



Message from the director . . .

First things first.

You still have time to file a report with the Youth Environmental Program, as well as submit an entry into one of our prize categories including posters, forestlands and wood products art, essays and the \$10,000 Rick Vecellio Memorial Scholarship for high school seniors enrolled in the



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The deadline for your reports and entries is March 15.

Also, please remember that you must file your two-page Summary Report Form electronically. As always, we welcome hard-copy or electronic scrapbooks that highlight your group's efforts. You can find the electronic submission form for your Summary Report by going to www.dep.wv.gov and typing in "YEP" in the search bar. Once you're on the Youth Environmental Program page, click on "YEP Informational Flyer" then "Summary Report Form." The link to file electronically is at the top right of the page.

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Spotlight on.



Wardensville Garden Market Junior Crew

Location: Hardy County

Number of members: 20

The Wardensville Garden Market Junior Crew won the Maple Tree Planting YEP award in 2022. To date, the organization has planted 450 trees down on the farm's lower fields, aiding in restoring the riparian buffer and previously existing wildlife corridors. With the help of many environmental partnerships, the Junior Crew, staff and volunteers get to be stewards of sustainable practices at the farm. If you would like to join in their efforts and volunteer for future tree planning events, visit: wardensvillegardenmarket.org.

