

How do I volunteer?

Chemistry Sampling:

- Collect samples at your convenience by picking up a testing kit from any of these library locations: Portage Lake, Springfield-Lakemore, Fairlawn-Bath, or Richfield.
- Choose from one of our 40 sites closest to you and sample just once a month.

Biological/ Macroinvertebrate Sampling:

- Pick up a kit from our SSWCD office and conduct sampling at your convenience.

Reach out to us at staffsummitswcd@gmail.com if you're interested in participating!

REGISTER TODAY!



Monitoring



Special Events



SUMMIT
SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

About us

Established in 1946, the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 88 Conservation Districts in the State of Ohio established to address conservation needs by providing local leadership for natural resource conservation and water quality enhancement.

Find us on social media!



SUMMIT COUNTY
Surface Water
Management District

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



**Join our
stream
stomping
team!**



Why volunteer?

There are countless reasons to volunteer with SSWCD:

- **Make a difference:** Help us positively impact your local environment
- **Build your experience:** Interested in building a resume? This is an amazing way to gain experience or learn a new skill
- **Reduce stress:** Studies show that spending more time outside reduces your stress level.
- **Deepen your understanding of nature:** Learn the ins and outs of your local watershed.
- **Have fun!**

Why volunteer: from our current volunteers!

"To help the Cuyahoga and its tributaries recover."

"I feel that I am helping my surrounding natural environment by monitoring the local water quality. Everything is connected!"

"I enjoy being a part of a community of like-minded people, contributing to the environment we live in."

"The environment, particularly water quality, has been a passion of mine since I was a teen in 4-H. I have always wanted to help in some way. I also want to show my son how important volunteering is."

"To help bring knowledge about the water in our area, and to hopefully educate the community on how we can do better."

What happens to the data we collect?

All data collected from the Cuyahoga River Basin is added to a basin-wide database, allowing collaborators from across the region to contribute their findings. This collective effort aims to protect Lake Erie by monitoring the health of the water throughout the basin before it flows into the lake.

Similarly, data gathered from the Tuscarawas Watershed is stored in a dedicated database, helping to highlight and address specific concerns within this watershed.

Together, this information provides valuable insights into the health of our watersheds, enabling us to identify and address key issues effectively.