



# SWMD News



## January 2024

Happy New Year!

We at Summit SWCD are gearing up for a great year of Outreach with your communities! Our 2024 Stormwater Theme is Backyard Conservation, with the tag line, "It's Not Hard to Have a Healthy Yard!"

Consider inviting us to one of your community events, or have us talk at scout, library, school, church programs or meetings. We have seed packets, coloring books, and more for giveaways.

Summit SWCD still have beautiful 2024 calendars available. Let us know how we can get them to you!

A reminder that the SWMD Grant application is live on our website. Please spread the word about this wonderful opportunity! More information can be found on our website:

<https://sswcd.summitoh.net/node/84>

Have you considered recycling your holiday tree at one of our Summit Metro Parks.

<https://bit.ly/3NR5qfJ>.

You can drop off until Jan.31. The trees are mulched and the mulch is used to maintain trails in the park.

Natalie Schroder, Outreach Coordinator

### NEW YEAR, NEW LAWN ATTITUDE

Consider dormant seeding your lawn. This seeding method can be quite successful as the freeze and thaw cycles of winter pull seeds into the soil, increasing spring germination. Be a responsible dog owner and scoop the poop. Pet waste pathogens, like e-coli, end up in rivers and streams even during a January thaw.

Did You Know? When the ground does not freeze completely, grass continues to grow: even under a blanket of snow.



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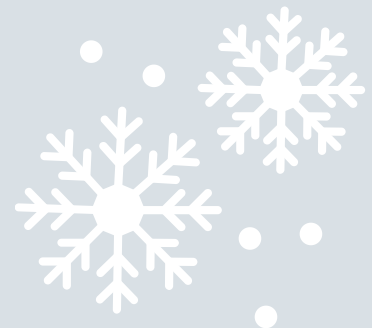
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## Quarter 1 Projects Update

The SWMD has initiated 15 storm water quality improvement projects around the county. These include watershed studies of Yellow Creek, Copley Meadows/Copley Ditch/Black Pond Outlet, Springfield Lake, the Cuyahoga River and the Tuscarawas River. We are also conducting studies of specific problem areas including the Dorwick/Marwyck area (Northfield Center Twp.), Springfield Lake, the Penguin area (Coventry Twp.), the Pond Brook area (Reminderville), the Marwell/Darrow area (Twinsburg Twp.), the Chaffee area (Sagamore Hills Twp.), and the Stubbins Road outlet (Richfield Twp.). In addition, we are proceeding with three construction projects in Bath Twp., which were initiated by the SWMD-Bath subdistrict formed four years ago. Wye Road Drainage Improvement Phase 1 is under construction, Wye Road Phase 2 is at the 75% stage of plan preparation, and Idle Brook Bankfull Wetland project has criteria engineering preliminary plans ready for bidding as a design-build project. We hope to secure H2Ohio Funding for the Idle Brook project, and we continue to look for outside funding in order to stretch the SWMD dollars to cover as many projects as possible.

~David Koontz, Summit County Engineers Office





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## Stormwater Technician News



The concept behind the Minimum Control Measure, MCM 6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping portion of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, MS4, permit has altruistic goals of municipal maintenance facilities acting as community leaders towards pollution prevention and reduction. Even though government organizations are the source of implementation and enforcement of regulations, they dislike the constraints placed on them just as much as residents and businesses. New regulations, paperwork, and inspections are rarely thought of as a source of joy. With that understanding, we at Summit SWCD hope to make implementation of quarterly MCM 6 inspections as seamless to your work schedule as possible.

Our first request is a copy of your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, SWP3 (or SWPPP). SWP3 is the required document to detail all regulated site activities, and potential sources of pollution that affect the quality of stormwater. A SWP3 is needed for sites such as vehicle maintenance facilities, composting facilities, bus terminals, impoundment lots, and waste transfer stations. If your community does not already have a SWP3 written, our office can provide a comprehensive template and assistance with any questions or concerns filling out the document. Our Stormwater Specialist, Sasha Mikheidze, will be completing and/or updating facility site maps for each community indicating drainage, buildings, areas of concern such as salt storage and other pertinent information.

For the first inspection, one of Summit SWCD inspectors will meet with a representative from your community to discuss the inspection process and what will be required during future inspections. Prior to the inspection, an inspector checklist/form will be emailed to each community.

We at Summit SWCD look forward to working with you and building a stronger partnership with your community. Our role as a SWCD is to help you be compliant with EPA regulations. We understand these regulations can be complex. Please reach out to us to help assist you with the process.

~Diane Kavalchek, Stormwater Inspector