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Storm Drain Stenciling

Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership would like to thank the Lott Industries Environmental club and the City of Oregon for stenciling storm drains in our watershed this past fall.



On September 10th workers from the City of Oregon along with volunteers from Lott

Industries labeled 60 storm drains in the area of Whittlesey and Eastmoreland. Along with labeling the drains, door hangers were distributed to all the houses explaining the harms of putting anything down the road side drain. This education will help keep pollutants out of Duck and Otter Creeks! Please contact Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership at 419-530-8366 if you would like to volunteer labeling storm drains in your area.

Conservation Easements

Do you have a piece of natural land that you would like to protect into the future? If so, you might consider placing a conservation easement on your piece of property.

A conservation easement is a legal document which restricts the amount of development that can occur on a piece of property, in return protecting and preserving the natural state of your land. This voluntary document stays with the land after a sale, ensuring the protection of the habitat long into the future. Conservation easements have no size limits, as even 2 acre wetlands are valuable for migratory bird breeding habitat. They can also be placed on a portion of your property, leaving the remaining portion unrestricted for development. Every conservation easement is unique, depending on your situation. To learn more about conservation easements, please contact the Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership at 419-530-8366 or at dopartnership@yahoo.com.

Clean Your Streams

The 13th annual Clean Your Streams event took place on September 12th, 2009. There were 63 volunteers that came to the Oregon Municipal building.



Throughout the day 1600 pounds of garbage was removed from 5 sites, 3 of which were located on Otter Creek. Some of the items removed were shopping carts, a TV, bumpers, fuel tanks and 48 tires! Throughout Northwest Ohio, there were 635 volunteers that participated in the Clean Your Streams event.

To learn more about this year's event please go to <http://www.partnersforcleanstreams.org/CYS.html>

Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership would like to thank Partners for Clean Streams, the City of Oregon, and all the volunteers that helped during this event and are truly making a difference towards the improvement of these two creeks



Calendar

The Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership holds board meetings every other month on the third Thursday at 2:00 p.m.. Below are the next meeting dates. Please call ahead, or go to our website, to verify location:

Jan. 21st, 2010 March 18th, May 20th, July 15th

*Please send an e-mail to dopartnership@yahoo.com if you would like to receive future meeting agendas, meeting minutes and other Partnership updates.



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The Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership promotes human and ecological health through education, protection and restoration of these watersheds with diverse collaborative efforts dedicated to building community stewardship

Pervious Concrete...our answers to your questions

What is pervious concrete? Pervious concrete is made with the same materials as conventional concrete, however sand is eliminated, allowing water to percolate through.

Where do I place a pervious concrete? Pervious concrete can be placed anywhere conventional concrete is used, including: parking lots, pathways, sidewalks, and streets.

What are the benefits of pervious concrete? When rain hits pervious concrete, the water penetrates through the concrete and seeps back into the ground, helping to recharge our groundwater and reduce the amount of pollutants entering our waterways.

What are other benefits to pervious concrete:

- It reduces stormwater runoff. Pervious concrete can take in water at a rate of 3 to 5 gallons per minute per square foot.
- The lighter color and open-cell structure of pervious concrete absorbs less heat and lowers heat island effects in urban areas.
- It channels more water to tree roots and landscaping, allowing them to be planted closer to concrete areas.



Pervious concrete path at Lutheran Homes

Become Involved!! Please help support the Partnership and our valuable cause by becoming a member with a tax-deductible contribution. (Please check one)

Individual/Family: ___\$15 ___\$25 ___\$35 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___Other

Corporate: ___\$100 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$750 ___\$1,000 ___Other

*With a contribution in any amount you will receive quarterly e-newsletters and invitations to special events and volunteer opportunities

*Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in our bi-monthly meetings. To vote on official actions, a minimum donation of \$50 per individual/family or \$500 per corporation is needed.

Name _____

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Send us this membership form with your check made out to:

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