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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 looking for ideas and support in their efforts to protect nature.

Reminder: Our team is currently working on ways to expand *The Ripple* in new and exciting ways! **During this process, our usual monthly e-newsletter will now be delivered to your inbox every other month.** We value your opinion—if you would like to share your thoughts or feedback on current content or frequency of emails, please email **Connie O'Connor** at coconnor@cincynature.org.

GET INSPIRED!



Can Planned Developments Conserve Land?

Article by Connie O'Connor

Next month, residents of Batavia township will have to decide how to vote on a citizen-initiated issue to potentially remove Planned Development from the Zoning Ordinances. Being curious, not judgmental, we decided to investigate the issue.

Click below to read the full story!

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School Gardens: Planting the Seed for a Greener Community

Article by Bebe Raupe

Plant a seed, and so much more than you expect may grow. Over the past 14 years, Kim Forman has seen this idea in action at the Stewart Elementary school garden, where children learn about nature through firsthand experiences.

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LEARN MORE TO DO MORE

Five Elements of a Better Argument

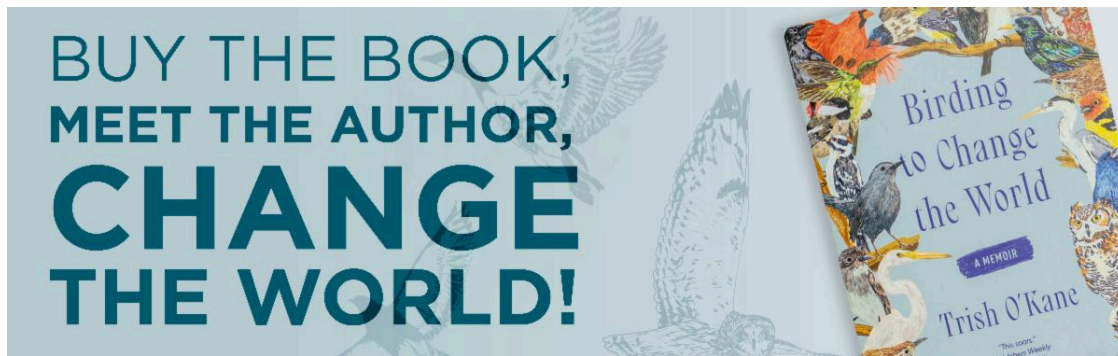
Learn about the Five Elements of a Better Argument, presented by Eric Liu.



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!



Birding to Change the World: A Conservation Civics Event

Wednesday, October 15, 7–8:30 pm at Rowe Visitor Center Auditorium

In this age of isolation, what if the most radical form of activism is to find common ground? How might this save our environment and, ultimately, ourselves?

Join Trish O'Kane, author of *Birding to Change the World: A Memoir*, and Connie O'Connor, Director of Applied Learning at Cincinnati Nature Center, as they discuss the importance of connecting with others to protect what we love.

Preregistration required. Member adult \$20; nonmember adult \$32.

[Click to Register](#)

Wasted Food Summit

Wednesday, October 29, 9 am–2:30 pm

Food waste contributes to climate change and harms the environment in many ways. If you want to be part of the solution, attend the **Wasted Food Summit**, co-hosted by Last Mile Food Rescue, Green Umbrella, and Hamilton County ReSource.

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Board Members & Volunteers Needed

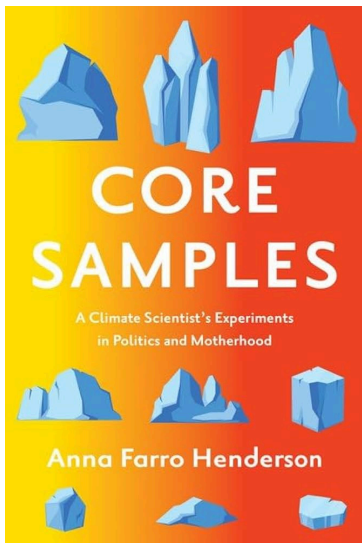
The Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship is looking for new board members and volunteers! Connect with **Tom Boeing** at tomboeing@ovfftrees.org for more info.

OCVN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: As *The Ripple* e-newsletter evolves, all future volunteer opportunities and OCVN announcements will now be shared via the [OCVN Cincinnati Nature Center Facebook Group](#). Please request to join to see or share content within this private group.

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NOTES FROM OUR READERS



Book Review:

Core Samples: A Climate Scientist's Experiments in Politics and Motherhood

Authored by Anna Farro Henderson

Reviewed by Hope Taft

This book was given to me by (my husband) Bob as a Christmas present in 2024, the same year it was published. He knows I don't like to read for pleasure, so I suspected it had something in it that would appeal to me. He picked a good one in *Core Samples* to put under the tree...

Click below to read the full book review!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Conservation Civics: Volunteers Needed

Cincinnati Nature Center's Director of Applied Learning Connie O'Connor seeks volunteers with specific skills to help advance projects related to *Conservation Civics*:

- **Online course assistance:** If you are familiar with "[Articulate](#)" course authoring software, your help is needed to translate material from a Powerpoint presentation to an interactive Articulate module.
- **Videography:** If you are experienced filming and editing videos, and have the basic equipment and software to do so, your help is needed to produce short instructional videos featuring Connie's lectures.

If you're interesting and would like to learn more, please contact **Connie O'Connor** at coconnor@cincynature.org.

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You're receiving this action-oriented newsletter because you signed up for it, because you are a graduate of the Nature Center's Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program, or because you have completed *The Ripple Effect* online course.

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

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