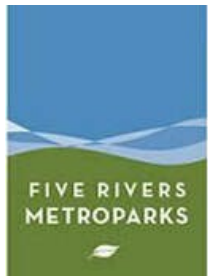


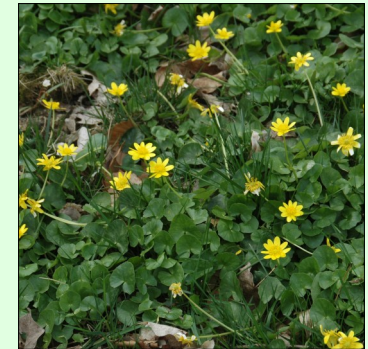
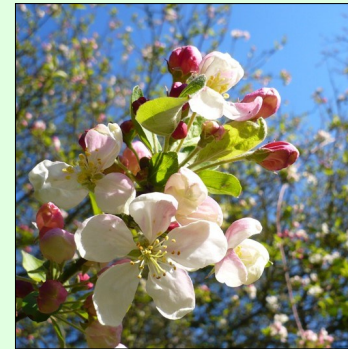
# OIPC THANKS THE SPONSORS OF THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



The Dawes Arboretum



*Ohio Invasive Plants Council Annual Meeting*  
20th Anniversary  
February 19, 2025  
HopeWood Pines  
Marengo, Ohio



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Michelle Beloskur

Michelle Beloskur serves as the Midwest Invasive Plant Network Director. She is responsible for facilitating information sharing and collaboration to support the early detection and effective management of invasive plants across the Midwest. This work includes co-directing the Public Gardens as Sentinels against Invasive Plants initiative.



Prior to joining MIPN, Michelle was the Executive Director of the Ingham Conservation District, she spearheaded and supervised the Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, and worked in environmental research and regulation. Michelle holds a B.S in Biology from the University of Michigan and an M.S. in Environmental Geoscience from Michigan State University.



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## AGENDA

- 9:30 **Registration, refreshments**
- 10:00 **Welcome; Update on 2024 Accomplishments and Brief History of OIPC**—*Jennifer Windus, OIPC President*
- 10:45 **Public Gardens as Sentinels against Invasive Plants** — *Michelle Beloskur, Director, Midwest Invasive Plants Network*
- 11:30 **Break**
- 11:45 **2024 Update on Aquatic Invasives in Ohio** — *Eugene Braig, OSU Extension*
- 12:00 **Eating Invasives: A Culinary Toolkit for Increasing Conservation Engagement** — *Joey Jaros, The Ohio State University*
- 12:30 **Lunch & Networking** — Lunch for those who registered in advance
- 1:15 **2025 OIPC Award of Recognition**
- 1:30 **The Crab Apple Conundrum**, *Emma Farmer & Rebecca Scherr* — *The Dawes Arboretum*
- 2:00 **Management & Research Updates** (20 minutes each):  
**Mentor Marsh Restoration Project** — *David Kriska, Cleveland Museum of Natural History*  
**Effects of Lesser Celandine & Leaf Litter on Native Spring Ephemerals** — *Grace Gutierrez, The Ohio State University*  
**City-Wide Callery Pear Removal & Replacement in Bowling Green** — *Adrien Lowien-Kirian, City of Bowling Green*
- 3:00 **Panel discussion/questions on updates**
- 3:15 **OIPC Fundraising Efforts** — *Steve Hovick, OIPC Treasurer*
- 3:30 **Wrap-up and door prizes**

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