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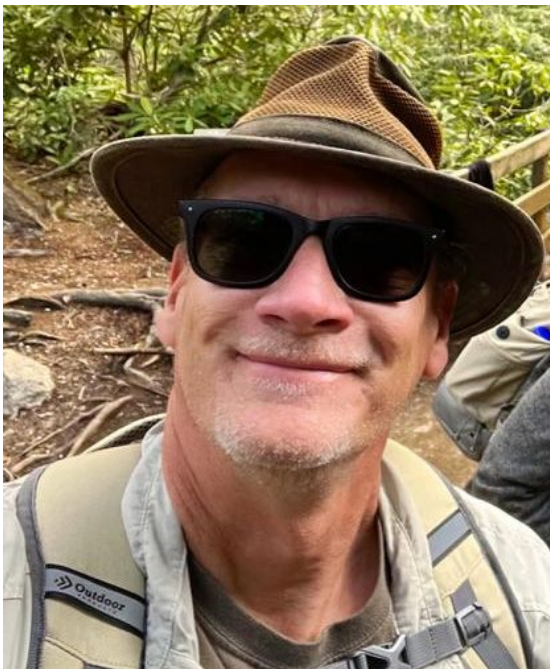
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Just as ripples spread when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching impact. *The Ripple* is a special newsletter created by Cincinnati Nature Center for people who want ideas, insights, and inspiration to act in support of nature and the environment.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone had better information about ways to act (and inspire others to act) for conservation? **Take a minute to share this electronic digest with your friends**—They'll thank you for it!

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## GET INSPIRED!



### Meet a Native Plant Influencer

Prior to completing the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) program in the spring of 2021, Steve Culver was unaware of the importance of native plants.

Nowadays, he is collaborating with neighbors to grow native species, sharing helpful information with others, writing articles, and providing seedlings. Click below to learn about his journey!

[Read the full story](#)

## LET'S COLLABORATE!

### We Want to Hear From You!

Share what you know, what you wonder, and what you'd like to discuss with other Cincinnati Nature Center members. If you have content you want us to consider for this section, please email Connie O'Connor at

## The Climate Crisis is a Leadership Crisis

[The All We Can Save Project](#) supports people who are committed to addressing changing climate. Some of the techniques can apply to other conservation issues as well. It appears to be very much aligned with Cincinnati Nature Center's vision of relationship-based action. One of the authors was the keynote speaker at Green Umbrella's recent Sustainability Summit. On their homepage, you can find specific support to help you connect with others, which you probably know, is essential for real impact on conservation.

Take a look and email [coconnor@cincynature.org](mailto:coconnor@cincynature.org) if you want help implementing any of their suggestions.

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## People Who Motivate Change

In his book, *The Tipping Point (2000)*, Malcolm Gladwell described three types of people who make change happen:

- Mavens, who are knowledgeable about things
- Salespeople, who convince others by 'selling' an idea
- Connectors, who with their many links distribute and collect information.

[Click here](#) to view a short summary on YouTube and consider its application in your own life as someone who cares about the environment. In which context does each role come out in you? Who do you know that is really skilled in one of these roles? How can you work together to create pro-environmental change in your community?

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## Education on Citizen Science Technique

Cincinnati Nature Center is hosting a few [Firefly Monitoring Nights](#) as a way to contribute to community science with the [Xerces Society's Firefly Atlas](#). Firefly Atlas seeks to collect information on "data deficient" firefly species in North America to aid in conservation efforts.

Participants will hike to areas where some of these data-deficient species are suspected or known to inhabit at Rowe Woods. They will assist in following the Firefly Atlas protocol to collect data on these fireflies while learning more about fireflies, their conservation, and scientific data collection. This program will provide an opportunity for individuals who are wanting to take a deeper dive or to try out community science/monitoring, without the need for a long-term commitment to a project. There is a fee, Member adult \$7; nonmember adult \$12. Preregistration is required. This would be considered continuing education for OCVNs (not volunteer time).

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## Member Recommendations for Consumer Product

Consider stopping the “tree to toilet” pipeline by purchasing only recycled toilet paper. A Cincinnati Nature Center member recommends [Who Gives a Crap](#) as a place to find environmental options. While on a roll, he also suggested [Earth Breeze](#) as an example of a laundry detergent sheet that eliminates the need for plastic bottles of liquid soap. He says they work great!

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Below you will find invitations from Cincinnati Nature Center members who are hosting meet-ups around topics and skills that might positively impact conservation. This section of The Ripple helps people find each other because we are better together!

*Please note, all event participants who are not members of the Nature Center must pay daily admission.*

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### Climate Conversations for Caregivers

**Saturday, June 10, 9-10:30 am**

Are you a parent or caregiver interested in connecting with others in climate change conversations and actions? Join a small group of parents and caregivers at Cincinnati Nature Center's Nature PlayScape on June 10, 9-10:30 am. Children of all ages are welcome!

Please spread the word to any parents or caregivers that might find meaning and connection in this gathering. To RSVP, contact Cincinnati Nature Center member Kim at [kim@regenerativerelationships.org](mailto:kim@regenerativerelationships.org).

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### Vegetarian Potluck

**Wednesday, June 21, 11:30 am at Groesbeck Estate Dornette Room**

If you've considered reducing your meat consumption for environmental, health, and/or ethical reasons, you might enjoy trying new recipes and meeting others with similar goals. We'll start with a brief community-building exercise followed by sharing a dish. Please bring your own utensils, plate, and beverage.

For this month's lunch, please bring a meatless dish that can be prepared in an hour or less with eight or fewer ingredients.

To RSVP, email Bob and Beth Staggenborg at [bethstag@gmail.com](mailto:bethstag@gmail.com) with the subject line: Vegetarian Potluck.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Cincinnati Nature Center** is calling on volunteer writers to help create content for the *Now in Nature* weekly newsletter. These should

be short, informative, interpretive articles. For more info, contact Marketing Manager Tracy Smith at [tsmith@cincynature.org](mailto:tsmith@cincynature.org). If your piece is used, you can count the time to write it as volunteer credit for your OCVN certification hours.



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### **Lick Run Green Way BioBlitz Surveys** **August 12 and September 30, 11 am-2 pm**

This partnership with Queen City Pollinator Project, The Civic Garden Center, Cornell University, and the Metropolitan Sewer District is intended to document the native flora and butterflies at Lick Run Greenway! They are looking to document species and track this new ecosystem's progress over time. You will be using iNaturalist and ID sheets to document which plants are growing in selected sample areas and which butterfly species you see in the area. More information will be posted on the Queen City Pollinator Project Facebook Page.

No experience is needed! Participants will meet at the main parking lot: 1645 Queen City Avenue. For more information, please contact Sylvana Bess Ross at [sbr88@cornell.edu](mailto:sbr88@cornell.edu).

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### **Volunteer with Warren County Parks**

Warren County Parks would love more OCVN volunteer help! For more information on opportunities, please contact Shannon Russell Pennington at [mothernaturesclassroom@gmail.com](mailto:mothernaturesclassroom@gmail.com).

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### **Volunteers Needed at Valley View in Milford, OH**

Valley View has a number of committees that are focused in different areas of volunteer work. Whether it is leading a group of school children on an adventure, working on the trails, cutting and clearing deadwood, helping in our office, or planting and harvesting fresh produce. Every volunteer helps to build the story of Valley View. Click below to learn more!

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If you have suggestions for content or have other input, contact the Director of Applied Learning, Connie O'Connor at [coconnor@cincynature.org](mailto:coconnor@cincynature.org).

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