



SUSTAINABILITY IN DELAWARE, OHIO

A TREE HOUSE PROJECT

How to Support Sustainability in Delaware

Environmental sustainability involves making choices that ensure the long-term health of our planet. Sustainability is growing in Delaware and here are some first steps in getting involved.

1. Attend a [Sustainability Task Force](#) (STF) Meeting: STF meetings inform you of what's happening on OWU's campus and in Delaware regarding environmental sustainability. Many OWU staff and Delaware community members attend, allowing you to make meaningful connections.
2. Ask for help! There are many resources available to help you with your journey:
 - a. [John Krygier](#), Professor of Environment and Sustainability at OWU
 - b. [Career Connection](#) (Discover Careers in Environmental Sustainability)
 - c. [Tree House](#) - An environmental and sustainability [SLU](#) on OWU's Campus
3. Get to know the plethora of groups, organizations, and businesses in Delaware dedicated to environmental sustainability and all that they offer!

OWU has a strong [Department of Environment & Sustainability](#) with three environmentally focused majors and a broad range of [environmental courses](#). OWU ENVS focuses on student engagement with the [OWU Connection](#) and [OWU Career Connection](#). OWU ENVS also has partnerships with many of the groups below, providing great experiences for students. Contact [John Krygier](#) or visit his [website](#) for more information.

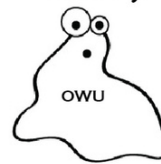
GROUPS

Sustainability Task Force

Making sustainability work on OWU's campus requires collaboration and cooperation. [Sustainability Task Force](#) (STF) meetings inform you of what's happening and how to get involved while giving you a voice on campus regarding sustainability and the environment.

Contact [John Krygier](#) to be added to the email group.

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the OWU sustainability ghost



Sustainable Delaware Ohio

Sustainable Delaware is a group of residents focused on promoting environmental, social and economic sustainability for the Delaware community through awareness, advocacy, and action.

Current projects:

- [Upcycling Center at OWU](#)
- [Delaware County Land Conservancy](#)
- [Green Drinks](#)

Email : Info@sustainabledelawareohio.org

Join their [Facebook Group](#) for current events, information, and upcoming meetings.

Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed

[FLOW](#)'s mission is to keep the Olentangy River and its tributaries clean and safe for all to enjoy, through public education, volunteer activities, and coordination with local decision-makers. FLOW has amazing [resources](#) around environmental education and conservation practices along with various ways to [get involved](#) in helping with watershed improvements.

Email: olentangyriverwatershed@gmail.com
[Event/Volunteer Calendar](#)



Keep Delaware County Beautiful

[KDCB](#) is a recycling program of the [Delaware Public Health District](#). They provide [recycling and litter prevention](#) activities and environmental education programs to the residents and businesses of Delaware County. They supply valuable information on how to dispose of special wastes and annually organize [collection events](#) and educational/volunteering programs.

Contact: [Jenifer Way-Young](#)
Follow the KDCB [Facebook Group](#) to stay updated.

ORGANIZATIONS/BUSINESSES

Goat Local

Goat Local is a retail shop in Downtown Delaware that carries a wide range of sustainable and locally made products including apparel, home decor, plants/gardening, pet swag, stationary and more. They also host 'Goat Social' workshops ranging from gardening to birding, beer making to crafting, and everything in between.

Location: [57 N Sandusky St, Ste 1 Delaware, Ohio 43015](#)
Email: sales@goatlocalohio.com or contact [here](#)



Preservation Parks

Preservation Parks operates a network of parks offering outdoor recreation, special events, and nature education to the public. Their mission is to protect and conserve the natural and historic features of Delaware County and to inspire outdoor exploration and learning. They aim to inspire the care of nature and community for a sustainable future.

They have many ways to get involved including careers and internships, volunteer opportunities, and the Preservation Parks Foundation.

Email: contactparks@preservationparks.com or contact [here](#)
[Community Calendar](#) and [Newsletter](#) for upcoming events and news

Stratford Ecological Center

Stratford Ecological Center is dedicated to the education of children and adults in understanding the relationships between living things and their environment, thereby fostering an appreciation for the land and all life that depends on it. There is a wide variety of volunteer, internship, and career opportunities as well as educational programs and events to help you get involved!

Location: [3083 Liberty Rd, Delaware, OH 43015](#)
Email: info@stratfordecologicalcenter.org
Sign up for their [Newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date with what is happening at Stratford!



Leaves for Wildlife Native Plant Nursery

The Leaves for Wildlife nursery has a special focus on straight species native plants for the restoration of ecosystems across Ohio that will help ensure the health of humans and wildlife. You can help pollinators, local and migrating birds, and other wildlife by planting native plants! They have a resource page loaded with information on native plants, other local nurseries, community groups, and more.

Location: [1655 N. County Road 605, Sunbury, OH 43074](#) (April 1st - October 30th)
Email: leavesforwildlife8@gmail.com or contact [here](#)
Subscribe [here](#) for notifications on sales and events (bottom of the page)

DelCo Water Company

Del-Co Water is the largest rural water system in the State of Ohio. They are spearheading strategic initiatives toward environmental sustainability including a large-scale solar panel project that will offset nearly 50% of Del-Co Water's electricity consumption. Various job and internship opportunities are offered as they continue to grow as a company.

Contact [here](#)
[Del-Co Newsletter](#) for community members to stay updated with Del-Co projects, educational information, and more.



Price Farms Organic

Price Farms Organics is an EPA-certified Class II commercial composting facility. They are dedicated to creating a sustainable future centered around environmentally conscious efforts through composting and organics recycling practices. Sustainability is at the core of their mission, reducing material sent to landfills, providing a recycling service for the community, educating and encouraging positive recycling habits, and more.

Location: [4838 Warrensburg Rd Delaware, OH 43015](#)
Email: pfo@pricefarms.org

Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District

The Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District's mission is to bring people, government agencies, and private interests together to manage the natural resources and environmental challenges of Delaware County and the state of Ohio. The district leads many programs and projects and is committed to environmental education through public outreach and events. Their website has helpful sustainability resources for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Contact [here](#)
[Newsletter sign-up](#) for updates





Watson Acres Flower Farm

Watson Acres Flower Farm is a family-owned specialty cut flower farm that uses organic practices in a combination of indoor and outdoor growing spaces. They have a passion for flowers and their ability to bring joy and happiness to their customers. There are a variety of ways for people to experience their flowers including farmer's market sales, interesting and immersive workshops in flower growing and arranging, educational programs, weekly bouquet subscriptions, workplace flowers, weddings/special events, and their private flower studio.

Location: 5929 Fredricks Rd, Sunbury, OH 43074

Email: watsonsacres@gmail.com or contact here

Follow their Facebook for updates or sign up for emails at the bottom of their website.

Habitat ReStore

Habitat ReStore is a discount home improvement, furniture, and home goods store. Sustainable shopping at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore builds homes in Delaware & Union Counties and keeps reusable items out of nearby landfills. Shopping, donating, and volunteering at the ReStore keeps tons of reusable goods out of local landfills.

Location: 1161 Columbus Pike in Delaware, OH, 43015

Contact: (740) 363-9950



Seminary Hill Farm at MTSO

Seminary Hill Farm covers 10 acres of the 80-acre campus of Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO). Their mission is to teach small-scale farming and produce good food using sustainable and regenerative methods to maintain biodiversity, resilience, and integrity of soils. The farm provides produce for campus meals, people in need, and members of the Community Supported Agriculture program.

Location: 3081 Columbus Pike Delaware, OH 43015

Email: seminaryhillfarm@mtso.edu

Scioto Gardens

Scioto Gardens is a plant nursery that provides high-quality plants with an emphasis on native plants and natural soil. Plants they offer include perennials, ferns, grasses, shrubs, and trees in a beautiful, garden-like setting. In addition to supplying native plants, they also offer Native Plant Site Services.

Location: 3351 State Route 37 West, Delaware, Ohio 43015 (April - October)

Email: folks@sciotogardens.com or contact here



Riverside Native Trees

Riverside Native Trees grows containerized native trees and shrubs from locally collected seeds. They are a restoration nursery that specializes in growing local provenance, Midwest native trees, and shrubs for restoration and reclamation efforts. Their website contains resources on native tree care and information, a species range map based on county, and more!

Location: 2295 River Road, Delaware, OH, 43015

Contact here

This infographic contains only some of many amazing groups, organizations, and businesses spearheading sustainable initiatives, events, and practices in Delaware.

It is important to be informed on what is happening in Delaware around environmental sustainability to support and be part of a growing group of people committed to creating a more sustainable and resilient community.

Join the movement and become a more environmentally sustainable individual!