BE A FRIEND TO THE CREEK

Household Stewardship

Commit yourself to responsible living by reducing your use of fertilizers, pesticides, and toxic cleaners. Consider planting a rain garden or installing a rain barrel; and please clean up after your pets.

Be the Eyes and Ears of the Creek

Take time to enjoy the splendor of the remaining green areas in the midst of our cities. Share with friends your experience of the natural beauty in every season in the watershed. If you see something amiss, report it to a park supervisor or a city service department.

Water Quality Monitoring

Citizen volunteers visit the Creek monthly to sample the quality of the water at five sites along Euclid Creek. This data helps us to understand water quality trends and potential problems as they emerge. We provide volunteer training.

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to help with community events, cleanups, plantings, and the like.

Join Friends of Euclid Creek

Attend a program. Provide input on projects and programs by serving on our Board or on one of our committees: Conservation, Education, Finance, Marketing, and Membership.



CONTACT US

If you are interested in learning more, please send us your name, address, phone number, and email.

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Today we are relearning the wisdom of nature and working to incorporate that knowledge into sustainable living.

Lake Erie and the Euclid Creek need advocates who will educate themselves about responsible environmental stewardship and speak out for healthy urban living.



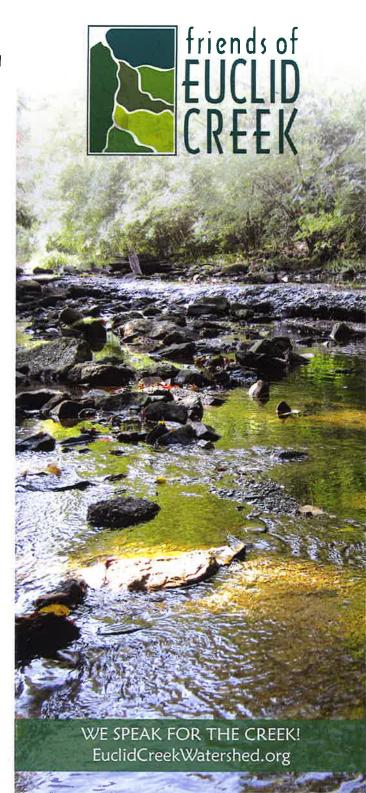


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Mayfield Heights • Richmond Heights • South Euclid

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WE SPEAK FOR THE CREEK!

The Friends of Euclid Creek is a community-based non-profit 501(c)(3) watershed stewardship group.

Our mission is to raise awareness about and preserve the natural features of the Euclid Creek watershed.

We work to protect and restore the creek by helping people who live and work in the watershed become stewards of the land and water. We educate the community about the benefits of restoring, preserving, and protecting Euclid Creek.

We offer educational activities, tours, cleanups, native plantings, and events celebrating the watershed. Our volunteers also conduct water quality monitoring. We invite you to participate.

LAKE ERIE STARTS HERE

Wherever you stand, you are in a watershed. Drop by drop, rain falls upon the ridges and contours of the land, draining into a stream, river or lake. The Euclid Creek watershed collects stormwater from a 24-square-mile swath of land as it passes through 12 communities: Beachwood, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Pepper Pike, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights, Willoughby Hills, Richmond Heights, Cleveland, and Euclid. Euclid Creek drains directly into Lake Erie, our source of drinking water.

The creek is our neighbor, flowing through meadows, golf courses, parks, and back yards; it also flows underneath us—below our malls, residences, streets, and schools, channeled underground. Over the past 150 years, as our region has urbanized, we have buried more than one-third of the Euclid Creek stream system below ground.

CLEAN CREEK CLEAN LAKE

Today rain often runs off in torrents from paved areas (impervious surfaces), picking up pollutants along the way. Anything lying on the land of the watershed can be carried into the creek. Stormwater can carry motor oil, pet waste, yard clippings, and plastic debris into Euclid Creek and downstream into Lake Erie.

Our every day decisions to use toxic chemicals on our yards and in our homes directly impact water quality. This can cause harmful algal blooms and low fish populations. More severe storms due to climate change result in flooding, loss of habitat, streambank erosion, and sewage overflows, all of which negatively impact aquatic species from fish to macroinvertebrates (bugs).

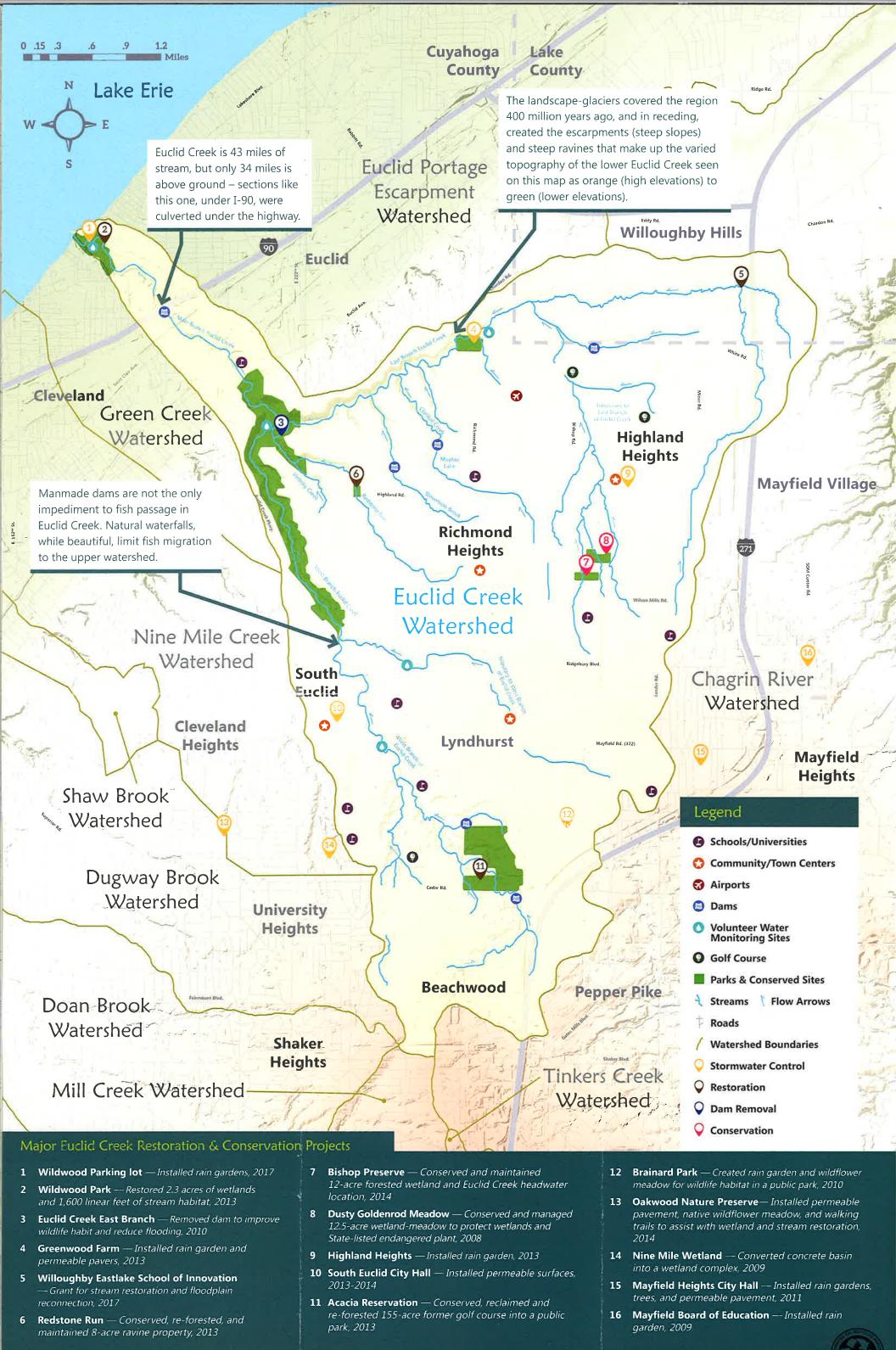












To learn more about these and other watershed restoration projects go to EuclidCreekWatershed.org