

WABASH RIVER

ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION

WREC Wire

April 2022

Spring showers are here and it's time to put those rain barrels to work! If you already own a rain barrel, now is a great time to set it up to start diverting stormwater. The City of Lafayette and West Lafayette have rain barrels kits available. You can either buy just the barrel, or buy the barrel, diverter, and stand.

You can use water collected in rain barrels to water your vegetables, lawn, and flowers while reducing your utility bills. Depending on your house and yard size, you can collect a significant amount of rainfall using your rain barrels. Estimates indicate during a one inch rain event, one downspout delivers 12 gallons of water per minute and that one rain barrel will capture 1,300 gallons of water throughout the year.

[More About Rain Barrels](#)

E-Waste Day
Saturday April 30, 2022
8am-2pm
Harrison High School

Tippecanoe County residents can recycle their electronics for FREE at this e-waste recycling event. They will not be accepting very large appliances such as washing machines and stoves, or appliances with refrigerant such as dehumidifiers or air conditioners. All attendees must show proof of residency to receive free service. If you cannot show proof of Tippecanoe County residency, you will have to pay the regular fees for e-waste with Oscar Winski. Click the image below to learn more.

E-waste Paper Shredding Medicine Disposal

April 30, 2022

8am-2pm

Harrison High School

**Free for Tippecanoe
County residents**

 tippecanoe.in.gov/recycle



Native Plant Sales Coming Up & Second Annual Native Plant Festival!

- Tippecanoe Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Native Plant Sale is accepting pre orders through April 15. Pick up on May 13 or 14. Check their [website](#) for pre order forms and more information.
- On May 8, 2021 the SWCD will host their second annual Native Plant Festival! There will be a native plant sale, presentations, hikes, and garlic mustard pulls. The event is free and takes place at Ross Camp! WREC staff will give a talk on DIY rain gardens. Come by to check out all the cool programs and buy a few more plants at their day-of sale!
- Prophetstown State Park Native Plant Sale May 6, 2022 from 10am-5pm. Prophetstown harvests seeds from plants on their property, germinates them in their greenhouse through the winter, and uses the plugs in Indiana State Park property restoration. The remaining plugs are sold to the public at their native plant sale! Contact jparks@dnr.in.gov for details on the native plant sale, or check [Prophetstown Calendar of Events](#) for the most up to date information.

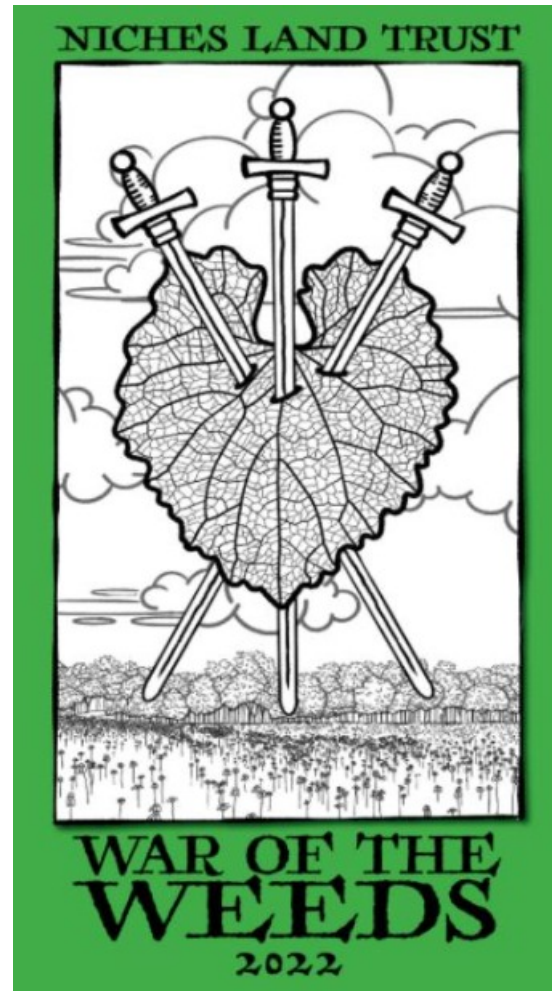
NICHES 2021 WAR OF THE WEEDS
Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
Starting Friday April 16 through May 16th, 2021
Shifts 10am -12:45 pm & 1-4pm

From April 8th to May 22nd, NICHES will host our annual Spring volunteer effort to improve diversity in woodlands. Every spring, the invasive plant garlic mustard emerges across Niches preserves in large numbers. If left unchecked, this weed can change soil chemistry, overtake the forest's understory, and diminish the beautiful display of native ephemeral wildflowers. With your help, the forest understory will be filled with a diverse mix of plants that provide food and shelter to abundant wildlife.

For this year's effort, Niches will be hosting 41 garlic mustard pulling shifts at 16 different local nature preserves within a 10-50 minute drive of Lafayette. This is our organization's single biggest annual volunteer push. Please check out shift dates/locations and sign-up. Contact Sam Cody with any questions sam@nicheslandtrust.org

EVERY VOLUNTEER THAT REGISTERS FOR 2 OR MORE SHIFTS BEFORE THE END OF MARCH WILL RECEIVE THIS YEAR'S T-SHIRT DESIGN (FEATURED BELOW)

[2022 WOTW Garlic mustard pulling shift list](#)



Sign up to pickup trash along the banks of the Wabash River. We'll provide the gloves, trash pickers, and bags!

[Learn More and Register](#)

Tree Lafayette Tree Planting Events

- Friday, April 22, 2022, 10am, Miller Elementary School located at 700 S. 4th Street: Lafayette Subaru of Indiana Automotive (SIA) is sponsoring the event and tree planting. Volunteers and students will be planting 15 trees on the school grounds for Earth Day.
- Saturday April 30, 9:20am - 1pm, Corner of Underwood St and 24th St: Teams (3-5 persons) will select a start time for the morning when they pre-register online. Get your team together and register to help plant trees along Underwood Street. If you do not have a team, we will assign you to a team. Trees have many benefits to the neighborhood and our community. Click "Learn More" button below for more information or to pre-register. All participants must be pre-registered. Join us to have some fun, enjoy the fresh air, get some exercise, and have the satisfaction that you helped our community and the environment.



Help Plant Trees for Arbor Day!



**THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
ARBOR DAY. COME
JOIN US TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE IN OUR
COMMUNITY!**



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