



Monday Creek Restoration Project

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Coe Hollow

The Monday Creek Restoration Project has two new interns working to restore the watershed this summer! Victoria Suarez is a volunteer intern and currently studying to receive her Masters Degree in International Development from Ohio University. She came to Ohio a year ago from Ecuador, where she studied biology and Chagas Disease. Victoria will be working with MCRP until the first week of July and hopes to learn more about projects that promote bottom-up development in small communities. Derek Klein is from Westlake, Ohio and recently received his bachelors degree in Fish and Wildlife Management from the University of Rio Grande. He is an avid outdoorsman and committed to the conservation and restoration of natural resources. Derek will be working at MCRP as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Summer Watershed Intern until the middle of September. Make sure you stop by the office and welcome our new interns!

**MCRP Interns
Derek Klein and
Victoria Suarez**



Summer 2010

MCRP at the Moonshine Festival!



Watershed Camp!

Don't forget to register for the Monday Creek Watershed Camp! This year camp is July 19th to July 23rd and registration is limited to 30 participants. Youth will get to go canoeing, visit The Wilds and learn about Monday Creek! Contact Education Coordinator Joe Brehm for more details at joe@ruralaction.org or 740-767-2225.

OEEF Vernal Pool Project



Students from Trimble High School contouring the edge of a vernal pool.

The last week of April AmeriCorps members Matt Halfhill and Sarah Drerup worked with students from Mr. Gordon Gifford's Environmental Science classes at Trimble High School in Athens County to build two new vernal pools in the Trimble Township Community Forest. A vernal pool is a small wetland that fills with water in the spring and is usually dry by late summer. Because of its periodic drying, it does not support breeding populations of fish. Organisms such as frogs and salamanders use this temporary wetland for reproduction. Students participated in the building of two vernal pools, studying macroinvertebrates, soils, and wetland plants, and monitoring existing vernal pools. An Ohio Environmental Education Fund Grant to the Little Cities of the Forest Collaborative provided supplies and equipment to the project. This included equipment for Mr. Gifford's future Environmental Science classes so they can monitor the pools that were constructed.

**Don't miss the Friends of Monday Creek BBQ - June 29th at 6pm!
For more information contact MCRP at 740.394.2047**



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Macro Mayhem!

The second week of July, Monday Creek Restoration Project (MCRP) will begin its annual aquatic macroinvertebrate sampling event. Macroinvertebrates are small organisms without backbones. The staff of MCRP will spend several days collecting bugs and other macroinvertebrates from tributaries and the main stem of Monday Creek. Certain types of macroinvertebrates are sensitive to pollution and can't live in water that has a low pH or high levels of dissolved metals. Macroinvertebrates are collected because they are great indicators of the water quality in a stream.



Sarah Drerup, Derek Klein, and Matt Halfhill looking for macroinvertebrates.

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Lending a Hand



The New Straitsville History Group has a freshly painted sign thanks to MCRP interns Victoria Suarez and Derek Klein. Make sure you swing by and check it out!

Restoration Project Maintenance



Above: Nate Schlater cleaning out the inflow pipe to Essex Doser

Right: Matt Halfhill flushing a limestone leach bed in Lost Run

Each of the restoration projects installed by the Monday Creek Restoration Project and its partners need some kind of maintenance or monitoring to ensure that they are functioning properly. MCRP is out in the field every week making sure the projects are effectively treating Monday Creek.



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