

Euclid Creek Watershed Summit Notes

November 9, 2017, Lyndhurst Community Center

Attendees:

Kenyette Adrine-Robinson, FOEC member, Euclid resident
Candace Anchor, Cleveland Heights resident
Virginia Aveni, FOEC member, Lyndhurst resident
Ellen Brown-Armstrong, CSWCD, Brecksville resident
David Brown, Pepper Pike resident
Kelly Butauski, FOEC member, Euclid resident
Christi Carlson, FOEC member, Richmond Heights resident
Chris Cheraso, Cleveland Metroparks
Judy Dearden, PIPE Committee, Highland Heights resident & Highland Heights Green Task Force
Mary K. Evans, FOEC & ECVMP* Monitor, South Euclid resident
Jeff Filarski, ECWC/ECTC Lyndhurst representative, City of Lyndhurst Engineer
Dennis Fiorelli, PIPE Committee, Councilman, South Euclid
Tony Fioritto, ECWC Lyndhurst representative, City of Lyndhurst Service Director
Brian Gilbert, FOEC Board, Cleveland resident
Bob Gorentz, ECWC Highland Heights representative, City of Highland Hts. Assistant Service Director
Anne Hammond, Solon resident
Jennifer Heard, ECWC City representative, Cleveland Water Pollution Control
Patrick Henry, FOEC Board, Euclid resident
Max Herzog, Cleveland Water Alliance
E. Dale Inkley, FOEC member, Lyndhurst resident
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, ECWC, City of Euclid
Paul Kovalcik, NEORSD, Euclid resident
Dan Knecht, ECWC City representative, City of Euclid Service Director
Anna Kozlenko, FOEC Board member, City of South Euclid resident
Deb Kramarz, FOEC member and Euclid resident
Ken Messinger Rapport, FOEC Board President, Highland Heights resident
Roy Larick, Bluestone Heights, Euclid resident
Joe Newman, PIPE Committee, Mayfield Heights resident
Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, CSWCD*
Lou Rifici, ECVMP Manager, Tri-C East
Pat Rodgers, Euclid resident
Aire Roche, Richmond Heights resident
David Roche, ECWC, Mayor, City of Richmond Heights
Michael Rowan, ECVMP Advisory Committee, Tri-C East
Jan Rybka, District Administrator, CSWCD
Charles Sawyer, Lyndhurst resident & working on Euclid Creek Stream Naming Initiative
Howard Simon, Lyndhurst resident
Diane Snider, ECWC City representative, City of Mayfield Heights Councilwoman
Jenise Snyder, ECVMP Advisory Committee, Ursuline College
Sue Swisher, FOEC Board, South Euclid resident
Chris Vild, FOEC Board Vice President, ECWC Chair, City of Beachwood Environmental Manager
Mayor Pat Ward, ECWC, City of Lyndhurst
Chuck Zibbel, ECWC & ECTC, Highland Heights Storm Water Manager
Rachid Zoghaib, ECWC Committee, Commissioner, Cleveland Water Pollution
***CSWCD** - Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District
ECVMP - Euclid Creek Volunteer Monitoring Program Committee
ECWC - Euclid Creek Watershed Council
FOEC - Friends of Euclid Creek
PIPE - Public Involvement Public Education Committee

Watershed Summit Notes:

The 3rd annual Watershed Summit on November 9 was a great success with over 40 partners attending to hear about how the Watershed is doing in 2017. This year's focus was on 2017

accomplishments of the program partners, to see the agenda, presentation and program handouts: [click here](#) click and scroll to the Watershed Council meeting date.

The purpose of the Summit is to gather all watershed residents, Watershed Council and Committee members, Friends of Euclid Creek members, and partner agency representatives in one room to meet and greet and to learn more about how each facet of the program works to create the whole Watershed Program. For years each committee had been meeting separately until the first combined Watershed Summit was held in 2015.

Lyndhurst's Mayor Ward welcomed the group to the City of Lyndhurst and talked about the value the City places in the Euclid Creek Watershed program. Chris Vild, Euclid Creek Watershed Council (ECWC) Chair representing Beachwood, presented on the Euclid Creek Watershed Program overview and how all of the partners and committees work together. He also discussed program funding. Next, Ken Messinger-Rapport, Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC) President, discussed the all-volunteer groups' highlights. He highlighted the Day in the Life of Euclid Creek event in July and a new watershed collaboration with Chagrin River Watershed Partners, where FOEC is getting administrative services from CRWP. Brian Gilbert, Chair of the FOEC Conservation Committee, then gave an update on the development of the Dusty Goldenrod Management Plan by the Davey Resource Group.

Max Herzog, the keynote speaker from Cleveland Water Alliance, discussed Erie Hack, an initiative new to the region and the great lakes in 2017. The Erie Hack is a data and engineering competition that unites coders, developers, engineers, and water experts to generate enduring solutions to Lake Erie's biggest challenges. The competition included \$100,000 in prizes for the most creative and effective hacks. Working from challenge statements derived from ideation sessions with NASA representatives and regional stakeholders, teams were charged with creating innovative digital tools, hardware innovations, and engineering solutions that build "the Blue Economy": the emergent economic sector dedicated to the sustainable stewardship of bodies of freshwater around the globe. The Erie Hack provided regional high school students, college students, and professionals the opportunity to combine their own expertise with solid mentoring to create technologies with the potential to invigorate Lake Erie's environment and economy.

Lastly, Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator with Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District discussed the annual education and watershed program highlights. From watershed projects, grant-funded projects, workshops and site visits it was another busy year for everyone involved in the program.

For the second year, an award was presented on behalf of the Euclid Creek Watershed Program partners to recognize a program partner who has contributed much time and energy to the Euclid Creek Watershed Council for the past 11 years. Mayor David Roche was presented the certificate for his leadership in shepherding watershed projects in Richmond Heights, ranging from rain gardens to a largescale green infrastructure at Greenwood Farm, to supporting land protection on ecologically sensitive ravines, to restoring streamside habitat, to planting trees in support of our urban tree canopy, to his leadership role on the Euclid Creek Watershed Council serving as Vice Chair for four years and as Chair for two years. We cannot thank Mayor Roche enough for his leadership role in the program.

We look forward to getting you involved in the program in 2018 and look forward to getting everyone together again next fall. To see photos from the summit, [click here](#).

Notes compiled by Claire Posius, Watershed Coordinator