

Our Watershed

Everyone lives in a watershed. You influence what happens in your watershed, good or bad, by how you treat its natural resources - the soil, water, air, plants, and animals. What happens in your small stream in your backyard also affects the larger watershed downstream. In Summit County we have three major watersheds: The Cuyahoga River, Tuscarawas River, and Rocky River. These can be further broken down into fifteen subwatersheds.

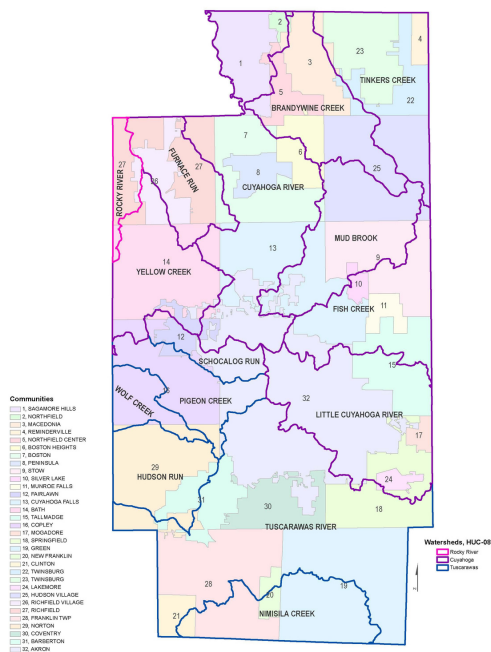
What is a Watershed?

A **watershed** is an area of land that drains rain and snow to a body of water. The landscape is made up of many interconnected basins. On its way, water travels over the surface and across roofs, lawns, and driveways, picking up any trash, pollutants, or chemicals on the ground.

**BACKYARD STREAM,
KEEP IT CLEAN!**



Summit County Watersheds



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Be a Solution to the Pollution!

CLEAN STORM WATER STARTS AT HOME

- 💧 Choose environmentally friendly household products.
- 💧 Properly dispose of household hazardous waste.
- 💧 Pick up pet waste.
- 💧 Inspect and pump your septic system every 2-3 years.
- 💧 Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.



SLOW IT DOWN, SPREAD IT OUT, SOAK IT IN

- 💧 Re-direct your downspouts onto your lawn.
- 💧 Install a rain barrel.
- 💧 Plant a rain garden.

STEER CLEAR OF POLLUTANTS

- 💧 Use a car wash or wash your car on your lawn with phosphate-free soap.
- 💧 Use sand and salt wisely during the winter.
- 💧 Check your vehicles and equipment for leaks and spills.

Let's work together to keep our watersheds healthy. Here are some things you can do!

IT'S NOT HARD TO HAVE A HEALTHY YARD

- 💧 Don't guess, soil test!
- 💧 Fertilize sparingly and carefully.
- 💧 Mow high and let it lie.
- 💧 Plant right for your site. Go native!
- 💧 Compost leaves and use for mulch.

