



A Summer Message from Our Executive Director

Summer offers a powerful reminder to **slow down, step outside, and reconnect with the natural world** around us. Whether it is walking along a stream, working in the garden, paddling a river, or sitting under a tree with a summer read, time outdoors can lift our mood, reduce stress, and help us feel more grounded.

Nature does not ask anything of us. It gives us room to breathe, take time to just "be" in the present moment, and take a break from the demands of daily life. I hope you find time this summer to enjoy the parks, streams, and green spaces in our communities. These places are worth protecting not only for clean water and healthy wildlife, but also for the joy and sense of well-being they bring to our lives.

Warmly,

Dr. Erica Matheny

Executive Director

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners

**[Join us at our annual Tinker's Creek Watershed Family Fun Day -
Saturday, August 15th!](#)**





UPCOMING EVENTS

*For the latest up to date listing of events, visit:

<https://tinkerscreek.org/events/>.

AUG 3	Streetsboro Rain Barrel Workshop (Registration Required)
AUG 15	FREE Event Tinker's Creek Family Fun Day
AUG 24	Guided Naturalist Hike at Cuyahoga Valley National Park
AUG 29	FREE Event Birding Talk with Wild Birds Unlimited
SEP 1	Aurora Rain Barrel Workshop (Registration Required)
SEP 19	2026 Sturgeon Fest
OCT 22	Drinkers for Tinker's (Registration Required)

From Driveway to Stream: How Car Care Impacts Water Quality





Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners. [Unsubscribe here](#)

Summer is a great time to wash your car and tackle maintenance projects, but did you know these everyday activities can affect local streams? Learn how simple changes like **washing on grass**, **choosing a commercial car wash**, and **properly disposing of used oil** can help prevent pollution and protect the watershed

10075 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087, USA
Learn More → <https://tinkerscreek.org/from-driveway-to-stream-how-car-care-impacts-water-quality/>

[Click here to learn more about everyday actions you can take to keep our watershed healthy!](#)

WHAT'S NEW AT TCWP?



2026 Foraged Feast



Maple Hts Pollinator Garden



Warrensville Hts Rain Garden

Foraged Feast Brings Together Food, Fungi & Friends

Thank you to everyone who joined us at CLE Urban Winery for another memorable Foraged Feast! Guests enjoyed a delicious seasonal menu prepared by Spice Catering, explored the fascinating world of wild mushrooms with special guest Don King, the Mushroom Hunter, and spent the evening connecting with fellow supporters of Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners.

We're especially grateful to our **event sponsors Enbridge, Davey Resource Group, and OHM Advisors** as well as the many businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated raffle prizes and helped make the evening a success.

Read more and view event photos → <https://tinkerscreek.org/foraged-feast-brings-together-food-fungi-friends/>

A New Pollinator Garden Takes Root in Maple Heights

Thanks to volunteers and the City of Maple Heights, a vacant community garden plot has been transformed into a thriving native pollinator habitat. The new garden provides food and shelter for pollinators while creating a beautiful educational space for the community. This project was made possible through a **\$1,000 Conservation Action Grant from the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District** and a **\$500 Global Youth Service Day Grant from ServeOhio**.

Read the full story → <https://tinkerscreek.org/a-new-pollinator-garden-takes-root-in-maple-heights/>

Warrensville Heights Rain Garden Gets a Refresh

TCWP teamed up with Warrensville Heights students and K-12 STEM Coordinator Bret Wilson to give the Warrensville Heights Rain Garden a fresh update, thanks to funding from The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation's #GroMoreGood Grassroots Grant (via KidsGardening) and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District. Students helped install new native plants and improve the site as an outdoor classroom while seeing firsthand how rain gardens slow down stormwater and help keep local waterways cleaner.

Read more and watch the project video → <https://tinkerscreek.org/warrensville-heights-rain-garden-gets-a-refresh/>

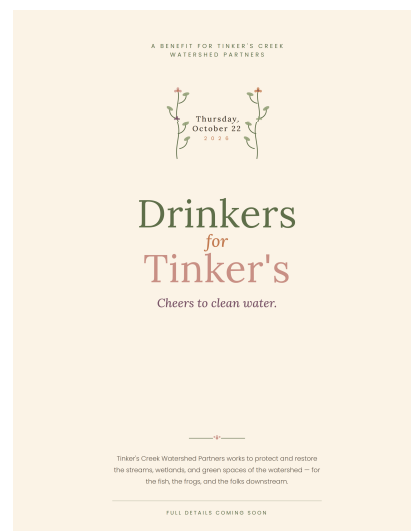
Interested in volunteer opportunities? [Learn more here!](#)

Discover Your Watershed

Water connects us all, but do you know where your neighborhood fits in? Explore our new interactive [Know Your Watershed](#) map and learning portal to learn more about your local streams, communities, and the careers dedicated to protecting them.

Save the Date -

2026 Drinkers for Tinker's
10.22.26



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBER COMMUNITIES - WE VALUE YOUR PARTNERSHIP!

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[Hudson](#), [Macedonia](#), [Maple Heights](#), [Northfield Village](#), [Oakwood Village](#),
[Reminderville](#), [Solon](#), [Streetsboro](#), [Twinsburg](#), [Valley View](#), [Walton Hills](#)

Don't see your community listed here? Reach out to info@tinkerscreek.org or [click here](#) to find out how to connect or reconnect as a member community.

Thank you
to our **2026** business members!



Our reason is water.™



*Aquatic Enhancement
& Survey, Inc.*

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Together, we can protect clean water for generations to come. Explore more ways to support Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners and our mission to protect and restore water quality and habitats in the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek through partnerships and education.



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