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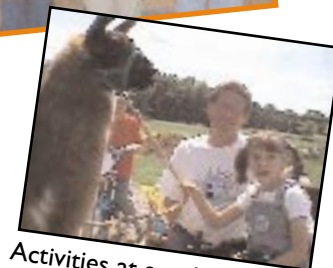
OUR MISSION

To restore the Huff Run watershed by improving water quality and enhancing wildlife habitat, through community support and involvement.

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc. meetings are typically held the third Tuesday of each month at the Huff Run Office (former Mineral City Village Hall) at 5:30 pm. Please join us!

www.huffrun.org

We're Celebrating Our 10th Anniversary



Activities at an old fun day.



Tree Planting at Farr in 2004.



"So much accomplished in only 10 years! Without the determination of local citizens and the dedication of all the wonderful partners, we would never be where we are at this time!"

Cheryl Socotch - ODNR Hydrologist, involved since 1996

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"Preserving the Past, Healing the Scars, Protecting the Future"

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership *Celebrates* its 10 year Anniversary!



Ed Taggart



Bo Hysong



Judy Rufener



Linda Ross

Our Present Officers

I have only been a member of Huff Run for four months; however, in those few months I have learned so much about Huff Run's mission. Henry David Thoreau once said, "Don't worry if you have built castles in the air. They are where they should be. Now put the foundations under them," which simply means, that it is okay to dream and have a vision for success, but it is also important to have support for your ideas and to create a strategy to reach your goals. Aim high and remember that your fundamentals of approach will position your dreams for the future. I see this happening for Huff Run Partnership...they've dreamed, they have a vision and they are going for the brass ring! I am so glad to be a member of this organization.

Belle Everett, member since 2006

"When I started with the Huff Run Watershed Project in 2000, it seemed as progress would be a long time coming. There were so many huge projects to complete. It is so refreshing to see how much work has been done, how dedicated the people are and what a difference is really being made in the stream and area. Everyone is doing a great job and should be commended. You have come a long way."

Kimberly Arbaugh

- Former Watershed Coordinator, 2000-2003

"The restoration work we do in the watershed directly affects water quality. I've seen fish come back to the stream in the short time I've been with the group. I can't imagine a more rewarding job in this field."

Maureen Wise

- Current Watershed Coordinator, 2003-present



The First Officers

"It's fun being involved in something helping our community and the environment."
Brian Plauger, member since 2004

"I am a blue collar worker for this group. I do the physical work: make popcorn at the Fun Day, help on the field trips. There's been improvement in the land and streams in the watershed and that's what I like to see."
Jim Toms, member since 2003



Our Officers In 2000



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A COLLABORATION OF PEOPLE
WITH CONCERNS FOR HUFF RUN

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Water Marks is a free publication. It is distributed throughout the Carroll and Tuscarawas County area. The purpose of the publication is to provide vital information and to help educate citizens so that they can take an active role in protecting and restoring the Huff Run Watershed.

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Submissions of articles, artwork and photos are welcome. Editorial contributions from our readers sharing knowledge, experiences and/or opinions are invited. However, Water Marks cannot assume any responsibility for statements and opinions expressed by contributors. All materials in Water Marks have been prepared by the Watershed Coordinator unless otherwise attributed.

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In Memoriam

Marlene A. Harsha, founding member of the HRWRP, passed away on March 27, 2006 after an extended illness. Marlene held the treasurer and acting secretary positions for the Partnership for many years. In addition to these roles, she was active at almost all Huff Run events and volunteered to sit on many committees. Marlene often said that her reason for being part of the Huff Run group was to bring back wildlife into the watershed. Her dream will

begin to come to fruition this summer in a restoration project to take place on the property she owned with her husband, Carl. The Harsha North Project will clean up one of Huff Run's worst polluting sites, helping it to become a thriving habitat for many native animals. In March, a small contingent of HRWRP members presented Marlene with a plaque celebrating her commitment to Huff Run. Marlene's passion and enthusiasm will be missed but carried on in the hearts of us all.



*Thank
You!*

*Thank you to the
Sandyville Women's*

*Club for donating three folding tables to the
HRWRP to use for our meetings! We also had
many monetary donations from HRWRP members
to pay for our new folding chairs.*

Clean Sweep

For the second year in a row, the HRWRP partnered with the Sandy Township Trustees to mobilize volunteers to clean up township roads in the watershed. This year, ten people from Huff Run turned out to pick up litter and trash along Mineral-Zoar and Bailey Roads. Michelle Plauger was there and stated, "It's nice to see so many new faces helping out with the clean up. I can't believe



the amount of trash we picked up." In fact, Huff Run volunteers picked up over 40 bags of trash and recyclables. A total of two roll off containers were filled from the entire township.

Environmental Explorers Club

By Terri Sponaugle-Schrock



This spring the Environmental Explorers have been busy exploring the world around them. So far the Explorers have learned about land uses, pollution, recycling, butterflies, wetlands, acid mine drainage, and much more. With summer quickly approaching we are planning a lot of fun outdoor activities. Environmental Explorers Club meets the third Saturday of each month at the Village of Mineral City Nicole Donant Library. Anyone ages 6-12 can participate in the Explorers club. If you are interested, call the Huff Run office for more information.



Awareness Days 2006

By: Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

This year we had three Awareness Days with a total of 350 students visiting the Huff Run Watershed. The students ranged from 5th to 12th graders from Sandy Valley High School, and Bell-Herron and Tusky Valley Middle Schools. The hands-on activities presented at the Awareness Day included fish shocking, macroinvertebrate seining, water chemistry, and a site tour of our Lyon's project. It was a fun and valuable experience for all who attended! I would like to extend a special thank you to all the demonstrators and volunteers that made the days possible.



Plantings Complete



The Lyons Restoration Project (Phase I) was completed this past December. In late March and early April, ODNR/ Division of Abandoned Mine Lands planted 30,750 trees on the project site.

Also, a mix of Pheasants Forever grasses and wildflower seeds were planted on five acres of the site in May. Previously, the Lyons site was a wasteland of abandoned coal refuse dotted with acidic ponds that could not support life. This wildlife restoration planting aspect of the Lyons project was made possible by ODNR and a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Introduction to Growing Ginseng in Ohio Workshop

When: Saturday July 15th from 10am-12pm

Where: Brandywine Center on the Norma Johnson Property, Dover

Price:

\$5 for Huff Run and
Rural Action members
\$10 for non-members

RSVP: Space is limited
registration is required.
Contact Terri:
330-859-1050





STAFF News

Welcome, Michelle!

Michelle Shively has recently joined the Huff Run team as an AmeriCorps* VISTA. She will take over education and outreach programming for the HRWRP including Awareness Days, classroom presentations, Environmental Explorer Club meetings, as well as help with water sampling and event planning. Shively, originally from Kettering, has recently graduated from Ohio University with a major in Environmental Geography and a minor in Biology. She has experience working with acid mine drainage projects and planning through her work at the Institute for Local Government Administration and Rural Development. Michelle's VISTA term will start in July 2006.



Goodbye

By: Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

July 15th I will be saying goodbye to a great organization, village, staff, and volunteers. As an AmeriCorps VISTA with Huff Run I didn't just gain career experience, I gained life experience. I am very proud to be apart of Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership and Rural Action. Goodbye, all!

Mark Your Calendar!



Third Annual
Huff Run 5K
and Fun Walk
August 20, 5pm

Huff Run Fun Day
In conjunction with
Mineral City
Village Council's
Party in the Park



August 20, 1pm-8pm

Photo Contest

Entries due July 28
Winners
announced
at the Fun Day



Ginseng Workshop

July 15
Norma Johnson Center

Members Receive Window Decals

Yes! I want to become a *member* of the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership! Enclosed is my yearly membership dues of

- ☐ \$5 Individual ☐ \$10 Family
☐ \$25 Non-profit ☐ \$50 Business

Please put me on your contact list:

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City/State _____

I understand that I will be contacted about the next meeting.

Make checks payable to HRWRP and send to:

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Donors Receive Huff Run Paper Tablets

Yes! I want to *contribute* to the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership! Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of

- ☐ \$25 Partner ☐ \$50 Affiliate
☐ \$100 Supporter ☐ Other _____

Please put me on your contact list:

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And More On Our 10th Anniversary



Fall Tour 2005



First Huff Run Awareness Day

"Since the very first meeting, the involvement of the community in Huff Run has been the key to all the many accomplishments. Without the HRWRP, and all the efforts of multiple partners, all the millions put into the watershed by the government, and the resulting improvements to the stream, would not have been possible. Congratulations on 10 great years!"

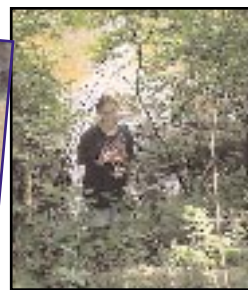
Sandy Chenal - Crossroads
RC&D Coordinator,
involved since 1996

"When ODNR suggested that local citizens could take control of such a vast restoration project, it seemed a huge leap of faith. To the best of my knowledge nothing even remotely similar has been attempted in this area of the country. Yet citizens stepped forward, providing an abundance of trust and hard work. They knew from the start that it would be a long-term effort and indeed it endures the passing of some original members. In retrospect their commitment is nothing short of heroic."

Jim Gue - ODNR
Project Officer, involved
since 1996



Mount Union College
helps with macroinvertebrate
collection.



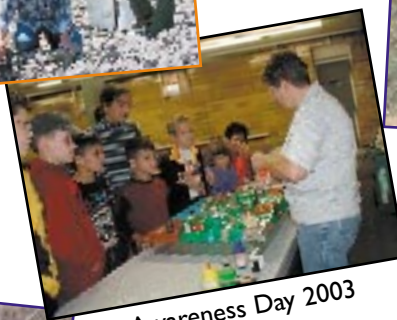
Intern Leah Graham
at the HR42
project site



HRWRP officers pose under sign
at the First Huff Run Fun Day.



HRWRP along with many partners are
presented our first planning grant.



Awareness Day 2003



Todd & Ilona
take GPS points



Ohio EPA helps collect fish



"I'm part of the HRWRP because I want to see the quality of the water cleaned up. I've seen a project work to control erosion behind my house. The ditches don't fill up with silt anymore. The conservation is amazing."

Merv Burton, member since 1998