## **News Release**

City of Mansfield, Ohio

## Tim Theaker, Mayor



## For Immediate Release

**Date:** March 23, 2018 **Contact:** Kim Hildreth, Project Coordinator

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**Subject:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Earth Stewardship Kick-off

Mansfield, Ohio- The Earth Stewardship Steering Committee is pleased to announce the kick-off of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Earth Stewardship Celebration, joining citizens across the State of Ohio and the United States in celebrating the Great American Cleanup.

Mayor Tim Theaker, the Richland County Commissioners and elected officials and community leaders will join members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee to officially proclaim April and May as Earth Stewardship Months in Mansfield/Richland County.

When: Thursday, March 29, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority, 1125 National Parkway, Mansfield, Ohio

A litter cleanup of the surrounding area by members of the steering committee will follow the ceremony.

The annual event invites area groups in all of Mansfield/Richland County to conduct a project during the months of April and May to commemorate Earth Day, Arbor Day, and Soil Stewardship Week. We have witnessed over 39,500 residents in the last years who have volunteered their time and energy to a project during the months of April and May.

Citizens are encouraged to join this celebration by participating in a litter clean up, tree planting, and/or beautification project, recycling drive or community garden project. It is not too late to organize your friends, neighbors, and co-workers and register your participation by calling the Earth Stewardship Steering committee at 419.755.9702. Registration deadline is May 31, 2017.

Members of the Earth Stewardship Steering Committee: City of Mansfield, Downtown Mansfield, Inc. Friends of Mansfield Parks, Mansfield in Bloom, MOMS Clean Air Force Ohio, North End Community Improvement Collaborative, OSU Extension, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, Richland County Development Group, Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority, and the Richland Soil & Water Conservation District.