

# Newsletter

AUGUST




## Benthic Sampling

LTVCA staff have been doing benthic sampling at locations within the watershed. Benthics can tell us about the water quality in streams. They are reliable indicators because they spend all or most of their lives in water, are easy to collect and differ in their tolerance to pollution.

Benthic (meaning “bottom-dwelling”) invertebrates are the aquatic larval stages of insects. They include dragonfly and stonefly larvae, snails, worms, and beetles.



## Upcoming Events

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- Twilight Tuesdays continue through August 22, 2023
  - Ska-Nah-Doht's 50th Anniversary, August 13, 2023
  - Guided Hike at E.M. Warwick Conservation Area with ALUS Elgin, August 16, 2023
  - Nocturnal Pollinator Art Night, August 19, 2023

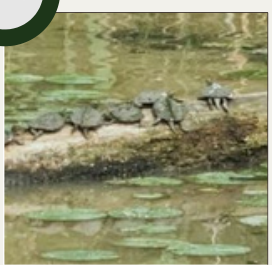
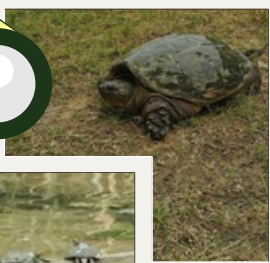
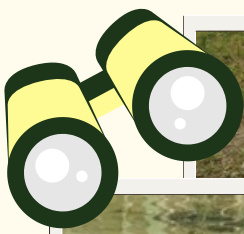
For more information visit our [events page](#).



## NEXT GENERATION

Teaching our youth the importance of taking care of our planet prepares them to be future leaders who will shape a better world for all!

Our little heroes from the Forage Cloverbuds 4H Group (above) stepped up to make a big impact! They came together at Paxton's Bush to clean up and make a difference in their community.



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## Ecological Land Classification

Staff have been working on an ecological land classification survey to help delineate habitat types at Big Bend Conservation Area, Wardsville.

Soil samples are being used to determine the moisture content and composition of the soil, and tree diameters are being measured at breast height to document the size classes of trees present on-site.

