

# Pipelines

SUMMER 2021



## Healthy Habits Lead to a Healthy Community

Like many of our residents, the GCSED team is slowly climbing out of the COVID-haze trying to figure out how to incorporate new healthy habits into our lives. Lockdowns, changes in societal habits, limitations on recreational and physical activities have all caused havoc on the health of many of us over the past year. GCSED is working to promote the incorporation of healthy habits into the lives of our employees via our health and wellness program.

*A community is really no different than the human body and mind. Healthy habits must be incorporated into our communities to create a vibrant, safe, and thriving place to live and work. Sanitary Engineering is “the application of engineering methods to improve sanitation of human communities, primarily by providing the removal and disposal of human waste, and in addition to the supply of safe potable water.”*

In the mid-19th century, it centered on reducing the spread of disease. But today, it means so much more! Protecting vital ground and surface water resources, serving as a foundation for economic development and recreation, managing wastes, recycling commodities, reducing pollution, promoting sustainable practices, and educating future generations about what it takes to maintain a healthy community, all are vital functions of modern-day sanitary engineering.

**Here are 5 healthy habits that you, the Greene County resident, can build to help your community:**

### 1. Get outside.

You can't even begin to appreciate the beauty of our communities, the many amenities, or the environmental progress that we've made by staying inside. Take advantage of the awesome parks and trail systems. Go visit a wetland. Get out in a canoe.

### 2. Recycle/reduce waste.

Did you know that over 50% of municipal waste generated in homes is recyclable? But do you also know that we recycle at a rate less than 20% as a County? This region has some of the most robust and effective recycling infrastructures in the Midwest. We must take advantage and retain as much landfill capacity that we can for future generations.

### 3. Get involved.

Join a board, serve on a committee, volunteer, attend meetings, organize a clean-up event, have a voice! “There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.” – Margaret J. Wheatley

### 4. Drink tap.

Around 60% of bottled water comes from the tap. Bottled water is 3,000 times more expensive than tap. 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day—60 million EACH day. It takes 1,000 years for one bottle to decompose. It takes 3 times the amount of water to create one bottle of water.

### 5. Educate and engage the youth.

We must take the time to pass along lessons learned about how to maintain community health and why it is so important to future generations in the classroom, at home, and in our societal practices.

*We have a great responsibility to leave our community better than when it was passed onto us. Over time, development and society evolve making it imperative that we develop, implement and value healthy habits that will ensure that future generations will be able to thrive in the greater Greene County region.*

**Give GCSED a call to discuss any of these healthy habits at 937-562-7450. We would love to hear your feedback!**

## Did You Know...

that it is the **property owner's responsibility** to protect meter pits from damage caused by lawn mowers, traffic, freezing and vandalism. Any damage to the meter pit caused by a customer, a contracted tree or landscaping company will be billed to customer's account. **Help us protect our assets!**

# 2021 Water Quality Report

**G**reene County continues to meet all Ohio EPA standards and, through continuing improvements, will be able to meet the projected needs of our customers. Greene County has a current, unconditional license to operate our water system. The Northwest Regional Water Treatment Plant serves Beavercreek, parts of Kettering and Xenia, Sugarcreek, and Bath Townships. It also serves the Greene County Career Center, Cedarville, Shawnee Lake, and Wilberforce.

**It receives water from three (3) well fields, which all draw water from the Little Miami River Buried Valley Aquifer.** The well fields are located on Beaver Valley Road, Shakertown Road, and Orchard Lane.

The Southwest Regional Water Treatment Plant serves residents in Sugarcreek and Spring Valley Townships. The water source is the Little Miami River Buried Valley Aquifer, with the well field off St. Rt. 42. Some residents on the western side of Beavercreek, Sugarcreek Township, and Kittridge Road in Bath Township receive their water from the City of Dayton, which uses the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer as its water source.

**Find your version of the report here: [greencountyohio.gov/938/Water-Quality-Reports](http://greencountyohio.gov/938/Water-Quality-Reports).** If you'd like a printed water quality report please call 937-562-7450 and request one by providing your 10-digit account number.

## Greene County Payment Methods

Payments can be made through the following features:

1. **Online bank "Bill Pay"** — Typically a free service offered by your bank
2. **GCSED ACH Draft** – Free application/instructions at [greencountyohio.gov/sanitary](http://greencountyohio.gov/sanitary) under available forms
3. **Credit Card or eCheck** — Visit [invoicecloud.com/GCSED](http://invoicecloud.com/GCSED) (fees apply)
4. **Drop Box** — 24 hr. night drop box located at the Administration Building
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## Technical Creativity at GCSED

**T**he extent of the services provided by GCSED requires a solid technical support of all its assets. We are fortunate to have a team of talented professionals who ensure we can run our plants 24/7 and make necessary repairs to our recycling equipment and vehicles. GCSED's Central Maintenance and Vehicle Maintenance Manager, Lisa Kelley, and her team are the foundation of our continuous services.

Ms. Kelley began her career as a journeyman technician at Wagner-Smith Company repairing RTA lines and traffic lights in Dayton, OH. 12 years later, she began her career in Greene County and has been with us for 15 years! First, she worked as a sewer worker in Bellbrook for 6 years where she was responsible for monitoring a sewer plant. Then, she transferred to Central Maintenance as a Worker 1 and gained a lot of knowledge about equipment that various GCSED plants use.

In 2015, she was promoted to Central Maintenance Manager, and, in 2018, started to oversee Vehicle Maintenance Division as well. Her mission is to get the job done and make sure



Lisa Kelley

her staff has everything they need to complete the task. "In some cases, it's hard to find the right part, so we have to get creative and utilize what is available at the moment", said Ms. Kelley. She wants to improve technical troubleshooting of drives for all plants, make them universal and interchangeable, and upgrade equipment and fleet that GCSED uses. Her goal is to make things better for the next generations. Lisa, thank you for your service and continuous support of GCSED's operations!

## Ways to pay your bill

**Online:** [greencountyohio.gov/sanitary](http://greencountyohio.gov/sanitary)

**By Phone:** 855-925-1665 (24 Hr. Service)

**By Mail:**

Greene County Sanitary  
Engineering Department  
P.O. Box 340  
Xenia, OH 45385-0340

*Remember to update your GCSED online banking vendor address. Some banks send your payment via USPS rather than ACH transaction.*

## Greene County Sanitary Engineering

**Administration Building**

937-562-7450  
Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
667 Dayton-Xenia Road  
Xenia, OH 45385

**After-Hours Emergencies**

937-562-7450

**Billing/Bill Payments**

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