

Fall 2019



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## Your quarterly news & updates

There are always exciting projects and events going on in our watershed! Read on to learn about what we've been up to in the last few months, and what we have planned for the next.

Want event dates to put on your fridge? [Click here to be added to a physical mailing.](#)



### Welcome our new Staff!

TCWP recently welcomed two new staff members to the team! Julie Stark (left) began her role as Program Manager for the NOW Corps program on August 20, and Sonya Mottram (right) recently started as the new Environmental Education Coordinator at TCWP.

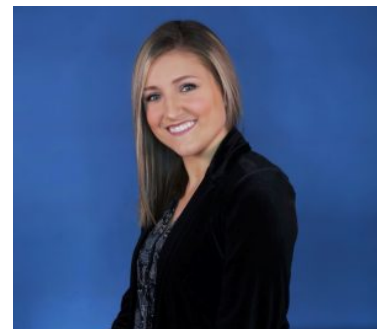
Julie and Sonya are fantastic additions to our team! Learn more about our new staff members [here](#).



### Farewell, Marisa!

Marisa Petherbridge (right) first began working with TCWP as Assistant Watershed Coordinator in 2018. Then, Marisa completed various fundraising and outreach projects in her role as Brandywine Creek Watershed Coordinator.

In August, Marisa left TCWP to serve as a Research Assistant in Costa Rica. Thank you for everything, Marisa, and we wish you the best!



## Summer Events

ABOVE: Local boy scouts and volunteers helped plant trees and a rain garden at Aurora Shores this summer using funds generously provided by Bingham Foundation!

TCWP hosted several public education events including tree plantings, municipal trainings, rain garden installations, roadside clean ups, and rain

ABOVE: TCWP helped Hop Tree Brewing install a custom painted rain barrel at the July workshop!

RIGHT: Volunteers conducting water chemistry sampling at Day in the Life of Tinker's Creek.

barrel workshops! We also held our first annual Golf Outing. Thank you to all of our supporters for making these events a success!

Our rain barrel workshops continue to be one of our most well-attended events! Dozens of watershed residents have received a rain barrel diverter system from TCWP and instruction on how to install and maintain them. These systems slow down stormwater and make it useful to YOU instead of just going into a drain. If you've missed the summer workshops, keep an eye on our event calendar to get yours in the spring!

TCWP partnered with Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Volunteer Program to host Day in the Life of Tinker's Creek on July 27. This program allows volunteers to engage in a day of stewardship all while enjoying a bus tour of the watershed. This event was so rewarding, and we are grateful to have been part of it!

[Visit our full Event Calendar](#)



LEFT: This painted rain barrel and installation was sent to us by one of our community members, David Pastor.

Thank you David for sending this to us, we hope it works well!

Collecting roof runoff in rain barrels reduces the amount of water that flows from your property. It's a great way to conserve water and it's free water for use in your landscape.

Keep an eye out for our future rain barrel workshops!

View more information about rain barrels and their benefits to your home, from the EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-barrels>



On June 22, TCWP held its inaugural golf outing at Shawnee Hills Golf Course to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Cuyahoga River fire. This event was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended; we look forward to seeing you all again at the second annual Golf Outing in 2020!

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JOIN US AT THE  
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL

# Watershed Festival

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12  
HEMLOCK CREEK PICNIC AREA  
14800 Button Rd, Walton Hills, OH 44146  
12:00-3:00 PM

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP), Cleveland Metroparks, and Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District are teaming up this year to bring you a joint day of watershed education and stewardship again!

Come join in on the fun at the 14th Watershed Festival this October 12th at the Hemlock Creek Picnic Area of the Bedford Reservation! The Festival is FREE and open to the public and will include fun activities for kids and adults too. Come learn about your watershed!

Win a hand painted rain barrel at our rain barrel raffle! Then learn how to install a rain barrel and get credit towards your stormwater fee too. Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District will also be giving away 200 trees!

Cleveland Metroparks Doug Kusak will also be leading two hikes during the festival. Check out the agenda below for specific times. We can't wait to see you there!

## Agenda

- 12:00 PM – Festival opens!
- 12:00 PM – Tree giveaway and rain barrel raffle begin
- 12:30 PM – Tree planting demonstration
- 1:00 PM – First hike begins
- 2:00 PM – Second hike begins
- 2:30 PM – Tree planting demonstration and rain barrel raffle winner announced
- 3:00 PM – Festival ends!



**TREES FOR WILDLIFE**



The Ohio Stormwater Conference is an annual conference dedicated to advancing the knowledge and understanding of comprehensive stormwater management for those dealing in all aspects of planning, design, implementation and regulatory compliance. This year's conference was held at the Sharonville Convention Center located in Sharonville,

## TCWP Upcoming Events

[October 5:](#) Tree Planting - Bedford

[October 12:](#) Watershed Festival

[October 22:](#) Drinkers for Tinker's

[November 6:](#) Nonprofit "Tinker" Tuesday

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Ohio. The conference provided updates on environmental issues, new technologies, regulatory information and pollution prevention.

We thank the sponsors, exhibitors, attendees, and volunteers who made the 2019 Conference such a success!

We will be back at Kalahari in Sandusky, OH next year. [Registration opens January 2020!](#) [Abstracts are due by November 1, 2019.](#)

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## Members & Partners are the Key to our Success

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### 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 [our website](#).

Davey Resource Group  
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OHM Advisors  
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Stone Environmental Engineering & Science, Inc.  
The Shelly Company  
Western Reserve Cable TV Consortium  
Western Reserve Land Conservancy

### Community Members

Thank you to our community members! You can learn more about our services to communities at [our website](#).

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Bedford  
Bedford Heights  
Boston Heights  
Glenwillow  
Hudson  
Macedonia  
Maple Heights  
Northfield  
North Randall  
Oakwood  
Reminderville  
Solon  
Streetsboro  
Twinsburg  
Twinsburg Township  
Valley View  
Walton Hills  
Warrensville Heights

### Individual Members

Thank you to our individual members! Having a reliable base of individual members is invaluable to us. Each person really does make a difference. If you would like to become an individual member or learn about what your membership helps accomplish, check out [our website](#).

Not ready to become a member? You can also make a one-time donation of any amount.

[Donate now](#)

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## Restoration Projects



### Hudson Tenbroeck

Construction for this project was completed in early August, and TCWP hosted a site tour and roadside cleanup on August 13! Post-construction monitoring will begin in the fall.



### Bedford Heights Bus Garage

Our partners at Hull & Associates and Mark Haynes Construction have finalized designs for this project and we have received our nationwide permit.

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## Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op Program

If you live in Cuyahoga and have been thinking about solar for your home, time is running out to take advantage of the 30% federal tax credit. At the end of this year it will drop to 26%, then 22%, and then disappear. But never fear! The Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op program makes it easier than ever to install solar on your home or business. This group buying program for Cuyahoga county residents, paired with the existing federal solar tax credit offers home and business owners great savings on solar installation.

This is a free program sponsored by the Cuyahoga county department of sustainability. Through the co-op, residents are able to participate in a bulk purchasing agreement which on its own gives residents a discount of between 15 and 20%. This bulk pricing is not available to the general public and can only be obtained through the Solar Co-op. Low interest loans available to eligible homeowners will also be discussed at the Co-op meeting.

[To learn how you can get involved with this program, please visit Cuyahoga County Solar Co-op programs webpage.](#)

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## Get involved! Check out events near you!

Events calendar

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