

Winter 2019



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Visit our Website



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 Kelli!

Kelli Herrick, MS joined Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners in November, 2019. She has a bachelor's degree in Biology with a focus in Ecology from Cleveland State University. In 2014 she obtained a master's degree in Biology with a concentration in Herpetology from Marshall University in Huntington, WV. While attending Marshall University her graduate thesis focused on identifying non-invasive detection techniques for the Eastern Hellbender and determining the risk of type-1 and type-2 error in amphibian-based citizen science surveys. Prior to joining Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, she was employed as a wildlife biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). At FWC she monitored populations of threatened and endangered herpetofauna including the Gopher Tortoise and the Reticulated Flatwoods Salamander. We're excited to have her as part of the team!



Farewell Jennie

Jennie Brancho first started working with TCWP in



2016 as a college intern. She quickly became a vital piece in our organization. She helped us tremendously as our organization was expanding and growing. TCWP felt a loss when Jennie left for graduate school. After graduation, Jennie came back and served as TCWP's Watershed Coordinator. Jennie has left again, sadly, for a wonderful career opportunity in Philadelphia, PA. We wish her the best of luck and she will be missed. As Executive Director for TCWP, I will personally miss Jennie, for all she has done with her time with TCWP and as a wonderful person who always made me laugh. Jennie - take care.



ABOVE: Watershed supporters mingle at our fundraiser Drinkers for Tinker's at Hop Tree Brewing. Let us know what you thought of the limited release beer, Boatsman!



ABOVE: Participants at the Northfield rain barrel workshop in September learn how to set up their barrels. Thank you to the Village for hosting!

RIGHT: Board Member Chris Vild and volunteer, Silas Chamell demonstrating native tree planting at our Watershed Festival at the Bedford Reservation.

Fall Events

TCWP hosted several public education events including tree plantings, a watershed festival, and our annual fundraiser. Thank you to all of our supporters for making these events a success!

Our new AmeriCorps Program NOWCorps hosted its orientation and enrolled 13 members. All members are now at their host sites doing great conservation and educational service. More information below and on our [website](#).

TCWP partnered with Cleveland Metroparks and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District to host a Watershed Festival in the Bedford Reservation.

Visit our full Event Calendar





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, 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!

[Registration opens in January.](#)

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](#).

Davey Resource Group
Environmental Design Group
EnviroScience
Good Nature Organic Lawn
Hop Tree Brewing
Hull & Associates, Inc
inSite Advisory Group, LLC
Mannik & Smith Group
Mark Haynes Construction
OPN Seed
OHM Advisors
Partners Environmental Consulting, Inc.
Robinson Lawn & Garden Center
Stephen Hovancsek and Associates, Inc.
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](#).

Aurora
Beachwood
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 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

All Membership Levels includes the Quarterly Newsletter, Invitation to the Annual Open House and Many Opportunities to Volunteer

Membership Levels
Watershed Friend: \$25

- All the above

Watershed Supporter: \$50

- Watershed Friend level perks
- SWAG Bag

In 2019, we expanded staff to offer these services and more. We are connecting twenty communities and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Northeast Ohio. Support of individuals like you, help make a difference in both the Tinker's Creek and Brandywine Creek Watersheds.

Become a member

Watershed Advocate: \$100

- Watershed Friend level perks
- T-shirt
- Ticket to Drinker's for Tinkers Event
- 10% off on workshops

Watershed Hero: \$300

- Watershed Friend level perks
- T-shirt
- 2 Tickets to Drinker's for Tinkers Event OR 2 Tickets for Dinner for Golf Outing
- 10% off on workshops

Restoration Projects



Hudson Tenbroeck

This project is complete!! If you'd like a tour of this completed restoration, just give us a call at 330-963-6243.



Bedford Heights Bus Garage

Our partners at Hull & Associates and Mark Haynes Construction have begun construction! Tree clearing and pavement cutting are our first milestones.

Get involved! Check out events near you!

Events calendar



TIPS TO PROTECT OUR WATERSHED

The RIGHT SALT

STUFF - Sodium Chloride only works in temperatures above 15 F. For colder temperatures, alternatives such as sand for traction or an ice melting product designed for colder temperatures may work better.

AMOUNT - One 12 ounce coffee cup is enough to cover 10 sidewalk squares.

LOCATION - Only spread salt on the pavement, never on your lawn or garden beds. One teaspoon of salt can permanently damage 5 gallons of water.

TIME - Salt works best before the snow falls or just after snow removal from driveway or sidewalk. Never apply during warm weather melt or rain in order to avoid wash off into the storm drains.

Northern Ohio Watershed (NOW) Corps



SERVE OHIO
Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism



While environmental stewardship is the major focus, the Northern Ohio Watershed Corps Program will focus on four major activities.

Stewardship: Improving water quality is the heart of the collective mission and being an environmental steward. Our AmeriCorps members will help collect and gather the necessary data to do so.

Conservation: Our members will engage in water quality testing and data collection, tree plantings, native plant installations, invasive vegetation removal, and more.

Education: Our members will assist our partners with program design, implementation and follow up. Certain members will facilitate new relationships with schools, youth groups, public engagement groups, and volunteers.

Capacity Building: Our members will assist our partners in concrete strategies for volunteer recruitment, program expansion and consistency among outreach. Our members will obtain, improve, and retain the skills, knowledge, tools, equipment and other resources to be a true environmental steward!

To combat prevalent environmental issues, our members will be serving with the following Host Sites:

[Cleveland Metroparks](#)
[The Nature Conservancy](#)
[Western Reserve Land Conservancy](#)
[Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District](#)
[Lake Soil & Water Conservation District](#)
[Erie Soil & Water Conservation District](#)
[Chagrin River Watershed Partners](#)
[Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners](#)

The Northern Ohio Watershed Corps (NOWCorps) is a program of ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism, as well as the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. CNCS engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation's volunteer and service efforts. For more information, visit nationalservice.gov and serve.ohio.gov. NOWCorps will join forces with watershed groups, soil and water conservation districts, city and county government offices, and other conservation nonprofits to facilitate outreach, education, capacity building, environmental stewardship, and stormwater management. Visit our webpage [here](#) to learn more.



Visit us online, or contact our NOWCorps Program Manager for more information!

<https://tinkerscreek.org/nowcorps-program/>

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