



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating Progress & Inspiring Action.

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MEASURING IMPACT

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

31,270	Hours served by NOWCorps AmeriCorps Members
21,966	Social Media Engagement
2,400	Total 2022 Reach for Quarterly Newsletter
1,500	Linear Feet of Stream Restored
957	Attendees at the Ohio Stormwater Conference
380	Total Attendees at Educational Workshops
200+	Volunteer Hours Served by Board Members
160	Attendees at Six Rain Barrel Workshops
130	Attendees at In-person Fundraising Events
120+	Volunteer Hours for the Ohio Stormwater Conference and Water Quality Monitoring

ALL BUTTS LEAD TO THE CREEK

2	Educational Outreach Billboards
40	Cigarette Recycling Containers Installed
200	Activity Books Distributed to Kids



ABOUT

OUR STORY

In 2006, Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) completed the necessary paperwork for official incorporation. The following year marked another significant achievement as TCWP obtained 501(c)(3) status and formed its inaugural Board of Directors.

Since then, TCWP has demonstrated remarkable progress. As we celebrate the completion of our 16th year, TCWP has expanded its team to include five dedicated full-time staff members who are deeply committed to our mission and vision. Our Board of Directors, consisting of 15 individuals, provides valuable guidance to our initiatives.

Through the unwavering dedication of staff, the guidance of the Board, and the support from watershed communities, TCWP continues to forge ahead. We are committed to enthusiastically advancing our mission and turning our shared vision into reality.

At Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners (TWCP), ***Our mission is to protect and restore water quality and habitats of the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds through community partnerships.*** We have a shared **vision of clean water, healthy habitats, and engaged communities.**

Tinker's Creek watershed drains 96.4 square miles, and is the largest tributary to the Cuyahoga River. The watershed area spans 24 communities in Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, and Geauga counties. In addition, TCWP is responsible for Brandywine Creek watershed, encompassing a drainage area of 27 square miles in Summit and Cuyahoga county.

TCWP is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who bring a variety of expertise in the fields of stormwater management, environmental education, engineering, natural resources conservation, planning, law, and economic development. TCWP is guided in their efforts by a 5-year strategic plan.

TCWP endeavors to protect and restore the watershed and educate the public through five Ohio and U.S. EPA-endorsed non-point source implementation strategic plans (NPS-IS Plans). Each plan encompasses a subset of the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we round out our seventeenth year, the Board and Staff of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) extend our sincerest gratitude to our communities, partners, and collaborators for their continued support in driving our mission forward to protect and restore water quality and habitats in the watershed. Reflecting on 2022, it has been an instrumental year of transition and growth for TCWP.

We have achieved several large milestones including the completion of the Owen Brown Street stream and floodplain restoration project, the awarding of the Darrow Road restoration project, another successful year of the Annual Ohio Stormwater Conference, the continued growth of our NOWCorps program, the addition of several new board members who expand our breadth and depth of resources in the region, and we welcomed our new Deputy Director, Erica Matheny to the TCWP staff. Erica is poised to transition into the Executive Director role next year, currently held by Harry Stark. Harry's dedicated service and leadership to TCWP have been imperative to its success, and will appreciatively continue after the transition is completed next year. TCWP has also completed year one of our five-year strategic plan. In implementing our strategic plan, we recognize the importance and value of continually integrating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) within ourselves and our organization. Therefore, we will be moving forward next year with a concentrated effort to expand and incorporate DEI values into our everyday functions. Thank you to our NOWCorps members and host sites, all of our community and business members, volunteers, and to our Ohio Stormwater Conference partners. Through our partnerships and our communities, we have been fortunate to extend TCWP's mission and impact beyond the watershed boundaries and serve as a leader in the state with stormwater and other related watershed work.

Cheers to another year of enjoying and improving healthy habitats!

Sam



Samantha Robbins President

Samantha Robbins, CESSWI, Environmental Compliance Manager, STONE Environmental Engineering & Science, a division of CAP-STONE & Associates, Inc.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences from The Ohio State University and has 8 years of experience in construction, environmental consulting, and project management. She is a Northeast Ohio native and is passionate about finding innovative environmental solutions through collaboration with stakeholders, as well as serving the community as a whole. When she's not working, you can find Sam kayaking, hiking, skiing, or searching for discs she threw into the abyss on the disc golf course.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ABOUT



Rebecah Troutman
Vice President



Karen Farkas
Secretary



John L. Day
Treasurer



Ana Burns
Former President

Our incredible Board of Directors form the backbone of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners. They provide strategic direction and guidance and ensure that we are fulfilling our mission, staying financially stable, and following our 5-year strategic plan. In addition, the Board brings diverse skills, experiences, and knowledge and serves as organizational ambassadors – building relationships with donors and community partners to ensure TCWP's success and sustainability.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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OUR STAFF



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NOWCorps Member
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Protector of Creek &
Catnip

We are fortunate to be surrounded by a team of devoted and enthusiastic individuals who have played a pivotal role in driving our organization's impact over the past year. Our dedicated team is comprised of talented individuals from varied backgrounds, each contributing knowledge and experience to our collective efforts as an organization.

OUR MISSION

To protect and restore water quality and habitats in the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds through community partnerships.

OUR VISION

Clean water,
Healthy habitats,
Engaged communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2026

TCWP completed year one of our 5-year strategic plan. The organization is meeting metrics and is on track to achieve our strategic goals by 2026.

5-Year Theme:

Become the leader in community-centered environmental stewardship. Mobilize resources and capabilities to improve the health of individuals, communities, and our environment. The strategic plan incorporates the six business objectives outlined below.

Business Objectives:

1. Apply the latest science to effectively implement watershed health initiatives.
2. Become a community engagement hub.
3. Extend and facilitate private and public collaborations.
4. Develop and implement a fundraising strategy.
5. Develop and implement a marketing and communications strategy.
6. Align structures and capacities with our mission and fiscal goals.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners is improving water quality and habitats by strengthening our relationships with all communities within Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds. Providing services to our community members is valuable for both the local residents and the watersheds as a whole.

Community memberships are available with Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners. These partnerships support us providing communities with valuable watershed protection and educational services.

Please visit us at <https://tinkerscreek.org> for more information.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners provides member services, including:

- Assistance with stormwater program permit requirements and stormwater control measure (SCM) practices, including a comprehensive good housekeeping program.
- Assistance to local governments and councils to understand and implement new MS4 permit requirements and updating regulations where appropriate.
- Training opportunities on watershed management practices for landowners, community professionals, and municipal workers.

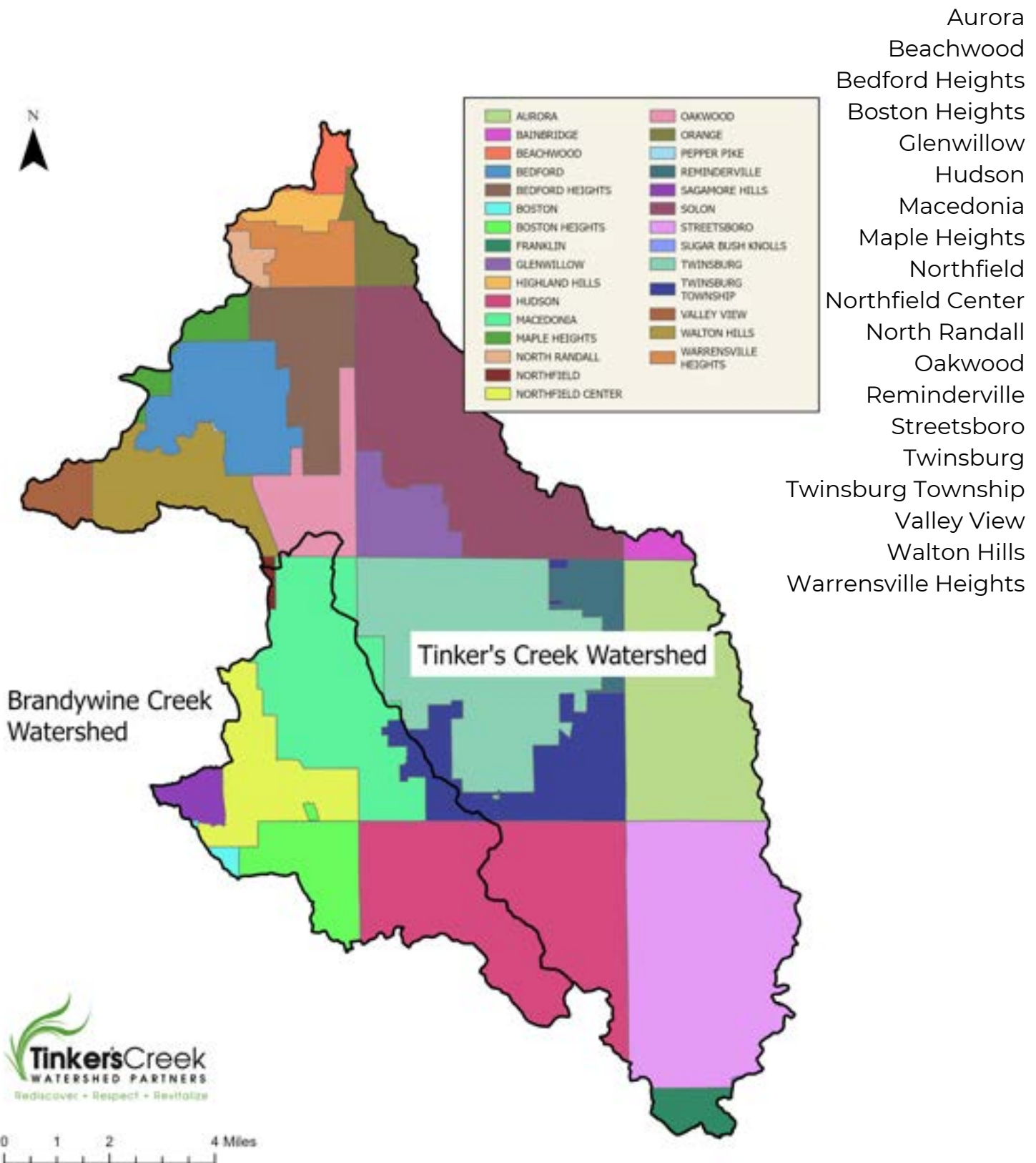
These trainings will help communities meet MS4 permit requirements.

Training topics include but are not limited to:

- Bioretention and Rain Garden Implementation and Maintenance
- Permeable Pavement Maintenance
- Green Roof Implementation and Maintenance
- Rainwater Harvesting Practices and Maintenance (including Rain Barrel workshops)
- Trees as SCM: Proper Selection, Planting, and Maintenance
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping Overview
- Resource assistance for local governments on economic incentives of watershed management, conservation, pollution prevention, and other practices.
- Assistance in implementation of SCM practices that support on-site management practices, erosion and sediment control, riparian and wetland setbacks, and other improved local practices on new and redevelopment projects to address water quantity and quality issues.
- Assistance in the preservation and protection of open spaces that aid the community in watershed management, conservation, pollution prevention, and other practices.

ABOUT

MEMBER COMMUNITIES



TINKER'S CREEK PROTECTING HABITAT

Tinker's Creek hosts diverse wildlife habitat including areas of swamp and marshland, home to a variety of bird species, including bald eagles, mallards, wood ducks, geese, woodcock, rails, gallinules, herons, bitterns, woodpeckers, and hummingbirds. Beavers and muskrats are also common in the creek.

Amphibians and reptiles such as water snakes, four-toed salamanders, bullfrogs, and snapping turtles can be found.

A variety of unique native plants, including buttonbush, alder, swamp oak, and swamp rose, add to the biodiversity of Tinker's Creek. The watershed includes Gott Fen, which is one of only three sites in Ohio to host the state-endangered bayberry.

A few rare and endangered species make their home here, including Indiana bats, marsh wrens (although not officially endangered, their habitat faces threats), ospreys (formerly endangered but now recovering), and bald eagles.



Marsh Wren. Photo: © Tony Varela | Macaulay Library



Bayberry. Photo: © TNC



Indiana Bat. Photo: ©USFWS

ABOUT

BRANDYWINE CREEK PRESERVING WILDLIFE



Piping Plover. Photo © :Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources



Northern Monkshood.
Photo ©: Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources



Rufa Red Knot. Photo © : National Audobon Society

Brandywine Creek is a significant habitat for wildlife, including several endangered species. The creek is home to the federally threatened Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In addition, Northern Monkshood (*Acotinum noveboracense*) is a federally-threatened plant species that is only found in three disjunct populations in the United States.

Additionally, Brandywine Creek supports a diverse range of other wildlife. The creek's waters have historically provided habitat for various fish species, including bass, trout, and catfish. As dam removals continue along the Cuyahoga River, healthy habitat is essential for fish species to make a comeback and thrive. Reptiles such as turtles and snakes, as well as amphibians like salamanders and frogs, also rely on the creek as essential habitat.

OWEN BROWN STREET HUDSON

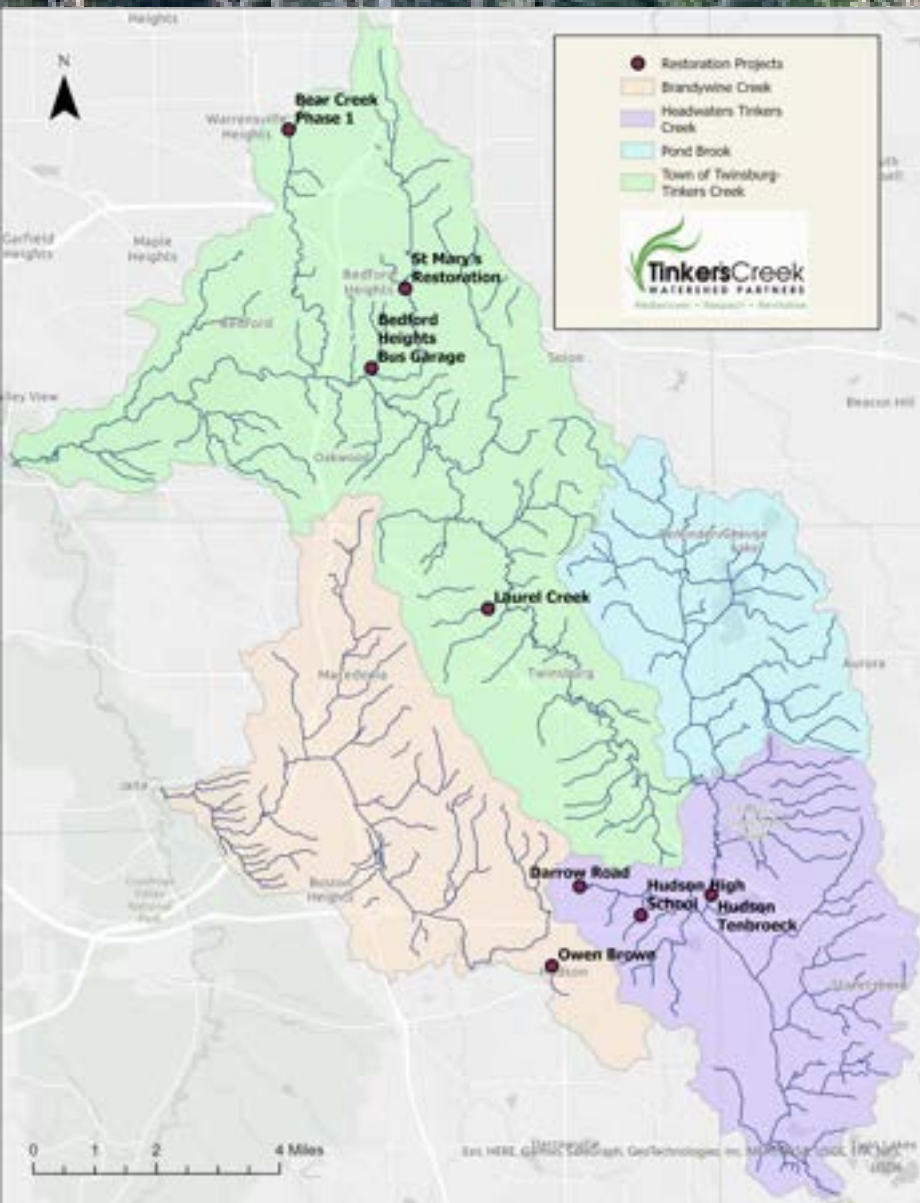
BACKGROUND

The Brandywine Creek Stream Restoration at Owen Brown Street consists of a stream and floodplain restoration for an unnamed tributary of Brandywine Creek and its associated floodplain in Hudson, Ohio. The project site consisted of two distinct areas: the upstream reach that begins at the Owen Brown Street bridge outlet and flows south to north to the historic Clinton Airline RR Bridge; and the downstream portion, which extends from the Historic Clinton Airline RR Bridge to the culvert at Prospect Street, for a total length of approximately 1,877 linear feet of stream. At the project location, the tributary has a 2.16 square-mile drainage area that is highly developed with approximately 19% impervious surfaces. The area is in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood zone.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Brandywine Creek Stream Restoration at Owen Brown Street Project involved the restoration of an unnamed tributary and floodplain in Brandywine Creek. The project began in March 2021 and concluded in November 2022. The project site consists of two areas: the Upper Reach that begins at the Owen Brown Street bridge outlet and flows south to north to the Lower Reach at the Historic Clinton Airline RR Bridge to the culvert at Prospects Street for a total length of approximately 1,877 linear feet. The project restored 234 linear feet of stream habitat, 2.350 acres of floodplain, and 0.420 acres of forested area. In addition, invasive species were removed from 2.83 acres of wetlands, stormwater management was significantly improved through floodplain restoration, including reconnection to 1.19 acres of existing wetland. This restores the functionality of the riparian corridor and reducing the potential for erosion within the exiting stream channel. The project also raised the stream channel, creating riffles to aid in flood control and provide beneficial habitat, improved stream functionality and flow control, and reintroduced native plants within the area.

IMPACT



2006-2022 MAJOR PROJECT LIST

Bear Creek
St. Mary's
Bedford Heights Bus Garage
Laurel Creek
Hudson High School
Hudson Tenbroeck
Owen Brown Street
Darrow Rd. (2023-5)

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

IMPACT

TCWP endeavors to foster community engagement and promote environmental awareness among member communities through strategic outreach initiatives and educational programs. Our diverse range of events, including workshops, native plantings, invasive removals, and stream clean-ups, serve as interactive means to engage in responsible watershed stewardship.

In 2022, we educated 380 attendees at community rain barrel workshops in communities throughout the watershed. Each rain barrel holds 55 gallons of rainwater, which may be used to reduce stormwater runoff. The collective impact is easily thousands of gallons of runoff removed. Rain barrel users may also be eligible to earn a stormwater reduction credit in the NEORS D service area.

As a ServeOhio Get Connected grant recipient, we established a Galaxy Digital Volunteer Hub website. This was used to engage and track volunteers for TCWP, and to encourage others within the community to post their own volunteer opportunities.



Backyard Bash - Watershed Stewardship Center



Warrensville Heights Summer Festival

ALL BUTTS LEAD TO THE CREEK

We distributed 200 activity books to children in Aurora, Nardon, and Hudson schools. Billboards were rented by Lamar Advertising in five locations throughout Cuyahoga and Summit counties during the months of April and May of 2022, and again at three of those locations in October 2022. We estimate that the eight instances of billboard advertising were viewed over one million times and served as a persistent reminder of the harmful effects of cigarette pollution.



OUTREACH & EDUCATION



OHIO STORMWATER CONFERENCE

The Annual Ohio Stormwater Conference is the premier resource for advancing the knowledge and practice of comprehensive stormwater management. This includes all aspects of stormwater planning, design, implementation, and regulatory compliance.

In 2022, 994 attendees participated in-person or virtually, including 753 in-person attendees, 51 sponsors, and 78 speakers with 50 presentations.

The Annual Stormwater Webinar series was offered to complement the Ohio Stormwater Conference.

ENGINEERING ETHICS WEBINARS

Ninety-six attendees earned continuing education credits by attending an Ethics and Engineering Professional Development Workshop, hosted by TCWP. Guest speakers from the Ohio State Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors presented on topics relevant to professional conduct, ethics, and related issues.



WALTON HILLS STREAM CLEAN-UP

In October, we completed a stream clean-up on approximately two acres of Tinker's Creek riparian area. More than a dozen tires, along with 20 bags of trash were removed from the creek and surrounding area thanks to the work of TCWP Staff, NOWCorps members, and community support.



RAIN BARREL WORKSHOPS

Three-hundred and eighty people attended educational workshops and learned the importance of reusing stormwater for activities like gardening. Approximately 40% of warm-weather residential water usage is for lawns. Rain barrels provide free additional water for outdoor watering, while reducing stormwater and nonpoint source pollution.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

DRINKERS FOR TINKER'S

We hosted this annual fundraiser and networking event at Hop Tree Brewing. Eighty attendees came together for food, live music, and lively discussions about watershed health. Here, they were reminded that beer is 95% water so we need to keep it clean. This year's event raised \$5,880!

FORAGED & INVASIVES DINNER

Our first annual Foraged and Invasives dinner was held at Forest City Brewing in Cleveland. 35 community members were in attendance to gain knowledge and sample a meal featuring foraged and invasive plant ingredients.

GIVING TUESDAY

More than \$700 was raised in an online Giving Tuesday campaign for our upcoming StoryWalk® installations in Twinsburg & Glenwillow. The StoryWalk will feature TCWP's Stormwater Defender and provide community information about protecting water quality and habitat.



A Collaboration with LEVSN & CLEVELAND WATER ALLIANCE

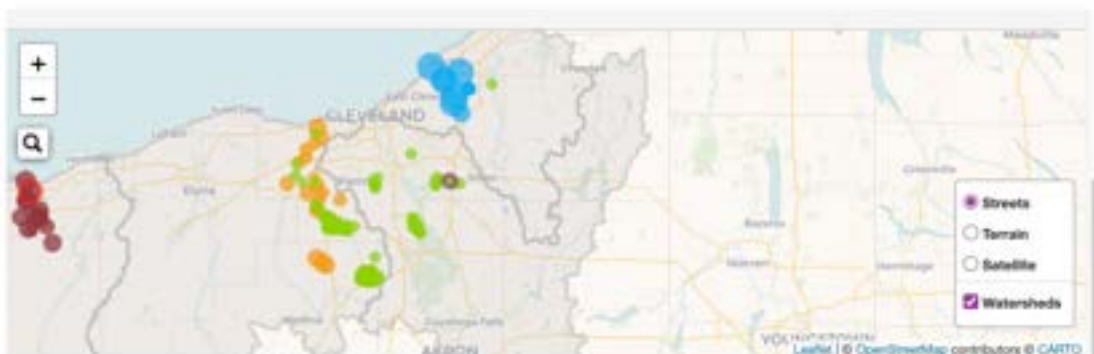
Since 2019, TCWP has been collecting water quality data with the help of volunteers. In 2022, TCWP collected water quality data at 16 monitoring sites in Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds. As part of a new initiative in 2022, TCWP coordinated with the Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network (LEVSN) and Cleveland Water Alliance to amplify existing volunteer monitoring efforts and created new opportunities for collective impact by participating as a partner local program while standardizing our efforts, piloting new technologies, sharing best practices, and collaborating across jurisdictions with other watershed groups in the Lake Erie Basin.

One benefit of our partnership with LEVSN and Cleveland Water Alliance is the ability to participate in Water Reporter. Water Reporter is a data platform that helps local monitoring initiatives collect, manage, and visualize their water quality data. We plan to use Water Reporter to standardize, aggregate, and share our data with researchers and decision makers so it can have even greater impact.

As a collaborating partner, we plan to leverage the data and educational tools produced by the Lake Erie Baseline Assessment Framework (LEBAF) to answer research and management questions, share data with the public, and catalyze collective impact across the Lake Erie Basin. We are committed to using the data to shape watershed priorities and to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs.

Water Reporter

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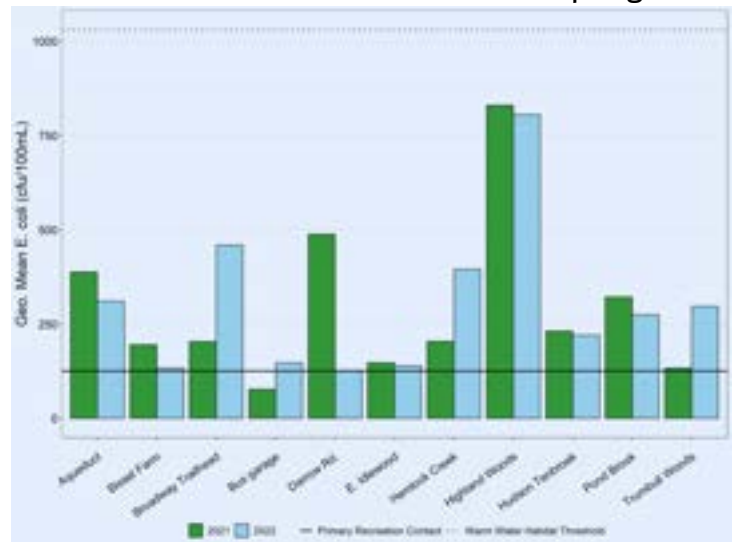


WATER QUALITY MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

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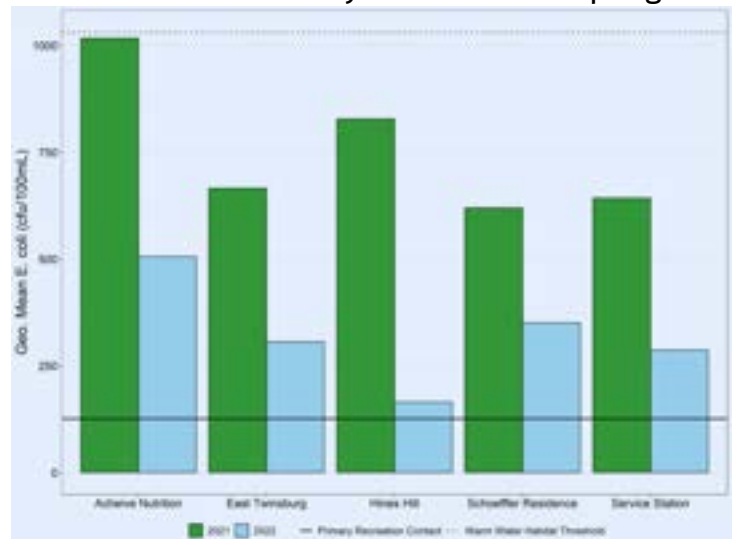
The monitoring results for Tinker's Creek were similar to the results from last year. The Bedford Bus garage was the site that had the lowest E.coli levels in 2021. This year, the levels rose above the EPA threshold for primary recreation contact. All sites remain below the EPA threshold for warm-water habitats but none were below the threshold for primary recreation contact. These water quality standards are set to protect swimmers and others in the water from exposure to water that contains organisms that can be dangerous to human health. In 2022 Tinker's Creek met these standards for safer water recreation.

Mean E.coli Data: Tinker's Creek Sampling Sites



The E. coli levels for each of the sites in Brandywine Creek measured *lower* in 2022 than the levels from 2021. Each site remains below the EPA threshold for warm-water habitats but none are below the primary recreation contact threshold. These water quality standards are set to protect swimmers and others in the water from exposure to water that contains organisms that can be dangerous to human health. In 2022 Brandywine Creek met these standards for safer water recreation.

Mean E.coli Data: Brandywine Creek Sampling Sites



Throughout the water monitoring season, volunteers and staff measured six critical parameters; pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrate levels, chloride levels, conductivity, and E. coli. These parameters play a vital role in assessing the overall health of the water within our precious watershed.

pH is the measure of how acidic or basic a solution is. pH impacts both the solubility and biotic availability of nutrients and pollutants in a stream. The EPA suggests a pH level ranging between 6.0 - 9.0 for freshwater streams. *All sites sampled were well within the EPA-suggested pH level range.* The average pH was highest (7.98) at the Hudson Tenbroek site. The lowest average pH (6.69) was at the Pond Brook Conservation Area site.

Dissolved oxygen (DO) is the concentration of oxygen molecules present in the water. Aquatic animals need DO to breathe. If a stream shows low levels of DO, then aquatic life is at risk. Out of the 16 sites sampled, only one site was below the minimum dissolved oxygen concentration for warm water streams (5 mg/L). Darrow Road Park (UnHw001) had the lowest average DO concentration (3.47 mg/L). This site is the location of our next Section 319 Restoration project, which we anticipate improving the health of this section of the creek. The highest average DO concentration (9.39 mg/L) was found at the Tinker's Creek Aqueduct (TC005).

Nitrate levels are indicators of the health of a stream. High levels can indicate pollution, such as fertilizer, which leads to algal blooms and low DO levels. Nitrate levels were lowest (4.21 mg/L) at the Pond Brook Conservation Area site. The highest nitrate levels (65.95 mg/L) were at the Highland Woods Apartment.

Chloride levels are indicators of the salinity of the water. Extremely high chloride levels are generally due to road salt pollution. The highest average chloride range was observed at Pond Brook Conservation Area at 461 mg/L. This is significantly higher than the EPA recommended limit of 250 mg/L for drinkable water.

Conductivity is the measurement of water's ability to pass an electrical current. As the level of dissolved solids and salts increases, so does conductivity - as salts are good conductors. For this reason, it is expected that the Highland Woods apartment site would have the highest average conductivity reading (at 1824) as it also displayed the highest average nitrate levels.

E. coli is a bacteria found in the digestive tracts of warm-blooded animals and humans, which can cause illness if ingested. It is commonly present in surface waters (like rivers and lakes) due to agricultural runoff, sewage overflow, and pet waste. It becomes a concern when levels exceed safe limits. For recreational activities, the safe limit is 126 colony-forming cells (cfu) per 10 mL of water, while the warm water habitat threshold is 1,030 cfu/100 mL. To assess safety, the geometric mean of E. coli samples over 90 days should not exceed the OEPA thresholds. In 2022, Brandywine Creek and Tinker's Creek watersheds exceeded the recreational threshold, but none surpassed the warm water habitat threshold, indicating **they remain healthy habitats for aquatic life.** Brandywine Creek showed a decrease in E. coli 2021-2022, while Tinker's Creek remained stable or increased.

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, along with our team of volunteers, will continue to monitor surface waters within our watershed to ensure their ongoing safety and health.

Host Site since 2019-2020



Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners' Northern Ohio Watershed Corps (NOWCorps) AmeriCorps program, a program of ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, and AmeriCorps, works with government and nonprofit organizations to facilitate outreach, education, capacity building, and environmental stewardship.

In 2022-23, NOWCorps mobilized sixteen members across eleven host sites throughout Northern Ohio. NOWCorps members serve in a variety of roles and their impact is extensive. In return, our host site partners and supervisors provide invaluable support to our members including daily supervision, mentorship, networking, and training.

Host Site since 2020-2021



Host Site since 2021-2022



Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners has supported a total of 65 NOWCorps member service years (MSYs) from 2019-2023. Five members have served more than one term with NOWCorps. A total of 60 individuals have served as NOWCorps members. Of those 60, at least thirteen are working in the environmental field, nine of whom are working with one of our host site partners.



IMPACT



OUR NORTHERN OHIO WATERSHED (NOW)CORPS MEMBERS

Getting Things Done for America!

The AmeriCorps program brings people together to tackle the country's most pressing challenges through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Senior 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 and serve.ohio.gov.

The Northern Ohio Watershed Corps (NOWCorps) is an AmeriCorps program funded by ServeOhio and the Federal agency, AmeriCorps. NOWCorps is sponsored by TCWP and strives to facilitate outreach and environmental education while improving the health and quality of our local watersheds. In our 2022-2023 program year, 17 members served with 12 host site organizations. NOWCorps members served a collective 31,270+ hours during their 12 months of service.

NOWCORPS IMPACT

2,145	EDUCATED PEOPLE ON ECO- FRIENDLY PRACTICES
663	COMMUNITY MEMBERS CONNECTED WITH
99	IMPROVED ACRES OF LAND
543	BAGS OF DEBRIS REMOVED
3,611	TREES PLANTED
707	BAGS OF INVASIVE VEGETATION REMOVED
263	MILES OF RIVER AND TRAIL TREATED
45	PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE EDUCATION & OUTREACH CREATED
492	VOLUNTEERS ALONGSIDE SERVED
31,270	HOURS SERVED

"The AmeriCorps Service Members ... are all **outstanding young people**, and we consider ourselves so fortunate...

Sandy Barbic, Host Site Supervisor, Summit Soil & Water Conservation District

"Cleveland Metroparks has benefited greatly from being a host site with the NOWCorps program. Our members have helped to effectively **manage** and **steward** our natural resources...

Josh Philipps, Host Site Supervisor, Cleveland Metroparks

"... . The influence of these members continues to **serve our target communities** even after the completion of their service."

Tom Schrieber, Host Site Supervisor, Western Reserve Land Conservancy

"Having a NOWCorps member has allowed us to increase the **quantity** and **quality** of our environmental education outreach programs in our region. We have been delighted to see our **impact blossom...**"

Dr. Lara Roketenetz, Host Site Supervisor, The University of Akron Field Station



FINANCE

REVENUE & EXPENSES

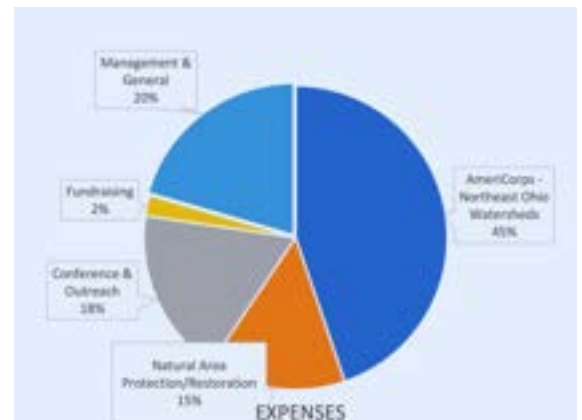
REVENUE

Revenue Source:	
Foundation	\$5,500
Governmental	\$613,586
Membership	\$26,650
Direct Public Support	\$19,142
Fundraising	\$22,400
Programs	\$237,064
Non-Profit	\$11,880
Total revenue	\$936,221



EXPENSES

Expense Source:	
AmeriCorps - Northeast Ohio Watersheds	\$398,954
Natural Area Protection/Restoration	\$131,076.05
Membership	\$159,053
Direct Public Support	\$19,142
Fundraising	\$19,635
Management & General	\$182,801
Total Expense	\$891,519



THANK YOU

GRANTS & SUPPORT



PARTNERS & IN-KIND SUPPORT

Ashtabula SWCD	Geauga SWCD
Big Creek Connects	Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network
Bluestone Heights	Lake SWCD
Chagrin River Watershed Partners	Lorain County Stormwater Management District
City of Avon Lake	Lorain CWCD
Cleveland Metroparks	Medina SWCD
Cleveland Water Alliance	Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
Coca-Cola Consolidated	Northeast Ohio Public Involvement Public Education (NEO PIPE) work group
Collaborative for the Lake Erie Basin	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	Portage County Health District
Cuyahoga River AOC	Portage SWCD
Cuyahoga SWCD	Rocky River Watershed Council
Doan Brook Watershed Partnership	Stark SWCD
Erie SWCD	Summit Metro Parks
First Energy Green Team	Summit SWCD
Friends of Euclid Creek	U.S EPA Region 5
	West Creek Conservancy
	Western Reserve Land Conservancy



VOLUNTEERS

We are exceptionally grateful for the efforts of our water quality monitoring, tree planting, and stream clean-up volunteers, whose dedication and passion have been instrumental in collecting data and supporting watershed health in both Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek. Their selfless commitment continues to inspire positive change within our community.

THANK YOU

BUSINESS MEMBERS



MCDA Consulting LLC



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Our watershed communities, like the rest of the U.S. are becoming more diverse. TCWP's commitment to DEI will focus on Board and Staff training in 2023, and increased investment in our diverse communities to better meet the needs of all community members, and emphasizing environmental justice.

GREATER INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITIES

TCWP has plans to continue to offer a variety of workshops and educational outreach programs. We will host a Foraged Dinner featuring a curated menu including foraged and invasive plants. Thanks to the support of NEORSRD, we will be conducting research into microplastics in Tinker's Creek, along with educational workshops to focus on reducing single-use plastic waste and proper plastic disposal and recycling. In addition, we plan to host a summer watershed festival in Twinsburg, along with more participation in community outreach events.

DARROW ROAD PROJECT

Darrow Road Park is an approximately 52.5-acre park owned by the City of Hudson. Approximately 37 acres of the park is mapped as wetland, including a perennial stream locally known as Darrow Park Ditch. Approximately 3,000 linear feet of Darrow Park Ditch has been historically channelized, losing connection to adjacent floodplain and wetland. TCWP received a \$250,000 Section 319 Grant to restore this section of stream. The request-for-proposals process is anticipated for 2023, with a design/build and restoration to follow.

NOWCORPS

Our NOWCorps program continues to grow. 2023-2024 will include 14 host sites and 27 members. Our reach from year one to year five has doubled with continued interest from other local organizations. We are continuing to strategically explore funding options to support this growing program.

LOOKING AHEAD





THANK YOU



CONTACT INFO



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