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An “Ecosystem Approach”

- Humans are an integral component of ecosystems.
- Integrated & Adaptive Management
- Application of appropriate scientific methodologies to inform decision makers

What does this mean for Cleveland
Metroparks?

More effective & efficient management and
enhancement of our Park District’s resources

Watershed Stewardship Center

Mission

- To enhance and protect the health of our urban watersheds.

Vision

- To be the regional center of excellence for ecological management of urban watersheds.

Goals

- Research / Study
- Application / Implementation
- Community Participation / Stewardship

Core Message

- A healthy watershed supports a healthy community

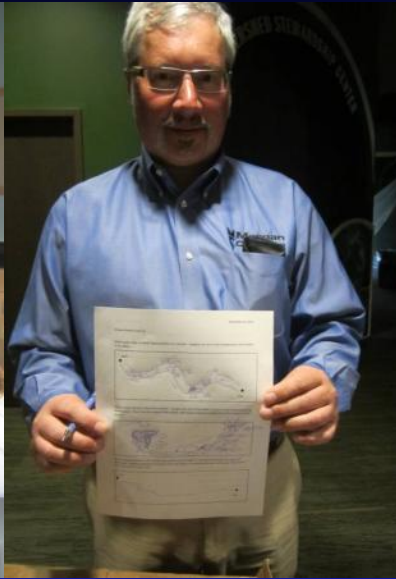


MISSION: To enhance watershed stewardship throughout Northeast Ohio.

- 1: **Increase awareness** and understanding of volunteers about watersheds and storm water stewardship.
- 2: Provide experiential, **hands-on projects** that enhance the natural environment.
- 3: Provide **monitoring activities** that allow for reflection on impact of learned topics and installation projects and improve BMP performance.
- 4: Encourage **outreach extension** beyond Metroparks to influence broader adoption of positive stewardship activities.
- 5: Offer **leadership opportunity** to retain interest of fully engaged volunteers and expand program capacity to host new volunteers.



Increase awareness and understanding



Provide experiential, hands-on projects



Provide monitoring activities



Encourage outreach extension



Offer leadership opportunity







<http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Watershed-Volunteer-Program.aspx>

