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FUNDS AWARDED TO RESTORE NATURAL FLOW TO 1,800 LINEAR FT. OF STREAM BRANDYWINE CREEK WATERSHED

TCWP will work with The City of Hudson, Hull & Associates, and Mark Haynes Construction to restore a tributary of Brandywine Creek

Hudson, OH, March 20, 2021 - Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP) has been awarded a \$185,194 Great Lakes Restoration grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The funds will be used to reconnect the stream to the on-site floodplains and improve the riparian corridor with enhanced natural habitats and stream stability improvements without diminishing the flow of the stream.

The Brandywine Creek Watershed is comprised of 9 communities, drains 27 square miles of land, and is approximately 11 miles long. It is a tributary to the Cuyahoga River. Unknown toxicity, nutrients, organic enrichment/DO, flow alteration, direct habitat alterations, and total dissolved solids are considered the main water quality issues facing Brandywine Creek. The section of stream has become entrenched and disconnected from the natural floodplain which contributes to excess nutrient and sediment loading. This project will address nutrient and sediment loading and habitat alterations.

Tinker's Creek Senior Project Manager, Kate Chapel, explains: "This will be TCWP's first stream restoration project in the Brandywine Creek watershed. We began serving this additional watershed a couple years ago, and it's great to see the planning efforts pay off in this project. We are excited about the opportunity to put this project on the ground with great partners and stakeholders. The City of Hudson is the property owner and has generously provided match dollars. Through a competitive process, we selected Hull & Associates and Mark Haynes Construction as our design/build team."

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners is a non-profit 501(c)(3) watershed organization officially established in 2006. Our mission is to protect and restore water quality and habitat of the Tinker's Creek watershed through community partnerships.

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