

Stormwater Watch: Summer 2019



City of
Delaware
Public Utilities
Department

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.

Upcoming Events:

Olentangy Forum: October 15, 2019 at Ohio Wesleyan University

Earth Week 2020: April 15-22, 2020. Check future newsletters for Earth Day-themed events!

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

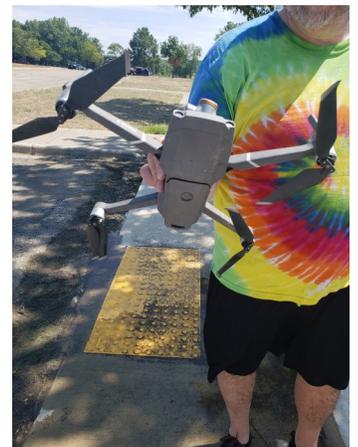
[FLOW](http://FLOW.org)
olentangywatershed.org

Watershed Programs

The 6th Annual Northern Olentangy Watershed Festival was held on June 22, 2019. An estimated 500 people came out to Mingo Park to engage in outdoor activities such as a guided nature walk, canoeing, and a nature-themed scavenger hunt. The festival is designed to educate the community about land and water stewardship with a focus on the Olentangy River Watershed. Over 20 organizations set up information booths including Preservation Parks, ODNR Scenic Rivers, Stratford Ecological Center, and the Marion County Park District. If you missed this year's festival, look out for updates for the 7th annual program for June 2020.



On July 20, the Olentangy Watershed Alliance (OWA) in coordination with the City of Delaware, Keep Delaware County Beautiful, the American Kayaking Association, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources came together to host a clean-up of Delaware Lake at the state park. 35 volunteers came out to clean-up trash around the lake. Two of the more unique items found included a drone and a wheelchair! Thank you to all of the sponsors and participants that helped make the event a success!



Kayaking the Olentangy

Did you know there are four hand-powered boat access sites in the Delaware City region? Three are maintained by the city and one is owned by Preservation Parks. All sites are free to use and open to the public.

City Locations:

- Two at Mingo Park (500 E. Lincoln Avenue)
- One at Cherry Street (intersection of Olentangy Avenue and Cherry Street)

Preservation Parks:

- River Run Park (168 Main Rd, Delaware)



Know Before you go

Before you bring your boat to one of the access sites, it must be registered with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of State Parks and Watercraft. Registrations must be renewed every three years, and cost \$20 for a traditional registration. More information can be found at <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/registrationfees>.

Ensure you have a personal floatation device (PFD) for each passenger on board in the boat. For those under 10 years of age, it is required that they wear the PFD. It is strongly encouraged to wear PFDs regardless of age, to decrease the chance of drowning on any body of water.

Always check the weather forecast before hitting the water, and for the Olentangy, check the daily streamflow conditions with the U.S.G.S. website to gauge the flow level of the river. The Delaware Lake Dam releases water surrounding rain events and the release levels vary depending on the season to maintain a lake pool appropriate for recreation activities.

If interested in paddling outside of Delaware, the City of Columbus has an Olentangy Water Trail that shows all of the access points and hazards along the Olentangy south of Delaware. Visit their Recreation and Parks page for the map.

Central Ohio Blueways

The Blueways initiative was spearheaded by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission -- in partnership with local communities, parks districts, and grassroots organizations. It provides residents and visitors with information on where they can safely and legally access the water for paddle sports in Central Ohio's neighborhoods. Visit <http://www.morpc.org/tool-resource/central-ohio-blueways/> for more information.



Free Rain Barrel Raffle

Come visit the City of Delaware's Public Utilities booth at the Delaware County Fair during the week of September 16th. The Public Utilities Department will have a table for one day only and will be raffling off two painted rain barrels. Email our Watershed Coordinator for details on the date and time.

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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