

Wolf Creek

Stream Team

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Upcoming Workshops

The busy spring season looms around the corner...I hope your calendars still have some room for opportunities to expand your horizons.

March 1st Macroinvertebrate Identification Workshop
Montgomery SWCD Office

March 22nd Stream Quality Monitoring Workshop
Montgomery SWCD Office

April 1st EPA Headwater Stream Workshop
Germantown Metropark Nature Center
Contact for info: Susan Willeke (614) 644-2160
<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/wqs/headwaters/index.html>

April 26th Five Rivers Metroparks Annual River Cleanup

*Let me know soon
if you can make this one!*

Keep me posted about which ones you're interested in, so we can plan accordingly. FYI, some of our group might be planning to attend the EPA workshop on April 1st: Larry Bell, Patricia Brechlin, Felicia Graham, and Judy Royer. Hope you can all get together and carpool... it's the environmentally ethical thing to do!

Wolf Creek Stream Team Web Page

Heads up all you web surfers! Check out our very own web page, thanks to Larry Bell. I've linked it to the Montgomery SWCD Web site at www.montgomeryswcd.org. From the home page, just click on "Wolf Creek Watershed Project" in the left margin. There are some very nice graphics, and Larry has given me editorial license (look out!), so visit often to see it evolve as we adventure into spring.

Brookville Water Treatment Plant Tour

It was a cold and stormy day in December, but we braved the elements to get educated about how the City of Brookville cleans its wastewater before discharging it to our beloved Wolf Creek. Nancy Bain, Margaret Flinn, Deb Hull and I had plenty of questions along the way, which city staff members addressed thoroughly. The technology of this place is amazing, not to mention the stuff people flush down their toilets and drains... Plant manager Ron Brandt is open to the possibility of doing another tour some Saturday so more of our group will be able to attend. Let me know if you'd like to do this, and if I hear from enough of you all, I'll make some arrangements and see what we can work out.

Grant Monies in Our Kitty!

As they say, "The check's in the mail", but I don't think Wal-Mart would yank the proverbial chain. Thanks to Larry Bell, \$500 is in the pipeline from company headquarters in Arkansas. We should see it by early March at the latest. This brings our total to \$600, with what the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation gave us last year for doing some monitoring and publicizing the results. This should be enough money to purchase a kit similar to the one we have, so that there won't be any traffic jams when our monitoring program cranks up in a couple of months.

Wright State University Students to Assist?

I received a call this week from one Dr. Abinash Agrawal who has some pretty ambitious ideas about having his students do stream monitoring over a long period of time in Wolf Creek and other locations. They would like to test for lots of chemicals that aren't currently part of our program. I see lots of potential here, and we're planning to meet for discussion on February 14th. Assuming we can work out some mutually beneficial arrangement, you'll be hearing a lot more about this in the near future.

Watershed Signs

As some of you may already be aware, Montgomery SWCD has in its possession some fifty road-type signs that say 'Entering Wolf Creek Watershed', along with some pretty cool graphics. It's a public education tool. The challenge is getting permission to install them in the road right-of-way, depending on what jurisdiction we're talking about. We're working on that...but at some point, we'd like our little group here to be involved in the actual installation of some of them, once we get some of those pesky little details about getting permission taken care of. Just a heads up for this season. Anyone who knows influential people in city councils, township trustees, engineering departments, etc., see what you can do. Of course this pertains to political subdivisions in the Wolf Creek Basin: Englewood, Trotwood, Clayton, Brookville, Dayton, Perry, and Clay Townships.

Once again, please contact me to RSVP regarding our planned macroinvertebrate identification workshop on March 1st.

Be Well, Do Good Work, and Keep in Touch

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