



GREATER DAYTON
PARTNERS FOR THE
ENVIRONMENT
2024-2025
ENVIRONMENTAL
LEADERS PROGRAM

PROGRAM GOAL

To foster the development of environmental leaders (cohorts) in our region so they can create positive change to address current and future environmental issues through their community and civic engagement. Only through an understanding of one's self, one's ability to engage with others, including their larger community, and an understanding of the tools and structures that govern their community can this positive change be effectively realized.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The 12-month Program starts in Sept. 2024, and ends in Aug. 2025. Cohorts accepted through the summer application period will be welcome to the 2024 annual Fall Celebration of the Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment on Sept. 19, 2024. A graduation recognition will be given at the next annual Fall Celebration in Sept. 2025.

Monthly half-day classes will be held typically the third Thursday with at most 12 participants. The highly interactive/conversational approach for each class will allow engagement, reflection, and deeper learning. Speakers and panels will present the key elements of the month's learning focus.

Mentors (selected seasoned professionals) will work with cohorts in one-on-one and group settings to foster learning and allow for more individual exploration of key Program lessons.

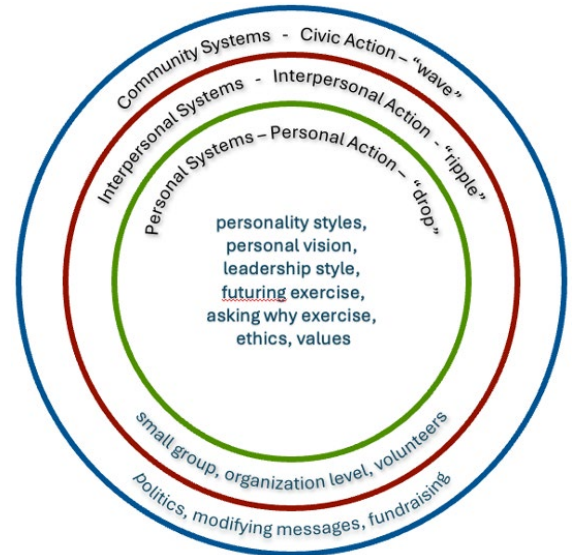
Classes through the cooler months will primarily focus on in-class learning, while the warmer month's classes will incorporate onsite tours that can further demonstrate how environmental stewardship and change are occurring in our region.

The course work flow will build on the cohort's learning more about their own operating style and their own "why" regarding their pursuit of environmental leadership. It will then build to help the cohort learn more about how they can work with others to impact change. In the later months of the program, the cohort will gain a greater understanding of how they can effect change in their community.

The Program will also include access to the Cincinnati Nature Center's online course called "The Ripple Effect." The course explores what actions are most impactful, how we can talk to our friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues, and how we can scale up our influence to affect businesses and public policy.

To further enhance the Program and to recognize that each participant has their own unique learning style, a library of recommended resources will be provided that will include books, videos, potential network opportunities with regional leaders in environmental stewardship, and more.

Creating Leaders to Effect Change



Who is an Environmental Leader that could be considered for this Program?

They come from varying backgrounds, each with a passion for creating change in their community through educating, engaging on or with key community boards and organizations, and/or developing new ideas and paths forward for a healthy future in our community.

How do I apply?

Applications are available at through the gdpartners.org website.

Completed applications must be received by July 15, 2024 at admin@gdpartners.org.

Applicants will be notified in early August regarding their acceptance status.



Need more information?

Contact Kathy Arnett at kamp@outlook.com or through text/call at 937.609.7818.

PROGRAM DETAILS

The calendar below provides a glimpse into the topics and wonderful speakers that are lined up so far for the upcoming Program. As the course progresses, we will recommend modules with The Ripple Effect course that will enhance the cohort learning process.

Through out the Program, the cohorts will have the opportunity to engage with speakers, class tour leads, and mentors to help develop and strengthen their skills.



	MAY - JUL 2024	SEP 2024	
	Applications solicited/reviewed - Start with asking why	Fall Celebration - Cohort Announced	
PERSONAL	SEP 2024 - Cox Arboretum Speakers: Hope Taft, Connie O'Connor Introduction, Focus on Your Passion: "Why are you here?," The Ripple Effect	OCT 2024 - Possum Creek Speaker: Elle Zimmerman Understanding Yourself – Personal Mgt/Operating Styles, People Types	NOV 2024 - Classroom Speaker: Brian Raison Personalities/Interpersonal, Mentor/Coach Differences
	DEC 2024 - Classroom Speaker: Brian Raison Modify Message, Motivation, Finding Common Ground	JAN 2025 - Montgomery Co. Solid Waste District Speakers: Eric Sauer, Kathy Arnett People Management, Project Management, Power Chart, Tour	FEB 2024 - The Food Bank Speaker: Mark Willis Environmental Justice Exercise, Tour
INTERPERSONAL	MAR 2025 - Dayton Water Treatment Facility Speaker: Ellis Jacobs Ethics, NGO Water Brigade vs City of Dayton, Tour	APR 2025 - A Nature Center Panelists: TBA Differing Views Countering Disinformation, Tour	MAY 2025 - Dayton Foundation Panelists: TBA Attracting Volunteers, Fundraising, Tour
	JUN 2025 - City Council Chambers Panelists: TBA The Process - Politics at the Planning/Zoning Level, Effect of Personal/"Tribal" Filters, Tour	JUL 2025 - Huffman Prairie Panelists: TBA The Details - Zoning, Planning, Land Use, Economic Development, Tour	AUG 2025 - A Park Location Panelists: TBA Cohort Pitches "Where do you go from here?," Tour
COMMUNITY	SEP 2025 Fall Celebration - Cohort Wrap-up, Presentation		

TBA = to be announced ; Locations are subject to change.

Photos by Kathy Arnett during the July 18, 2019 Env. Leaders' Huffman Prairie tour guided by Dave Nolan (shown above).