### September 2020



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## Your quarterly news & updates

TCWP cares about the health and safety of everyone who supports our organization. In an effort to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), TCWP continues to alter the format of our events.

Please continue to check our event calendar for updates on our planned events in September and October.

TCWP is also committed to equity and inclusion for all our watershed residents and supporters. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about our position and the resources staff are using to take further action.

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



ABOVE: Drive-Up Rain Barrel Workshop in Northfield Village. This workshop will hold back 1,155 gallons of stormwater in a single rain storm.

#### **Summer Events**

We were able to have a few events this summer. Many events and information are on social media.

- Individual Acts of Conservation
- June 20: River Day clean up in Warrensville Heights
- June 26: 2nd Annual Golf Outing
- July 18 &19: Kayak run with <u>Burning River</u> Adventures
- July 25: Stream clean at Saint Mary's Church with Cuyahoga SWCD
- July 30: Drive-up Rain Barrel Workshop in Northfield Village
- August 15 & 16: Kayak run with <u>Burning</u> <u>River Adventures</u>
- August 17: Virtual Hike at J. Arthur Herrick Fen Nature Preserve
- August 26 28: 2020 Ohio Stormwater Conference

Visit our full Event Calendar



ABOVE: ADS team at the 2nd Annual Golf Outing. Thank you to ADS for being our Pond Brook Premier Sponsor this year!

## **Upcoming Fall Events**

TCWP continues to adapt to COVID-19 with some socially distant modifications:

- All September: Watershed-wide stream clean ups, family-led.
- September 26: <u>Drive-up Rain Barrel</u> Workshop with City of Hudson
- September 29: <u>Drive-Up Rain Barrel</u> Workshop in Northfield Village
- October 10: Drinkers for Tinker's at Hop Tree Brewing
- Pumpkin carving competition (details below)

Individual Acts of Conservation Form

#### Help us track Beech Leaf Disease

Beech Leaf Disease has been found in the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds, and we need your help to track its spread.

The disease is readily apparent looking up into the canopy to see dark bands on the leaves. Leaves will also begin to thicken, curl, and turn black.

More information on this disease and where to report it can be found <u>here</u>.



# **TCWP Pumpkin Carving Contest**



#### Happy Halloween

This year we are challenging you to carve the coolest watershed themed pumpkin!

Appropriate themes include: nature, water, wildlife, wildflowers, and aquatic life.

Submit your designs in time for Halloween to be entered to win some TCWP swag and a gift card.

Tag us on social media with a picture of your carved pumpkin or <u>email us</u>.

Winner will be announced Monday, Nov. 2.

# 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

#### Community Members

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

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**Pond Brook Premier** 

ADS Advanced Drainage System

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**Environmental Remediation Contractor** 

EnviroScience Inc.

Eurofins TestAmerica Pietras

Hop Tree Brewing

MS Consultants

Otisco Engineering Ltd.

**RETTEW** 

Stone Environmental

The Shelly Company

#### **Individual Membership**

Individual Memberships help us provide services to communities in the watershed through:

- Stream restoration projects
- Education and outreach on watershed health and protection
- Building community partnerships to preserve and protect natural resources
- Hosting the Ohio Stormwater Conference and other education workshops

In 2019, we expanded staff to offer these services and more. We are connecting twenty communities and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Northeast Ohio. Support of individuals like you, help make a difference in both the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek Watersheds.

All Membership Levels includes the Quarterly Newsletter, Invitation to the Annual Open

**House and Many Opportunities to Volunteer** 

Membership Levels

Aurora

Beachwood Bedford

Glenwillow

Northfield

Oakwood

Maple Heights

North Randall

Reminderville

Twinsburg Township

Warrensville Heights

Streetsboro

Twinsburg

Valley View

Walton Hills

Northfield Center Township

Hudson Macedonia

Bedford Heights Boston Heights

Watershed Friend: \$ 25 Watershed Supporter: \$ 50 Watershed Advocate: \$100 Watershed Hero: \$300

Become a member

## **Restoration Projects**

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners will be hosting a public webinar to showcase the completion of this

stream restoration project! The webinar is October 12 at 5 pm and you can register at this link.



BEFORE: Flooding was prevalent at the Bedford City School District bus garage.





AFTER: This unnamed tributary has been given a floodplain and more stable banks.

## Get involved! Check out events near you!

Events calendar

## **Fall Into Sustainable Yard Maintenance**

- Consider skipping the leaves this year and allow them to provide important wildlife habitat instead. #LeavetheLeaves.
- Fall is a common time to apply fertilizer to lawns and garden beds.
  Make sure you remember to be a good ecological steward and consider ecological lawn care.
- Just say NO to volcano mulching! Improper mulching techniques kill otherwise healthy trees. <u>Find out</u> <u>why</u>.



## **Northern Ohio Watershed (NOW) Corps**





# What are the benefits of being a Host Site for our NOWCorps Program?

#### **Positive Impact**

AmeriCorps members are a unique and beneficial addition to any organization. Not everyone is cut out to be an AmeriCorps member, and it takes a special person to devote a year of their life to strengthen and improve their surrounding environment and their local communities. AmeriCorps members are more than volunteers and they are more than interns. NOWCorps members are capable, driven individuals who are eager to expand their horizons in the environmental field. Bringing the passion, curiosity, and commitment of an AmeriCorps member into your organization may help you remember how impactful and energizing jobs in the environmental field can truly be. This infectious spirit is a positive addition to any team and may ultimately boost the morale for both you and your coworkers.

#### **Community Connection**

Not only can an AmeriCorps member bring positive changes within the inner workings of your organization, but they can also benefit your organization's external relationships. Serving as a Host Site can greatly improve and enhance your connections with the general public and your surrounding communities, as well as enrich your ability to collaborate with local and state elected officials. National service has been an important part of our country's history since the 1930's. The fact that national service has continually shown bipartisan political support proves that the reach of national service extends far beyond any political, geographical, financial, or cultural divides. When people come together in service, they connect with those serving alongside them as well as the ultimate goal they are hoping to achieve.

#### <u>Increased Capacity and Building Future</u> <u>Employees</u>

Part of the difficulty in working in a non-profit and/or environmental organization is that oftentimes there is more work needing to be done than there is time in the day. Adding a NOWCorps member to your team can greatly increase the capacity of your organization and enable you to reach your full potential. Whatever form the capacity takes, hosting an AmeriCorps member could give you the capacity you need to achieve projects that have been on the 'backburner' for years.

In addition to increasing your current operational capacity by hosting a NOWCorps member, you are contributing to developing the future workforce of the environmental field. National service develops essential 2020-2021 Host Sites

















skills that make AmeriCorps alumni high-quality employees. It is entirely possible that individuals you supervise as a part of this program will someday become valuable coworkers.



The deadline to apply (to be a 2021-2022 Host Site) is December of 2020. If your organization is interested in learning more about being a Host Site for our program, contact our NOWCorps Program Manager today!

Visit us online, or contact our NOWCorps Program Manager for more information!

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