



## **"Occasional" Newsletter ☺ (The Quickie Version!)**

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#### **2004 Monitoring Season Completed**

After about 18 Months of initial workshops and training, we have completed our first full season of collecting monitoring data. Thank you to everyone who made this a success! Altogether, 10 volunteers conducted 22 monitoring sessions (out of a possible 28) at 4 sites. Additionally, I worked with interns from the City of Dayton to monitor the site at Adventure Central six times. If we include some 'part time' volunteers, there were 14 people who donated 203 hours this year to keeping a watch on Wolf Creek and its watershed. Well done good and faithful servants! You are all shining examples of excellent citizen stewardship and civic involvement.

#### **Our Networking Potential Expands with Formation of a New Partnership**

Some of you have heard parts of this story already. You'll hear more about it at the volunteer meeting, but I'll give a little preview here. As a result of citizen concerns after Wolf Creek Flooding last May, they have formed a partnership with **all** the local governments in the Watershed to begin looking at some ways to reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality. Success in this long-term initiative would result in more environmentally sensitive construction ordinances, less flooding and erosion, and restored aquatic habitats. (Right up our alley, ain't it?). We have met with the Army Corps of Engineers to begin planning for a federally-funded, watershed-wide study. The results of this study would give us useful, detailed data about our watershed's problems and potential solutions to solve them. You'll be hearing more about this every time we meet.

#### **Stormwater Outfall Mapping**

Our office assisted with a project organized by the Miami Conservancy District and the University of Dayton last Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>. 53 students walked 8 sections of Wolf Creek's stream channel, using Global Positioning System units to mark the exact locations of every stormwater outfall. It was a first-time experience for most of us, and we learned a lot. This will likely be an ongoing project, as we assist communities to comply with their stormwater management plans.

#### **Tell Me What Dates Work For You**

It's time to get together and celebrate our experiences of the 2004 season ☺. I plan to have summary graphs of all our data from each site, and a brief introduction to the new monitoring equipment. We can discuss areas that need improvement for 2005. How about Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>? Please let me know....Remember, the food is free and the company is good!

*Be Well, Do Good Work, and Keep in Touch  
Love from Your Fearless Motivator, Caroline*