawareohio.org

This newsletter assists the City in meeting Minimum Control Measure (MCM) 1 as part of the stormwater permit issued by the Ohio EPA. It is funded through the City's storm water fund.

15th Annual Olentangy Watershed Forum

The 15th Annual Olentangy Watershed Forum was held on October 10 at Ohio Wesleyan University. The Forum brings citizens together with various experts to analyze issues pertaining to the Olentangy watershed, such as preservation, and the current and future state of water quality. The event invited residents, water resource professionals, township officials, landowners, and farmers to learn about water quality issues in the Olentangy watershed, progress that has been made and challenges that lie ahead.

Public Utilities helped sponsor the event along with Ohio Wesleyan and Del-Co Water Company. Several partners are involved in the planning each year including Preservation Parks and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW). There were 11 different watershed-related presentations from Ohio EPA, ODNR's Scenic River Program, the American Kayaking Association, the City of Columbus, and many others. The Forum takes place in October every year. Watch for updates for the 2019 Forum on the City's website and Facebook.



Chris Roshon, Preservation Parks



Caroline Cicerchi, City Watershed Coordinator



Tour of Delaware Run

Nothing But Rain Down the Drain

The Public Utilities Department reminds you to keep your storm drains clear of yard waste this fall season. Grass clippings and leaves can not only add excess nutrients in our waterways, but can create flooding hazards in roadways.

The City provides a yard waste collection service from mid-April through mid-December. Loose yard waste must be placed in biodegradable bags or 32-gallon containers with handles, marked for "Yard Waste" disposal. Stickers to designate cans for yard waste are free of charge at the City Utility Office in City Hall or by contacting the Customer Service Request Line at 740-203-1810. Biodegradable leaf bags may be purchased at most grocery or hardware stores. All other yard waste must be bundled and tied with a biodegradable string in dimensions not to exceed 4 feet in length and 18 inches in diameter and weighing less than 50 pounds. Sod is accepted provided the bag or container and contents do not exceed 50 pounds.



Additional disposal options are available through Price Farms Organics, Ltd., 4838 Warrensburg Road (740-362-4838) or Ohio Mulch, 883 US42 N (740- 803-0636).

Other uses for fall leaves

Mulch: insulating cover for overwintering perennials and can act as a weed barrier

Fertilizer: chop the leaves with a mower and let them break down naturally in your lawn to add organic matter and nutrients



Earth Week 2019

Earth Week is the week leading up to Earth Day, spanning fApril 15-22. Earth Day 2019 falls on Monday, April 22. The City of Delaware Public Utilities Department will be hosting activities for residents to get involved in projects like litter clean-ups, tree plantings, and invasive species removal. If you would like to be added to the email notification list for updates on these opportunities, please contact Watershed & Sustainability Coordinator Caroline Cicerchi at the information below.

Earth Week 2018 summaries:

- ◇ 450 seedlings planted at the City Wetlands Park
- ◇ Over 500 pounds of trash removed from Delaware Run
- ◇ 90 storm drains labeled with "don't pollute" decals, several storm drains cleared of trash and debris

Tours

The City of Delaware's Public Utilities Department would like to extend an invitation to the public to tour our Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at 225 Cherry Street and the Water Treatment Plant is located at 3080 US 23 North. The Water Treatment Plant is home to our **new** education center which supplements tours with an interactive exhibit detailing the history and science of an essential public utility. Please schedule your tour by contacting our Public Utilities Department at 740-203-1900.



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Promoting Environmental Responsibility*

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