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Website



## Your quarterly news & updates

TCWP cares about the health and safety of everyone who supports our organization. In an effort to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), TCWP continues to alter the format of our events.

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

## Upcoming Events

TCWP continues to adapt to COVID-19 with some socially distant modifications:

- [March 22](#) World Water Day
- [April 30](#) MayDay Hike Trumbull Woods
- [May 11](#) Rain Barrel Workshop Twinsburg
- [April 22](#) Earth Day Tree Give Away at Aurora Lake
- [Multiple Dates](#) Water quality monitoring

Visit our full Event Calendar



## Help us track Beech Leaf Disease

Beech Leaf Disease has been found in the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek watersheds,

and we need your help to track its spread.

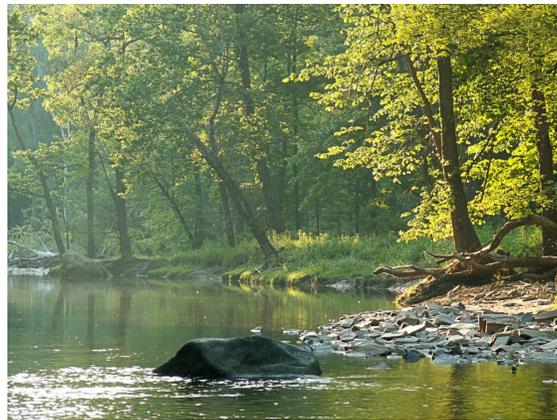
The disease is readily apparent looking up into the canopy to see dark bands on the leaves. Leaves will also begin to thicken, curl, and turn black.

More information on this disease and where to report it can be found [here](#).



## Water Quality Monitoring

Are you looking for a way to get involved and help the watershed? We are looking for volunteers to join us for the 2021 season of our water quality monitoring program. This season we have invested in new monitoring equipment and added new sites in the Brandywine Creek Watershed! Volunteers can commit to as little as one morning a month and make a huge difference in the health of the watershed. This is a great opportunity for those who want to get involved in citizen science and can be done independently or as a family. For more information contact Kelli at [kelli@tinkerscreekwatershed.org](mailto:kelli@tinkerscreekwatershed.org) or click the [HERE!](#)



## Bring Native In



April is Ohio Native Plant Month! Check out our social media every day in April to learn about our native plants.

You can also help track the wave of blooms across Ohio:

As spring moves north across Ohio in 2021, we would like to record its progress. We have divided Ohio into three regions: Southern, Central, and Northern (see map). If you are the first person in your region to see one of the eight native Ohio wildflowers listed below in full bloom, please photograph the flower and send it to us!

Email your photo as an attachment to: [OhioNativePlantMonth@gmail.com](mailto:OhioNativePlantMonth@gmail.com). Please include the date you took the picture, the county where you photographed the flower, and your

## 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 [our website](#).

**Hawthorne Creek**  
[Environmental Design Group](#)

**Beaver Run**  
[Davey Resource Group](#)

**Wood Creek**  
[Biohabitats](#)  
[EnviroScience, Inc.](#)  
[Stephen Hovanscek and Associates, Inc.](#)

**Deer Lick**  
[Donald G. Bohning & Associates, Inc.](#)  
[Paddle the River LLC](#)  
[Partners Environmental Consulting, Inc.](#)

**Friend**  
[Holden Forests & Gardens](#)  
[MCDA Consulting LLC](#)  
[ms consultants](#)  
[OPN Seed](#)

### Individual Membership

Individual Memberships help us provide services to communities in the watershed through:

- Stream restoration projects
- Education and outreach on watershed health and protection
- Building community partnerships to preserve and protect natural resources
- Hosting the Ohio Stormwater Conference and other education workshops

We hope you consider TCWP with your end of year giving! Your support allows us to continue protecting crucial land in the watersheds we serve.

[Become a member](#)

### Community Members

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

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 generous match for this project.

This unnamed tributary is disconnected from its



floodplain and overrun with invasive vegetation. We have begun design and surveying for this project.

## 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



**AmeriCorps**  
Ohio



In collaboration with [Serve Ohio](#), Ohio’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism, we had the opportunity to celebrate AmeriCorps Week from March 7th to 13th. Our 15 NOWCorps members have been busy serving the northern Ohio watersheds and communities through stewardship, conservation, and education since October. You can read more about them [here](#). We asked some of our members to share with us how their service is going, and here’s what they had to say.

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“Hello! I’m **Emma** and I’m serving as a naturalist assistant at the Watershed Stewardship Center with Cleveland Metroparks through AmeriCorps. I love learning and teaching all about Ohio’s local wildlife, working on conservation projects, and protecting the environment. I’m jazzed to continue hiking, growing, and serving my community through NOWCorps!”

“Hi, my name is **Tori** and I am currently serving with The Nature Conservancy. My service revolves around managing the lands that TNC is responsible for and collecting data for various projects happening in the region. I enjoy making a direct impact in the environment and people around me. I feel privileged with the ability to maintain these lands and make them more available for both recreationists and the

wildlife in the area. Thank you to both The Nature Conservancy and AmeriCorps for allowing me to make a difference (and have a lot of fun doing it)!"

"Hi! I'm **Evan** (they/them) currently serving with NOWCorps as a Natural Resources Technician with Cleveland Metroparks. I've been working on a variety of different stewardship actions including tree plantings, invasive plant treatment, deer management, prescribed fire, Hemlock surveys, and even some video editing at many of our parks throughout Cuyahoga county. I serve to learn from the Metroparks staff, and to take an active role in improving local ecosystems for the human and more-than-human communities!"

**Nikole:** "I'm proud to serve the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District as an educator with Native Urban Tree Starters program through AmeriCorps. The overlooking of plants and less attractive wild areas could lead to further ecosystem degradation and species loss. Therefore, reestablishing interest with nature through education has become central to my current goals. This Spring/Summer I hope to plant 3,000 native trees around Cuyahoga County."

**Joe** is serving with the Cleveland Metroparks Trail Crew to improve accessibility and sustainability of the trails within the reservations. His role in tandem with NOWCorps is to construct trail infrastructure that reduces the environmental impact of soil erosion to the Cuyahoga River watershed.

"My name is **Dana**, and I am proud to serve as a Restoration Team Member with The Nature Conservancy. I love spending each day outdoors where I can see the purpose of my work. Between surveying forests, treating invasive species and restoring habitats, I am excited to know that I make a difference with my service every day."



*Pictured L-R:*

*Top Row: Rebecca Leslein, Kara Hall, Tom Schreiber, Nichole Lopez*

*Bottom Row: Kaylee Acres, Nicole Harmon, Dana Barry, Tori Clawson, Emma Miner*

In addition to their regular service, a group of NOWCorps members also participated in a work day last week at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The group was led by Derrick Cooper of The Nature Conservancy, as well as Dana Barry and Tori Clawson, the NOWCorps members serving with TNC. The group learned how to identify eastern hemlock trees and the invasive pests that attack them: elongate hemlock scale and hemlock wooly adelgid. They also learned to perform forestry surveys, which are valuable if the trees need to be treated for infections later.

**We look forward to seeing what else our members will continue to accomplish this year!**

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

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

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