



## Lake Erie - Don't Waste It!

Everyone lives in a watershed, and in Cuyahoga County everyone lives in the Lake Erie watershed. Because of this watershed connection, our activities at home, at school, at work and throughout the community directly impact not only Lake Erie, but also our local waterways.

Unfortunately, a lot of waste comes with that watershed connection and it comes from many different sources. Have you ever seen someone throw a cigarette butt out their car window, leave dog waste on the grass,

dispose of household hazardous waste improperly, dump their yard waste into a nearby stream, or leave a shiny rainbow after they pull their car away? Of course you have. We all have.

All of this contributes to pollution in our waterways and eventually into Lake Erie. There are simple fixes for these pollutants and we can all help and encourage each other to be a part of the solution. Visit the *Lake Erie - Don't Waste It* page on our website for important fact sheets, conservation tips, and events you can

attend to learn more about how to help.

[www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/lake-erie-dont-waste-it](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/lake-erie-dont-waste-it)



*This is gross and will end up in the creek and eventually Lake Erie*

## Cuyahoga SWCD has moved!

At the end of March, Cuyahoga SWCD moved downtown!

Our new address:

**3311 Perkins Avenue,  
Suite 100  
Cleveland, OH 44114**

We are so excited to be in our new space and have been settling in after packing up years of items from the old office.

Our phone number is the same but our extensions have changed. We appreciate your patience in trying to reach us during this transition. 216/524-6580



*Marker on the sidewalk outside our office. We are curious to find out the 'original' use of this building.*



*Come visit us!  
We are on the first floor!*

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*It is possible to move an entire office and still like each other.*



# ROCKY RIVER WATERSHED NEWS

## Berea-Midpark High School Students Tackling Stormwater Pollution

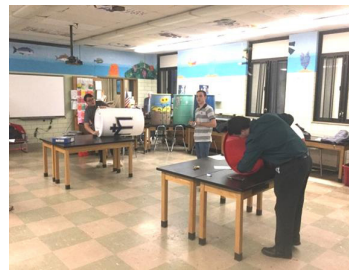
On March 15, 2017, the AP Environmental Science Class at Berea-Midpark High School presented a community workshop about stormwater and rain barrels.

The class, taught by Mary Draves and assisted by Cuyahoga SWCD Rocky River Watershed Coordinator Jared Bartley, approached the workshop through a student-led, collaborative process, breaking

into teams responsible for different aspects of the workshop, such as researching stormwater runoff, acquiring barrels and supplies, assembling and painting the rain barrels, marketing the workshop, and creating and delivering the actual presentation. The decorated rain barrels were available for purchase to workshop attendees. The presentation focused on the

importance of controlling runoff, how rain barrels can help and how to build, install and maintain a rain barrel. Funding support was provided through a grant from PPG Industries.

*Contact Jared Bartley,  
Rocky River Watershed Coordinator,  
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## A Day in the Life of Euclid Creek

July 15, 2017 9:00am - 2:30pm

Take a trip with us to explore Euclid Creek and its aquatic life! Register online by July 1st

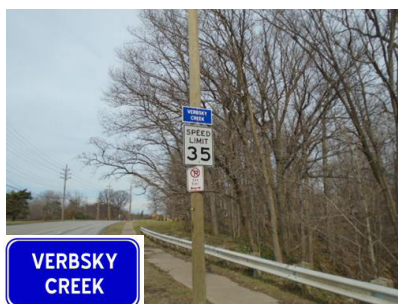
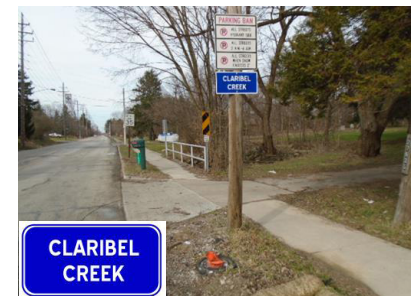
# EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED NEWS

## Four Streams Named and Identified in Richmond Heights

In 2008, Richmond Heights named four Euclid Creek tributaries to the East Branch that run through the City. Each stream was named either after an important family in the City's history (Claribel Creek, Stevenson Brook and Verbsky Creek) or after a natural feature on the land, such as Redstone Run, referring to the streams reddish sandstone from the Devonian Berea formation that was quarried extensively in the late 1800's. Recently, signage was installed to show people where these four tributaries are located. The printing of these signs was made possible in 2016 through funding provided by Friends of Euclid Creek through a Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Service Agreement. Learn more about the

location of the streams and history here: [www.euclidcreekwatershed.org/euclid-creek/programs/richmond-heights-stream-names](http://www.euclidcreekwatershed.org/euclid-creek/programs/richmond-heights-stream-names).

*Contact Claire Posius,  
Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator,  
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## SUPERVISOR ELECTION 2017

A Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor represents county residents in soil and water conservation and natural resources management. Supervisors set the District's policy, provide guidance to staff, and assist on projects. The Board consists of five supervisors who serve for three-year terms on a voluntary basis. Supervisors participate in monthly and special board meetings, and attend area and state meetings. This year, candidates will be nominated to fill two open positions. Potential candidates are expected to have experience relevant to the District's goals. The qualities of a potential supervisor include:

- Knowledge of natural resources in the county
- Skills that complement the existing make-up of the district board so that all geographic, educational, and land-use interests within the district are represented
- Leadership ability and willingness to share time and talents

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the election. Qualified residents, 18 years of age or older, may also petition to be on the ballot. Information about the petition process can be found at [www.cuyahogawcd.org](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org)

## ENVIROTHON

Envirothon is a national, academic, outdoor competition for high school students, which is designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources. The students are tested in Soils, Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife and a Current Environmental Issue. Five Area Envirothons are conducted around Ohio each Spring. The top four teams from each of these Area competitions progress to the State competition.

On May 3rd, the Area 2 Competition was held at the Buffalo Creek Retreat in Medina County. Congratulations to the top four teams:



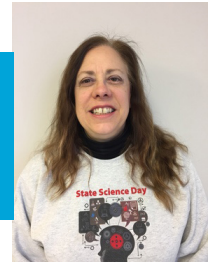
*Brush High School received the highest score in Current Environmental Issue - Agricultural Practices*

1. Chardon Red (Geauga), 2. Crestwood Monkey Wrench Gang (Portage), 3. Perry High School Red Team (Lake), 4. LaBrea Team A (Trumbull). We are so excited that our very own Brush High School scored the highest in the Current Environmental Issue this year which was Agricultural Practices.

### We're looking for a few good sponsors!

Area 2 Envirothon will be hosted by Cuyahoga and Portage SWCD in 2018. We are seeking financial support from area businesses and agencies to help us with the event. Your donation will help provide food, t-shirts, supplies, and other necessities for this event. We typically have over 250 students and need your help. All sponsors will be recognized. Contact Jacki at 216/524-6580, ext 1006 for more information or to become a sponsor. Thank you!

Welcome  
Jacki  
Zevenbergen



Beginning this year, the Cuyahoga SWCD finally had an opportunity to expand its services throughout the county, notably implementing mandated public involvement and public education (PIPE) programs for communities. In preparation for a 100% increase in the work load, the Cuyahoga SWCD hired Jacki Zevenbergen as its first-ever Stormwater Educator. Jacki will assist the current PIPE program staff, but her specific target audiences will be teachers and students.

Jacki is a long-time environmental activist and volunteer, teacher, interpreter and naturalist. She holds both Bachelors and Master's degree in biology, with a graduate certificate in environmental studies. As a former watershed coordinator with Washington SWCD she understands the SWCD mission, watershed issues and the importance of environmental education.

Jacki is a certified facilitator for the popular Project WET, Project Wild, Project Learning Tree, Wonders of Wetlands and Science & Civics curriculae - all of which she has implemented for teachers and students. She also serves as an adjunct professor at Kent State University and has worked for years as a substitute teacher for grades K-12, with emphasis on students with special needs in science and math.

Jacki is building on her network to greatly expand the SWCD's contacts with local school administrators, teachers and a variety of conservation partners and volunteers. She plans to begin implementing activities, such as mini-water festivals, later this year.

*To learn more about opportunities for teachers and students, contact Jacki at 216/524-6580, ext. 1006*

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**Cuyahoga SWCD Mission:**

Advocate and implement best management practices for conservation of land and aquatic resources in a developed environment through education, stewardship and technical assistance.

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## CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS

My job as the new Stormwater Educator is to help members of our Cuyahoga County communities become stewards of their individual environments as well as the environments they share.

We often judge the effectiveness of education based on how well students can repeat back what they've been taught. If our goal in environmental education is to change behaviors, then just sharing facts and concepts isn't good enough. In the 1950s, Keep America Beautiful changed hearts with a series of ads about littering.

In the 70s, we realized that placing litter in the "right spot" wasn't enough. Over time individuals and communities have embraced the call to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle to slow the stream of consumer goods filling our landfills.

Today we need individuals to make choices that help us manage the stormwater – much of which flows directly into lakes and streams without any treatment. Citizens rely on their city leaders to make good planning and maintenance choices to control stormwater but a lot of people aren't aware of the impact their personal behaviors have on the quality and quantity of stormwater in their neighborhood.

*It's about doing –  
not just knowing!*

With this in mind, I'll be creating more opportunities for students and adults to participate in hands-on activities, workshops and service projects. Whether we're cleaning a stream, stenciling storm drains, enjoying a school water festival,

participating in a teacher workshop or using school curriculum that shows us how our actions directly affect the environment, we will be forming connections to our environment – going beyond the facts and concepts. We can build an army of watershed stewards capable of changes just as wide-spread, significant and routine as litter prevention and recycling have become.

Grab a friend and join us soon at an event near you. Together we can change hearts and minds and make a difference in our community!

*For more information about our  
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stormwater programs contact  
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