

Influential Women Distinguishes Emily Arthur As Agriculture And Water Manager At The Ohio Environmental Council

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Emily Arthur is an environmental and water policy professional specializing in agriculture and water systems management, bringing together science, collaboration, and advocacy to address important challenges facing freshwater resources. As Agriculture and Water Manager at the Ohio Environmental Council, Emily works to advance access to clean, safe drinking water by coordinating collaboration between agricultural stakeholders and environmental organizations. Her work centers on science-based, collaborative policy solutions that improve water quality while supporting sustainable land and water use practices across the region.



Emily's professional foundation combines academic training with extensive hands-on environmental experience. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Bowling Green State University and a Master's Degree in Environmental Science from Unity Environmental University. She began her career with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as a Natural Resource Technician, gaining valuable experience in water quality sampling, data collection, and environmental reporting.

As her career developed, Emily expanded her expertise through a variety of environmental and community-focused roles. Her experience has included marina management, grant writing for coastal and stormwater improvement projects, and work with nonprofit environmental

organizations, including the Lake Erie Foundation and Ohio Citizen Action. These opportunities helped her develop a deeper understanding of the interconnected relationships between water systems, communities, agriculture, and environmental policy.

Today, Emily's work encompasses water quality monitoring, harmful algal bloom assessment, stormwater runoff mitigation, coastal management, and agriculture-environment policy relations. She remains actively involved in environmental advocacy and community engagement through watershed organizations and policy initiatives across Ohio. Her approach emphasizes place-based environmental stewardship, education, collaboration, and science-driven action to protect freshwater ecosystems for future generations.

Emily attributes her success to the mentors who have guided her throughout her journey. Professors and professionals who exposed her to both academic and real-world environmental work played an important role in shaping her career and encouraging her to pursue meaningful environmental solutions. Their influence strengthened her knowledge while showing her the importance of applying that knowledge to issues that directly affect communities.

Emily also draws motivation from firsthand experiences, particularly observing the impacts of harmful algal blooms on local communities and businesses. Seeing the effects of environmental challenges beyond scientific data has strengthened her commitment to protecting water resources and advocating for meaningful change. These experiences have helped reinforce her belief that environmental work requires both technical knowledge and an understanding of the people and communities affected by environmental issues.

The best career advice Emily has received is to stay confident in her knowledge, trust her training, and never be afraid to speak up. She has learned that having a strong foundation in her work allows her to stand firm when facing differing perspectives or challenges. Confidence in her education and experience has become an important part of how she approaches complex conversations and works across sectors.

Emily carries that same philosophy into the advice she gives young women entering the environmental field. She encourages them to maintain a strong voice and confidence in themselves. Working between agriculture and environmental sectors means encountering different narratives, priorities, and perspectives, which can sometimes create doubt. Emily believes that when professionals have a strong background in what they are doing, they should trust their instincts, remain confident in their training, and stay true to themselves.

She also emphasizes the importance of speaking up in every room. For Emily, self-advocacy is an essential foundation for effective environmental advocacy. She believes that professionals must first learn to advocate for themselves if they want to effectively advocate for sustainability and environmental protection. Because the environment cannot speak for itself, Emily sees giving it a voice through informed advocacy as an important responsibility.

One of the biggest challenges in Emily's field is balancing the differing perspectives between agricultural stakeholders and environmental priorities, particularly when addressing issues such as water quality and harmful algal blooms. These subjects can involve a wide range of interests and concerns, requiring professionals to listen carefully, understand different viewpoints, and work toward practical solutions.

Emily also recognizes the importance of maintaining balance and preventing burnout in a field that often requires significant passion and dedication. Environmental professionals can become deeply invested in the issues they address, making it essential to create opportunities for rest, reflection, and personal well-being.

At the same time, Emily sees significant opportunities in collaborative water policy, local restoration projects, and expanded community engagement in environmental protection. She believes that bringing different stakeholders together can create opportunities for more effective, sustainable approaches to water and environmental management.

Staying true to her message is one of the values Emily considers most important in both her work and personal life. Moving between agricultural and environmental spaces exposes her to many different issues and perspectives. While she makes a point of hearing those perspectives, she remains focused on the balanced message she is working to advance.

Emily has also learned not to be too hard on herself. She spent years pushing herself while wondering whether she would succeed or reach her goals. Over time, she learned that meaningful progress requires patience and that success cannot be rushed. Taking one step at a time has allowed her to appreciate her journey rather than constantly focusing on the next destination.

That philosophy has also encouraged Emily to slow down and appreciate the present. She recognizes that time cannot be recovered and believes it is important to fully experience the current moment. For her, taking time to reset and rebalance is essential to maintaining the energy needed to manage the many responsibilities that come with her professional role.

Emily makes a deliberate effort to create that space in her daily routine. Almost every day after meetings, she takes approximately 30 minutes or more to walk along the lake or around her neighborhood. This time allows her to reset, reflect, and regain perspective before continuing with the responsibilities associated with her multiple roles.

Through her career, Emily continues to demonstrate the value of combining environmental knowledge with collaboration, advocacy, and community engagement. Her work reflects a commitment to protecting water resources while recognizing the importance of finding common ground between agricultural and environmental priorities.

As she continues advancing water policy and environmental initiatives across Ohio, Emily Arthur

remains focused on science-based solutions, meaningful collaboration, and giving communities and the environment a stronger voice. Her career reflects the belief that lasting environmental progress requires not only knowledge and advocacy, but also confidence, patience, balance, and a willingness to bring people together around shared goals.

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