How Can the Backyard Conservation Program Help You?

- Site evaluation to determine the best options for your property
- Written conservation plan outlining best management practices (BMPs) for your yard
- Lists of resources for installing and maintaining your BMPs
- Possible financial assistance within the designated Watershed area
- Education through workshops, literature and demonstration areas

Who To Contact For More Information?

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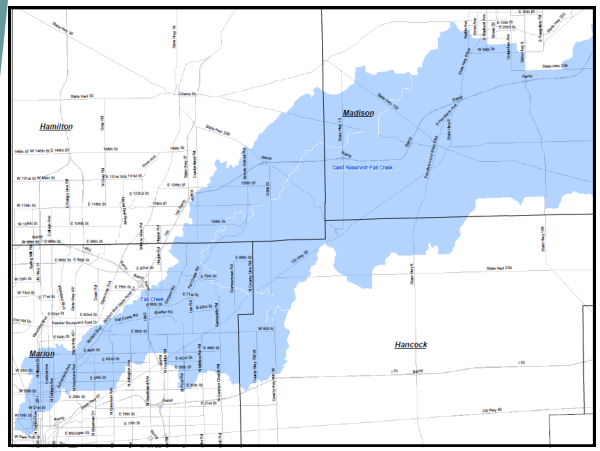

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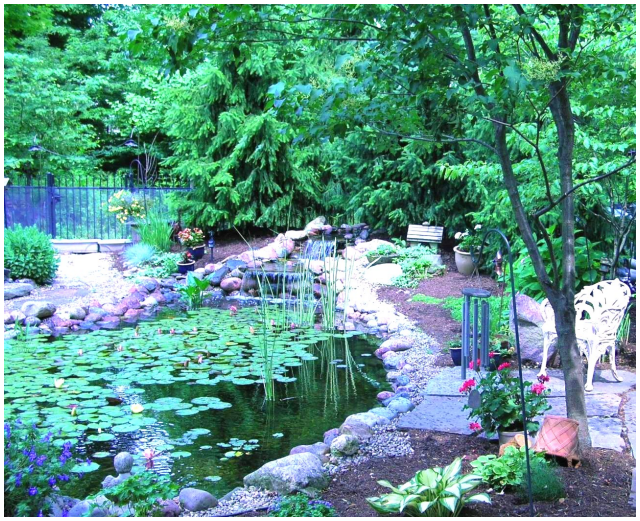
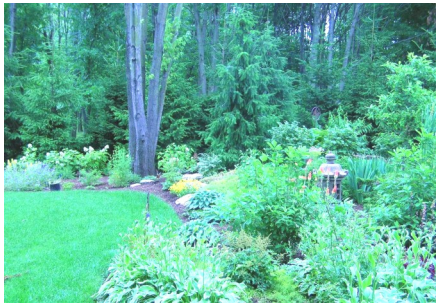


Your Guide to the Backyard Conservation Program

Backyard Conservation Program

The mission of the Backyard Conservation Program is to provide technical and educational assistance to help urban communities and land-owners in Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion Counties implement conservation practices. We encourage landowners to consider applying some of the same conservation practices that farmers have been using for years. These practices protect our soil, water, air and wildlife while also providing beauty and enjoy-ment for the homeowner.



Our Goals

- Increase urban and suburban audiences' awareness and education about water quality conservation practices
- Provide "how-to" information to encourage adoption of water quality conservation prac-tices in backyards and neighborhood common areas
- Build and strengthen partnerships to enhance the environmental health of Fall Creek Water-shed
- Incorporate a strong volunteerism component

Why Practice Backyard Conservation?

The everyday decisions we make at home greatly affect our environment. Studies show urban areas contribute pollutants to our watersheds. Our water, soil, air and wildlife depend on us for their protection. Adopting conservation practices is one important way in which we can preserve the environment for future generations.

In this fast-paced world, we recognize that connecting back to nature is an excellent way to relieve stress and anxiety. By preserving the natural resources around our home, we can spend less time maintaining our yards and more time enjoying them.

What Benefits Does Backyard Conservation Provide?

- Provides substantial monetary and time savings compared to traditional lawn maintenance
- Increases property values
- Provides improved soil structure and reduces erosion
- Protects watersheds by providing filtration and reducing pollution from runoff

- Attracts wildlife, providing food and cover
- Provides integrated pest management
- Connects communities with nature

Backyard Conservation Practices:

- Composting
- Pond Edge Enhancements
- Rain Gardens
- Filter Strips
- Wildlife Habitat
- Mulching
- Native Plants
- Nutrient Management
- Pest Management
- Invasive Plant Control
- Pervious Pavement or Pavers
- Backyard Ponds for Wildlife
- Rain Barrels
- Vegetative Streambank Stabilization
- Terracing
- Tree Planting
- Wetlands
- Water Conservation
- Land Grading

* Contact us to get information on any or all of these conservation practices!