


# Welcome, Volunteers!



Virtual Volunteer Orientation  
February 17, 2026  
12 PM

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# Overview

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**At any point during the orientation, please ask questions! “Raise your hand” and you can unmute or enter your question into the chat.**



Our mission is to provide leadership in the conservation of our soil, water, and other natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance.



# About Us



- Staff of 5 – 3 full-time and 2 part-time
- Board of 5 publicly-elected Supervisors
- Established in 1964 – each county in Ohio has an SWCD
- Fall under the umbrella of Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Public and privately funded primarily through local and state dollars, and grants
- Moved to current office in 2023 – prior to that, was in Maumee
  - Where Sidecuts is now and then before that, the basement of the Maumee Post Office.

# “Tour” – Outside the Office



**2026 Plans: Children’s Gardens; Expand Orchard/Edible Landscape; Cut-flower Garden; & adding more plants/features to Sensory Garden**

# Virtual Tour – Inside the Office

- Welcome desk
- Classroom/Workshop /Meeting area
- Turtle tanks
- Store
- Resource Wall
- Library
- Offices around the periphery



# Areas of Focus



## EDUCATION

We provide hands-on, place-based environmental education programs for students PreK - 12th grade, as well as adults.



## INFORMATION

We provide resources and consultation on environmental topics that our community members are interested in.



## ASSISTANCE

We provide ways to help residents put conservation on the ground, whether through our, or another agency's, programs.



## ENGAGEMENT

We provide opportunities to participate in advancing local conservation efforts through our programs and initiatives.



*Here's where  
you come in!*

About You!



**What made you interested in  
volunteering with Lucas SWCD?**

**Volunteer Interest Form**  
(will be sent following this meeting!)

# Volunteering Opportunities



## • Demonstration Gardens & Greenspace



**Hill Prairie & Native  
Pollinator Gardens**

**Raised Bed & In-  
ground beds**

**Sensory &  
Children's Gardens**



**How can you help?**

**Cleaning planting materials, starting seeds, planting, up-potting, mulching, watering, weeding, preparing new beds, & more!**

**Groups welcome!**



# Volunteering Opportunities



## • Education Programs & Events

Community Events

School Programs

Classes & Workshops

Annual Sales



How can you help?

Preparing materials for classes/events

Pre-drilling rain barrels

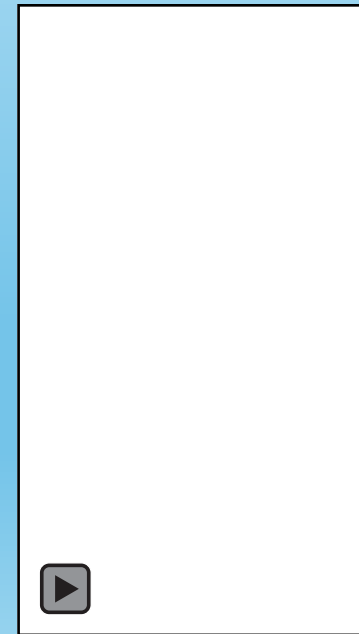
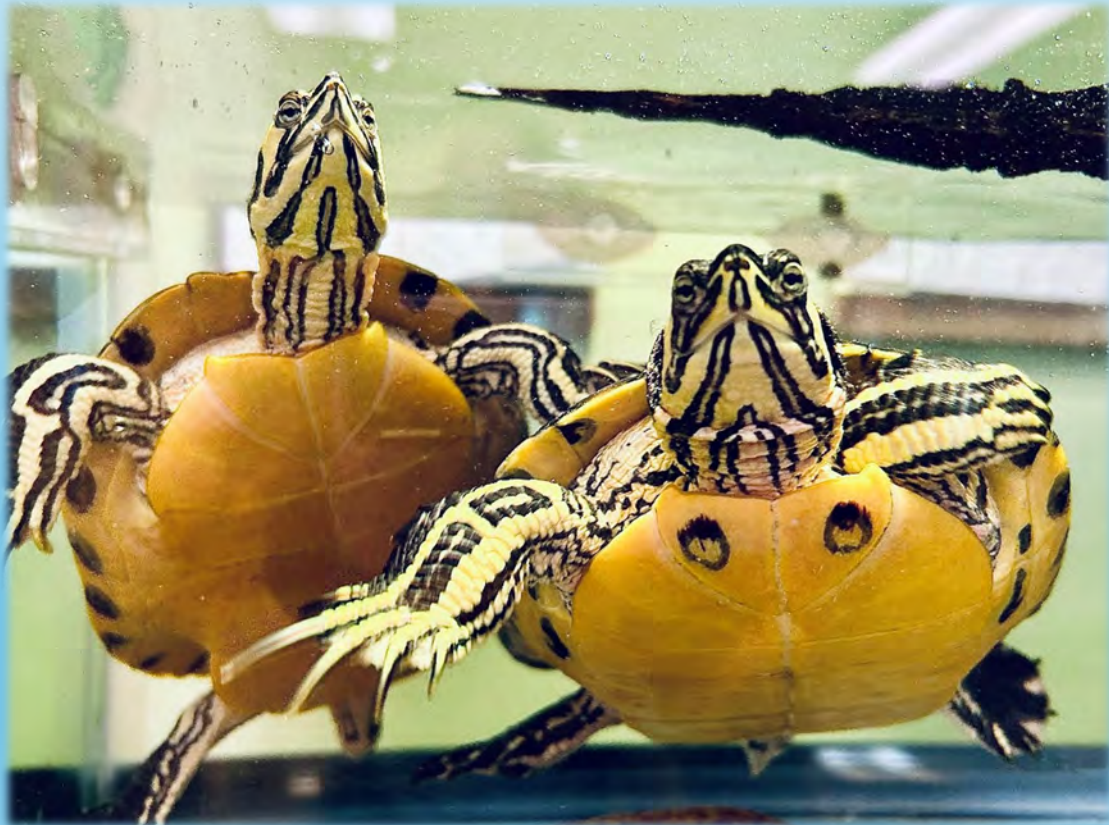
Helping with Tree Sale packing and pick-up

Assist with events and classes



# Volunteering Opportunities

- Turtle Care – Dottie & Kit



**How can  
you help?**

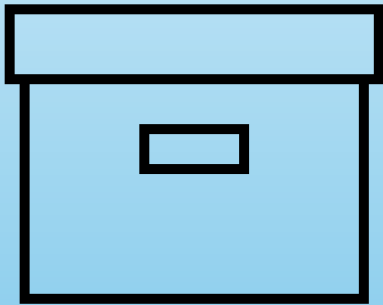
**Cleaning tanks**

Walking the  
turtles  
(summertime)

Help us build an  
outdoor  
enclosure

# Volunteering Opportunities

- Administrative/Office Tasks



## How can you help?

Filing

Making copies

Scanning documents

Organizing warehouse  
storage space

Taking inventory

# Ready to Volunteer? Let's Sign up.

## 1. Check email – monthly volunteer update

- Constant Contact – check spam or junk folder

## 2. Signup.com – no need to create an account!

## 3. Find the volunteer opportunity that works for you and your schedule! Subject to change.

## 4. Confirmation email and follow-up from me

- This will include anything you need to bring or be prepared for while volunteering (i.e. sunblock, bug spray, garden gloves, etc.)





## LSWCD Green Team Opportunities - March

Thu Jan 15, 2026 – Wed Mar 25, 2026

This sign-up includes volunteer opportunities for March!

Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- **Gardens/Greenspace:** Cleaning/rinsing growing materials like pots, tools, etc. and starting seeds for 2026 gardens
- **Turtle Care:** Regular tank cleaning for Kit
- **Admin./Office:** Storage area organization; inventory
- **Education Programs/Events:** help set-up and prepare for classes/workshops!

Snacks and water will be provided! Please bring a reusable water bottle. No age limit however, minors (17 & under) must be accompanied by an adult. You will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

[Share this Invite](#)

Find Spots By Date

Mar 2, 2026



Hide Past Spots  Hide Full Spots  Show My Spots

▼ Mon Mar 2, 2026

0 of 2 Filled

SPOT	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS
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> **Volunteer: Garden Prep!**

1:00pm – 3:00pm

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[SIGN UP](#)

Garden and greenhouse prep...

Wed Mar 4, 2026

0 of 2 Filled

Help





LSWCD Green Team Opportunities - March  
Mon Mar 2, 2026 – Volunteer: Garden  
Prep!

Quantity:  
0 Spots / 2  
Available



Name



Jessica Grisier



### Participant's Information

Name \*

Jessica Grisier

# of Spots \*

- 1 +

Email

LSWCD@co.lucas.oh.us

Phone \*

Phone

Count me in for updates and special offers from SignUp!

Save and Add Another Person

Save and Done



# Other places to find information

- **Lucas SWCD Website –**  
[www.LucasSWCD.org/volunteer](http://www.LucasSWCD.org/volunteer)
- **Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @LucasSWCD**



**Join the Lucas SWCD Green Team**

Volunteer and be a part of our mission to educate and inspire good stewards of our natural resources!

If you are new, sign-up to become a member of the Lucas SWCD Green Team by filling out the form inside the green box below!

Thanks for your interest in volunteering!

Please fill out the form below and Lucas SWCD staff will contact you.

*\* Indicates required field*

**Name \***

First Last  
First Last

**Email \***

I'd like to help... \*

...in the office

*Lucas SWCD offers volunteer opportunities throughout the year including seed processing, gardening, turtle care, program preparations, special events, and more!*

**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 12:00 PM**

We would like to invite you to a **Virtual Volunteer Orientation** where you can learn about the different ways you can be involved with Lucas SWCD, walk-through the new sign-up process we are using, and get a "tour" of our office, greenspace and demonstration gardens. Sign-up below!

Sign-up: Virtual Volunteer Orientation

The Lucas SWCD logo is a circular emblem with a green tree in the center and the text "LUCAS SWCD" around the perimeter.

# Questions??

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M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

