

## EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

*Be a CHAMPION for the Euclid Creek Watershed!*

*Earn a SIGN for your Yard to show your support!*

**Adopt 3 or more of these ACTIONS in Your Yard and 1 or more Actions in Your Community to PROTECT Euclid Creek.**

**Circle or Highlight Your Completed Actions Below:**

**Choose at least three actions you will take in *your yard* to protect Euclid Creek**

- SHRINK your lawn by using native plants, shrubs and trees instead
- REMOVE non-native, invasive shrubs and plants
- REPLACE NON-NATIVES SHRUBS and flowers with native plants to provide food and habitat for wildlife
- LEAVE your leaves: compost, mulch, or use the leaves in garden beds
- SAVE WATER by not watering your lawn
- REDUCE POLLUTION by mowing with non-gasoline powered tools
- KEEP OUT CHEMICALS - Wash your car on the lawn or at the car wash
- KEEP OUT NUTRIENTS - Only fertilize after a soil test- and use organic fertilizers when you must
- KEEP OUT PESTICIDES - Spot treat with pesticides only when a problem is found. Even better use boiling water or natural solutions instead!
- REMOVE PAVEMENT and replace it with permeable pavement or a planted area
- BUILD A RAIN GARDEN (Check with your community to ensure that a rain garden is allowed at your residence first)
- INSTALL A RAIN BARREL (Check with your community to determine if permits are needed)

**Do you live along the Creek? Choose at least one action you will take in your yard in addition to or instead of one of the three actions above.**

- LEAVE A 25 FOOT BUFFER of long rooted plants along your stream (don't mow to the edge of the creek)
- ADD PLANTS to the edge of creek and bare banks with native groundcovers, shrubs, trees, and flowers
- KEEP CLIPPINGS OUT of the stream- never dump grass or leaves in Euclid Creek
- I don't live directly by the Creek

**Please fill in both sides and Return to the Euclid Creek Watershed Program Manager,**

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Choose at least one action you will take in **your community** to help Euclid Creek.

- BECOME A MEMBER of Friends of Euclid Creek.  
(<https://www.euclidcreekwatershed.org/euclid-creek/support-us>)
- JOIN OR LEAD a Friends of Euclid Creek Committee
- TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS what you are doing for Euclid Creek
- DISPLAY your Friends of Euclid Creek CHAMPION SIGN proudly
- TELL YOUR CITY or TOWNSHIP HALL what you are doing as a CHAMPION
- LOBBY your Home Owners Association to use better practices
- VOLUNTEER at Euclid Creek Watershed stream clean-ups
- VOLUNTEER to help maintain public rain gardens in Euclid Creek Watershed communities

Would you Like to Receive the Euclid Creek Watershed Newsletter?

- Yes
- No

If so which format?

- Email
- Hard Copy

**Please provide your email address and mailing address so we can send you your yard sign!**

**And sign you up for our newsletter if you checked that box!**

Name:

Email:

Address: