



The mission of the Boone County Conservation District (BCCDKY) is to promote the protection and wise use of natural resources through education and service to the citizens of Boone County. To learn more about what we do, visit [bccdky.org](http://bccdky.org) or stop by our office to say hello!

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## 2018-2019 Annual Report

Our Annual Report is out! Get up to date on all of our projects we have completed this past fiscal year.

### Highlights:

- 66 total educational and outreach programs
- 6,000 people reached in education programs
- 7 interns

- 2  
summer  
camps
- 6  
agricultural  
districts  
recertified
- Completion  
of  
National  
Water  
Quality  
Initiative
- Completion  
of  
Gunpowder  
Creek  
Watershed  
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grant
- And  
more!

To view our Annual Report, visit: <http://bccdky.org/annual-report/>

## Fall Education Programs

All ages are welcome to join us at our FREE outdoor family programs each month! Upcoming events include “Night Hike” in September, “Fall Color Hike” in October, “Secrets in the Soil” in November, and “Animals in Winter” in December.



Our Fall Homeschool program, “Meet a Tree,” will take place on September 20th at Boone Woods from 2-4 p.m. Homeschool families of all ages are welcome.

For more information on all of our Fall programs, visit <http://bccdky.org/calendar-of-events/>.

## New Birding Trail to Open This Fall

BCCDKY is working with The Boone Conservancy and



Boone County Parks to develop the Lee McNeely Birding Trail at Conservancy Park in Belleview. Lee McNeely was a long time Boone County resident who shared his passion for birding and love of nature through his volunteer work with the Northern Kentucky Bird Club and the Kentucky Ornithological Society. The trail is a memorial gift from the Heritage Bank to The Boone Conservancy.

The new trail, which is due to be completed in November, will extend the existing loop around Conservancy pond and lead hikers through a variety of bird habitats, such as forest, wetland, and meadow. Birds such as herons, warblers, owls, and so many more can be seen in these areas. A full list of birds sighted in the area can be seen on [ebird.com](http://ebird.com).

**Feel free to visit [Conservancy Park](#), open daily from dawn until dusk, and stay tuned to learn when the trail is complete!**

## Did You Know?

Urban forests, such as parks and greenspace, trees lining streets, small remnants of woods, or even individual trees, play an important role in our communities. Urban forests provide a wide range of benefits, including:

- Increased property value
- Decreased energy consumption
- Improved air quality
- Reduced storm water runoff
- Decreased soil erosion
- Improved water quality
- Reduced

- noise levels
- And more!

To learn more about urban forests, check out the [Northern Kentucky Urban and Community Forestry Council](#).

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## Upcoming Events

**September 7th:** [Pond Scum Workshop](#)

**September 14th:** [Living Lands and Waters](#) River Cleanup at Rabbit Hash

**September 14th:** Night Hike at Middle Creek Park

**September 17th:** Board Meeting in Rabbit Hash

**September 20th:** Homeschool Program - Meet a Tree

**October 15th:** Board Meeting

**October 18th - 20th:** [37th Annual Salt Festival](#) at Big Bone Lick State Park

**October 26th:** Fall Color Hike at Gunpowder Creek Nature Park

**November 7th:** Trees in Our Community Annual Dinner

**November 16th:** Secrets in the Soil at Boone Woods

**November 16th:** [The Boone Conservancy](#) 20th Anniversary Benefit

**November 19th:** Board Meeting

**December 14th:** Animals in Winter

**December 17th:** Board Meeting

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