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## FUNDS AWARDED TO PLAN SEVEN STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS IN THE TINKER'S CREEK WATERSHED

TCWP will work with local communities to improve watershed health

Twinsburg, OH, February 27, 2015– Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) has been awarded a \$50,000 Cuyahoga AOC Habitat Restoration Project Planning grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Funds will be used to create plans for habitat restoration projects in the watershed. The Tinker's Creek watershed is comprised of 24 communities, and drains 96.4 square miles of land into Tinker's Creek. Tinker's Creek is also the largest tributary to the Cuyahoga River.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Coordinator, Babette Gowda, explains "This funding will increase our progress to restore habitats and water quality in the watershed. Grants that fund restoration projects are highly competitive and require site specific information that can be costly to acquire. These plans will provide the details needed to apply for funding and identify the projects that will have the greatest impact on the watershed."

Four projects have been identified in Hudson, Streetsboro, and Warrensville Heights based on the Tinker's Creek Watershed Action Plan (WAP), a state endorsed document that identifies the issues in the watershed and projects to improve watershed conditions. TCWP will work with watershed communities to identify three additional projects to receive restoration planning.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners will hire consultants with expertise in the region to perform the restoration planning. These include Biohabitats, Inc., Davey Resource Group, EnviroScience, Inc., and Environmental Design Group.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) watershed organization officially established in 2006. Our mission is to protect and restore water quality and habitats of the Tinker's Creek watershed through community partnerships.

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