

The Euclid Creek Watershed Program

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Happy Holidays from Friends of Euclid Creek!

Euclid Creek Watershed program partners wish you a very happy and healthy Holiday Season. We are grateful for each and every one of you and can't thank you enough for volunteering your precious free time to the watershed or for donating your hard earned money to our conservation efforts. In fact, **this year we had over 950 people volunteer 2,100 hours of time toward the program - volunteering at tree plantings and stream cleanups, attending educational programs, monitoring water chemistry at one of our six sites, and/or contributing time towards the FOEC Board or serving on an FOEC Board Committee - that's a monetary value of \$50,820 to the program!!**

While we always encourage you to support local groups working hard to protect your water quality, groups like Friends of Euclid Creek, we need to think bigger picture as well. With the changing support for environmental programs and funding on high, keep up to date on important issues facing the Great Lakes at the [Great Lakes Today website](#). Our local NPR station does a wonderful job covering important Great Lakes stories, so tune in when you can. Another group doing important environmental work in our region is the [Ohio Environmental Council](#) - they keep you informed on issues facing our environment from the Rover Pipeline construction, to drilling in the Arctic Refuge, to protecting the Wayne National Forest from fracking.

So please stay informed, speak your mind to our politicians about issues that are important to you, and get involved any way you can. We hope you have a fantastic 2018!

January Featured Events

Friends of Euclid Creek is taking the month off from watershed programming, but we want to encourage you to attend two partner organizations' programs below.

**Highland Heights Green Task Force Program:
*Proposal for a Cuyahoga County Plastic and Paper Bag Fee Explained***

Beautiful
photo of
Euclid Creek
taken by
Emily
Szymanski
(post your
pics of Euclid
Creek on our
facebook
page to see
them in
future
publications!)

Wed., January 3, 2018 7-9pm
Highland Heights Community Center, [5827 Highland Road](#)

Presenter: Sunny Simon, Cuyahoga County Councilwoman

Cuyahoga County could soon join other cities across the country by placing a 10 cent fee on plastic and paper single-use bags.

County Councilwoman Sunny Simon recently introduced legislation that if approved would take effect in July 2018. The goal is to prompt Cuyahoga County residents into using reusable bags, which would keep plastic out of Lake Erie. This 10-cent fee is a fee for our future and for our children.

Please invite a friend! There is no charge for this program.

Cuyahoga Greenways Public Meetings

Cuyahoga Greenways is a joint effort between County Planning, Cleveland Metroparks, and NOACA to build an interconnected system of greenways and trails that link neighborhoods, parks, and public transportation, creating a comprehensive countywide network. The greenway system will provide recreation opportunities and alternative transportation options for moving around the county, improving the community's health, well-being, and economic vitality.

The project team is preparing this network of candidate routes connecting existing trails, parks, and points of interest throughout every community in Cuyahoga County. If you want to learn more on the benefits of greenways or get updates on the plan, **please participate in an upcoming meeting to help shape the routes with your ideas and opinions.** Additional materials and information can be found online at cuyahogagreenways.org

Wednesday, January 17, 4:30-6:30pm, Hofbrauhaus-Festsall, [1550 Chester Ave., Cleveland](#)

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Beachwood Community Center, [25325 Fairmount Blvd, Beachwood](#)

Check Out Our Weekly Blogs!

Cuyahoga SWCD and Friends of Euclid Creek post weekly tips on our Blog page and we hope you learn something new each week ([click here to get to Blog site!](#))

Recent blog topics include:

- [Is the Urban Ag Bubble Popping?](#) by Justin Husher, CSWCD
- [Camp Canopy - a high school summertime favorite gets a new name](#), by Jacki Zevenbergen, CSWCD
- [On the Road to Clean Water and 2017 Year in Review](#), by Janine Rybka, CSWCD

Upcoming Watershed Partner Organization Events

Euclid Creeks (Cleveland Metroparks-led hike) - Wed., Jan. 3 - 10-11:30am - Highland Road Picnic Area, Euclid Creek Reservation - [details here](#)

Seed Cleaning Workshop - Tue., Jan. 9 - 6-8pm - Watershed Stewardship Center, Parma - [details and registration here](#)

Rocky River Watershed Council Annual Meeting - Wed., Jan. 24 - 6pm - Medina District Library, [details here](#)

Sherwick Tree Steward Graduate Appreciation Program

Thur., Feb. 8, 6:00pm, Goldhorn Brewery, Cleveland

Calling all Tree Steward Graduates! Join us for a gathering at the Goldhorn Brewery to honor all of our recent and past graduates of the program. We will talk all things trees and what events and projects we have scheduled for 2018. We will have a list of our upcoming tree steward training schedule so you can pass along to others who might be interested. Parking: Parking is available onsite and across the street from Goldhorn Brewery. Additional: Light appetizers will be provided and beverages will be available for purchase. ***This event is open to graduates of the Tree Steward Program only.*** [Register Here](#)

Learn More About our Watershed Partner Organizations

Euclid Beach Adopt-a-Beach Team Beach Cleanups, Cleveland - [More info. here.](#)

Sims Park Adopt-a-Beach Team Beach Cleanups, Euclid - [More info. here.](#)

Bluestone Heights, Euclid Creek and surrounding watersheds - [information here.](#)

Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Richmond Heights - [information and events here.](#)

Highland Heights Green Task Force - [meetings and information here.](#)

Watershed Volunteer Program (WVP) - Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Stewardship Center, Parma - Learn how to become a Certified Watershed Steward or about watershed opportunities throughout the region, [click here.](#) To see upcoming [WVP events and programs, click here.](#)

Composting Seminars & Bin Sales offered by Cuyahoga Solid Waste District (SWD) - [information here.](#)

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