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Greenspace Newsletter

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BOB O LINK GREENSPACE

Ecoregion 8.3.3; USDA Plant Hardiness Zones 7a, Ohio Valley, US Forestry Providence 222 (Eastern Broadleaf Forest), F (Interior Low Plateau, Bluegrass)

I have found a few interesting things lately.

WILDR PLACES

Not that I need another app, but I am going to try this one. It was launched this year - website and app. The app coaches you how to landscape sustainably and shows you, in real time, the impact you are making. It's powered by published research, trusted datasets, and a growing network of expert botanists and ecologists. They have nice information about natives and invasives, along with periodic webinars

Wildr: Native Plant Recommendations for Your Location

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CERTIFIED NATIVE HABITAT PROGRAM

Today, this is only a future goal for me. This program is through Wild Ones, which we have a local chapter. We have some on our street whose yards are ready and it would be fun to see how many certified signs we can add to our neighborhood. Certified Native Habitat Program - Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes

GREEN NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Now this one offered by Bluegrass Greensource, is more easily in reach. I have a yard sign coming as soon as I pick it up, LOL, so perhaps this year. Green Neighbor - Bluegrass Greensource

BERNHEIM PLANT SALE

Friday and Saturday 10 am - 3 pm

September 18-19, 2026

Saturday also includes Bug Fest, which sounds like much fun for all ages.

STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

MASTER NATURALIST GRANT

Carol Spence, our neighborhood Master Naturalist, applied for a new grant being offered by the program. Carol and Jennifer developed a proposal to collect Baseline Plant Communities and Stream Health in the Bob Link Greenspace. We are excited to announce that our proposal was accepted for funding from the Master Naturalist Program! We will schedule and conduct a native/invasive inventory and will need your help!

CELEBRATING 2027!

Friends of Wolf Run pulls all the watershed projects into one proposal for the FY 2027 Water Quality Grant Application. The entire proposal was accepted, now it goes to the Council and Mayor to approve the budget. As we intend to do every year, we have included our proposal. This Water Quality Incentive Grant is the main source of our funding to hire professionals and buy supplies, equipment and plant material. It is a 75/25 match, and our volunteer hours contribute at least $15/hr to meet out match requirements.

FIELD NOTES



Permaculture - Bringing Ethics to Life

I've heard the term and felt I got the gist of permaculture, but as usual, digging a bit deeper and there's much more. I admit, I just thought about gardening. Permaculture, developed by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren in the 1970s, is grounded in three core ethics: Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share. I'm on board with these core ethics to guide our entire existencetance! From these core ethics they built 12

principles to ensure designs supported ecological balance, human well-being, and equitable resource distribution.
In the Bob O Link Greenspace, these ideas are reflected in our commitment to:

- Restoring stream and wetland health.
- Expanding native habitat and biodiversity.
- Creating opportunities for environmental education.
- Building community stewardship.
- Providing space for recreation, reflection, and connection.
- Demonstrating how private urban greenspaces can contribute to larger conservation goals

Since there are so many, I invite you to read on our blog how the 12 Permaculture Principles show up in our work at Bob O Link Greenspace. How 12 Principles of Permaculture Guide Conservation at Bob O Link Greenspace

1. Observe and Interact
2. Catch and Store Energy
3. Obtain a Yield
4. Apply Self-Regulation and Accept Feedback
5. Use and Value Renewable Resources and Services
6. Produce No Waste
7. Design from Patterns to Details
8. Integrate Rather Than Segregate
9. Use Small and Slow Solutions
10. Use and Value Diversity
11. Use Edges and Value the Marginal
12. Creatively Use and Respond to Change

As our greenspace evolves over the next five years, these principles offer a lens for understanding why we do what we do—and how conservation and community can thrive together on the same landscape. After all, the most successful conservation projects are not just places we protect. They are places where people and nature learn to flourish together.

Stay green, stay kind, stay connected - Jennifer Erena

STEWARDSHIP STEPS

Group Workdays

As the weather is gets cooler, we can get back to workdays. Our Oct 17 workday will celebrate Tree Week by planting trees!

Symbolic Monarch Migration - September 19

Bring your children, grandchildren! Invite our young neighbors!
We will make beautifully colored monarchs to send to kids in Mexico near their winter destination in the oyamel fir forests of central Mexico.
Sign up at https://bobolink-greenspace.com/blog/symbolic-monarch-migration-2026

SEASONAL SNAPSHOT

📷 There's so much bug activity on the greenspace blooms. Hard to capture in photos, but the wasps with iridescent wings have been fascinating . If you haven't looked closely, please do so, it's amazing.
We have hundreds of **Ailanthus webworms**. I have not see them flying around much, mostly just walking on flowers. At first, they look like beetles or worms, but they are a moth. They came from American tropics since their host tree is the paradise tree. They have expanded

north and adapted to live and feed on, wait...the Tree of Heaven! Oh my! That's why we have so many! But they seem to really like yellow flowers of wingsteam, goldenrod, and cutleaf coneflower.





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