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FUNDS AWARDED TO RESTORE NATURAL FLOW TO  
OVER 500 LINEAR FT. OF STREAM  
TINKER'S CREEK WATERSHED

TCWP will work with Hull & Associates, Inc. and Mark Haynes Construction to restore a tributary of Tinker's Creek

Bedford Heights, OH, February 12, 2019 - Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) has been awarded a nearly \$150,000 Section 319 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency with generous matching funds of \$80,000 from the Bedford City School District. Funds will be used to restore instream habitat to a degraded tributary of Tinker's Creek, plant native species along its banks, remove invasive species, create floodplain capacity to store stormwater, and mitigate flooding at the Bedford Heights Bus Garage.

Tinker's Creek Watershed is comprised of 24 communities, drains 96.4 square miles of land, and is approximately 30 miles long. It is the largest tributary to the Cuyahoga River. The creek is impaired by sedimentation, organic enhancement, low in-stream dissolved oxygen, nutrient enrichment, toxicity, habitat alteration, as well as yet to be determined impairments. Habitat impairments reflect a historically dredged stream in various stages of recovery.

Tinker's Creek Senior Project Manager, Kate Chapel, explains: "This funding will increase our progress towards restoring habitats and water quality in the watershed. This site frequently floods and adds excess amounts of sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants to the watershed. We are excited about the opportunity to put this project on the ground with great partners in the Ohio EPA, Hull & Associates, and Mark Haynes Construction."

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) watershed organization officially established in 2006. Our mission is to protect and restore water quality and habitat of the Tinker's Creek watershed through community partnerships.

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