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Visit our
Website



Happy Holidays to All!

TCWP would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy New Year! We are committed to protecting and improving the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds in 2022 and beyond. We hope to see you at an upcoming TCWP event or out enjoying the amazing natural resources our watersheds offer.

Help Us Grow in 2022!

How can we improve our seasonal newsletters?

The newsletters are great! No improvement needed.

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I'd like to see more informational articles.

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I'd like to see more upcoming regional events.

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I'd like to see more upcoming trainings.

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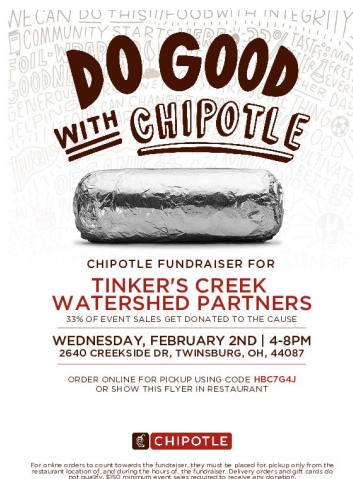
I'd like to see more on the region's parks and green spaces.

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I'd like to see more information on AmeriCorps and national service.

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Upcoming Events



We are hosting a Chipotle fundraiser!

Join us for our Groundhog Day and World Wetlands Day fundraising event on **Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 4:00-8:00 pm** at the **Twinsburg Chipotle**, 2650 Creekside Dr, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

Show the flyer on your phone, mention the fundraiser, or use code **HBC764J** and order online with pickup between 4:00-8:00 pm on the Chipotle app or on their website.

Visit [our website](#) to show the event flyer!

Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Volunteer Orientation

When: Saturday, January 15, 10-10:45 a.m. **OR** Wednesday, January 19, 6:00 -6:45 p.m.

Where: Online/WebEx (link will be sent 3 days prior)



[Register Here](#)

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Don't let your Christmas tree become a statistic. Each year approximately 10 million Christmas trees end up in landfills! Discarded Christmas trees can be repurposed into numerous things, including animal food and enrichment! Many cities offer programs to turn your tree into mulch

or wood chips. If your city doesn't offer this program or one like it - Don't fret! There are several local guides to help you find the tree recycling drop-off nearest to you, or [click here](#).



Take Care Not to Over Apply Salt

Although salt can be a helpful component of winter maintenance, it is important to note that it doesn't just disappear with the snow. Instead, salt has the potential to enter the water via stormwater where it negatively impacts the environment. This is why it is imperative not to over-salt when attempting to keep the sidewalks clear. A handful of salt per square yard is all that is needed to achieve maximum coverage.



Is Your Rain Barrel Ready for Winter?

Proper winterizing of rain barrels is essential to ensure they work properly and efficiently all year long! It's easy. Just follow the steps below!

- Drain Barrel
- Remove Hose and Diverter
- Clear Debris from Barrel
- Store in Garage or Cover with Tarp if no Indoor Space is Available

Volunteer With TCWP in 2022

TCWP's volunteers are instrumental in helping to protect the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds. There are many opportunities to volunteer with TCWP throughout the year. These opportunities range from short-term events such as stream clean-ups and tree plantings to long-term volunteer efforts like our watershed monitoring program. To find out more about volunteering with TCWP, contact us [HERE](#).

[View](#) the 2021 Watershed Monitoring Report to learn more about our efforts and the health of the watersheds!



TCWP Welcomes New Faces



SARA BORSE
Administration and Fundraising
Coordinator

Sara Borse graduated from Hiram College with a BA in Management. She also holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from George Mason University. Sara has 15 years' experience in the public sector with a background in program management, grant writing, outreach, and data analysis. She previously worked for the Federal Highway Administration, Defense Logistics Agency, City of Indianapolis, and several non-profits. Sara was also an AmeriCorps VISTA member. She looks forward to enhancing partnerships with the Tinker's Creek Watershed communities.



KIPP DIETRICH
AmeriCorps Member

Kipp Dietrich, originally from Wisconsin, moved to Ohio in October of 2021 to serve a year term with the NOWCorps Program. Kipp will be serving as a Watershed Steward with TCWP, and he is excited to get to know/serve the watersheds, communities, and people within the region. During his year in NOWCorps, Kipp hopes to grow professionally and personally, learn new skills, and make new connections.



KRAKEN
CHIEF MOUSING OFFICER (CMO)

Kraken was adopted by TCWP staff in August from the Cleveland Animal Protective League. She was rescued from a severe hoarding and neglect situation and was classified as an indoor feral. This means that she is a working cat and is not comfortable in a traditional home environment. Kraken has done a great job keeping the TCWP headquarters mouse free. Mousers are an environmentally friendly way to prevent pests without the risk of harmful poisons or inhumane glue traps. If you would like to help TCWP provide for Kraken's care and supplies please click [HERE](#).

Thank You For Your Support !

TCWP staff and Board would like to thank all who attended and sponsored the 2021 Drinkers For Tinker's event. This year was the most successful event yet! Attendees enjoyed wonderful food and beer thanks to [Hop Tree Brewing](#), as well as great raffles and swag. We look forward to the 2022 event and hope to see you there!



Thank You
For Celebrating With Us
2021 Drinkers For Tinkers
19 Oct 2021



Recent Grant Award



**AKRON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955

We are thrilled to announce that we were awarded \$2,500 in funding from the Akron Community Foundation. We received discretionary funds of \$1,950 from the James G. Robertson Fund of Akron Community Foundation, \$300 from the Pat and Alan Ockene Fund, and \$250 from the Georgia Urda Fund. The grant funding will be used for ongoing outreach and partnership building in the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds.

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](#).

[our website.](#)

Pond Brook Premier

[Advanced Drainage Systems](#)

Hawthorne Creek

[Environmental Design Group](#)

[OHM Advisors](#)

Beaver Run

[Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.](#)

[Davey Resource Group](#)

Wood Creek

[Biohabitats](#)

[EnviroScience, Inc.](#)

[Hull & Associates, Inc.](#)

[Stephen Hovanscek and Associates, Inc.](#)

Deer Lick

[Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc.](#)

[Paddle the River LLC](#)

[Partners Environmental Consulting, Inc.](#)

[Mannik and Smith Group](#)

Friend

[Holden Forests & Gardens](#)

[MCDA Consulting LLC](#)

[ms consultants](#)

[OPN Seed](#)

Aurora

Beachwood

Bedford

Bedford Heights

Boston Heights

Glenwillow

Hudson

Macedonia

Maple Heights

Northfield

Northfield Center Township

North Randall

Oakwood

Reminderville

Streetsboro

Twinsburg

Twinsburg Township

Valley View

Walton Hills

Warrensville Heights

Restoration Projects



Owen Brown Street Stream Restoration

TCWP has been awarded a Section 319 with the Ohio and US EPA to restore >1,800 linear feet of stream in Hudson! The City of Hudson had provided a generous match for this project.

The design on this project has been completed, and we are waiting for our approved permits.

HUB District Riparian Enhancement

Warrensville Heights has been awarded a \$34,000+ Clean Ohio grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission with matching funds of \$11,000+ from the City. Funds will be used to enhance and permanently protect 5.6 acres of riparian habitat and wetlands along Bear Creek, a major tributary to Tinker's Creek. Be sure to follow the TCWP newsletter for updates on this project's progress! @TinkersCreek_WP

[Press Release](#)



Get involved! Check out events near you!

Events calendar

Northern Ohio Watershed (NOW) Corps



SERVE **OHIO**
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism



We have 2 more member positions to fill! Apply today for:

[Cuyahoga SWCD Educator / Coordinator \(in Cleveland, OH\)](#)

[Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Assistant \(in Parma, OH\)](#)



Check out our [2020-2021 NOWCorps Service Yearbook](#) on our website for some great pictures and stories of service!

EDUCATED

1,456 People
on eco-friendly practices

SERVED alongside

395 volunteers
over an accumulated
889 hours

PLANTED

1,307
trees

IMPROVED

1,088
acres of land

TREATED

54.6 miles
of river and trail

REMOVED

150 bags*
of debris

REMOVED

205 bags*
of invasive vegetation

CREATED

24 programs
to enhance
Education &
Volunteer
Engagement

* We use standard 45-gallon sized trash bags

CONNECTED with over

944
community
members

AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov).

Our 2020-2021 service year ran from October 5, 2020, through September 30, 2021. Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) is proud of the impacts NOWCorps members have made on their communities and within their Host Site organizations.



SERVED

24,783.5 hours



SERVE OHIO
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Help us bring out the best of America. Join AmeriCorps and serve with us today!

Learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov](https://www.americorps.gov)

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

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STAY CONNECTED

