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Summer 2019

Your quarterly news & updates

There are always exciting projects and events going on in our watershed! Read on to learn about what we've been up to in the last few months, and what we have planned for the next.

Want event dates to put on your fridge? Click here to be added to a physical mailing.



Welcome our new President and Staff!

TCWP Board of Director President, Justin Czekaj, has stepped down after nearly a decade serving in the role. The Board has elected long-time board member Josh Herchl as our new President.

Josh's commitment to water quality has been a focus of his professional career. He is an LEED Accredited Professional and holds a Bachelors Degree in Construction Engineering. He currently is the National Infrastructure Market Manager for Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. Prior to this he worked on design and construction for an engineering firm in Akron and before that, he was employed at a geotechnical agency in Toledo. Josh's interest in green building and design of sustainable sites is always pushing the envelope of grey vs. green infrastructure. Help us in welcoming Josh!

New Watershed Coordinators

Marisa Petherbridge has been promoted from Assistant Watershed Coordinator to our Brandywine Creek Watershed Coordinator.

Jennie Branch has been brought on as our Tinker's Creek Watershed Coordinator.

Both have been excellent additions to our team! Check out more about them <u>here.</u>





Jennie Brancho

Marisa Petherbridge



TCWP, Summit SWCD, NEORSD, and the City of Macedonia host rain barrel workshops together for watershed residents. Coordinator Marisa paints special barrels to be raffled off to a lucky winner!



ABOVE: TCWP and Friends of Hudson Parks host a May Day Hike in Trumbull Woods Parks. Check out the wildflower pictures on our Facebook!

RIGHT: Volunteers pose with their many pounds of invasive garlic mustard (and some invasive Dame's Rocket).

Spring Events

TCWP hosted several public education events including public presentations about the watershed, school career days, tree plantings, municipal trainings, and met with all our member communities.

Our rain barrel workshops continue to be one of our most well-attended events! Dozens of watershed residents have received a rain barrel diverter system from TCWP and instruction on how to install and maintain them. These systems slow down stormwater and make it useful to YOU instead of just going into a drain. If you've missed the spring workshops, we have more scheduled for summer!

In May 2018, TCWP, Cleveland Metroparks, and our volunteers pulled over 200 pounds of invasive garlic mustard from Hemlock Creek Picnic Area. This May, we returned to pull 175 pounds! While this year was encouraging, we also know that garlic mustard has a two-year life cycle, which means volunteers will certainly be needed next May! Coming back to the same site each year helps us know our impact. Thanks to all who have spent their time volunteering to restore the watershed!

Visit our full Event Calendar





Dominion Energy came out to remove a significant amount of invasive honeysuckle from around our new offices. We appreciate all their hard work, and thanks to the City of Twinsburg for chipping up the honeysuckle mountain!



compliance. This year's conference was held at the Sharonville Convention Center located in Sharonville, Ohio. The conference provided updates on environmental issues, new technologies, regulatory information and pollution prevention.

We thank the sponsors, exhibitors, attendees, and volunteers who made the 2019 Conference such a success!

We will be back at Kalahari in Sandusky, OH next year. Stay tuned for the call for abstracts!

NEORSD

<u>July 30</u> Rain Barrel Workshop at Hop Tree Brewing

<u>August 17</u> Rain Barrel Workshop at Streetsboro

Members & Partners are the Key to our Success

Business Members

Thank you to our business members! If you own a business and would like to become a member or learn about our services to members, check out <u>our website.</u>

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Community Members

Thank you to our community members! You can learn more about our services to communities at <u>our website</u>.

Aurora Beachwood Bedford **Bedford Heights** Boston Heights Glenwillow Hudson Macedonia Maple Heights Northfield North Randall Oakwood Reminderville Solon Streetsboro Twinsburg **Twinsburg Township** Valley View Walton Hills Warrensville Heights

Individual Members

Thank you to our individual members! Having a reliable base of individual members is invaluable to us. Each person really does make a difference. If you would like to become an individual member or learn about what your membership helps accomplish, check out <u>our website.</u>

Not ready to become a member? You can also make a one-time donation of any amount.

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Restoration Projects



Hudson Tenbroeck

A very wet spring has delayed portions of this project. Our partners at EnviroScience has been able to identify log jams for removal, staging area for equipment, and will be ready to install structures when water levels are safe.



Bedford Heights Bus Garage

Our partners at Hull & Associates and Mark Haynes Construction have created preliminary designs for this project with survey data. Now that school's out, we'll be able to physically mark out aspects of the draft design to maximize health of the creek.



NOWCorps Recruitment is OPEN

Do you know any environmentally minded students or recent graduates? TCWP has created the Northern Ohio Watershed Corps (NOWCorps) with our partners to host AmeriCorps members from October 1, 2019 -September 30, 2020. Members receive stipends, training, experience, and support.

For more information and available positions, check out this link.

Get involved! Check out events near you!

Events calendar

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