

Twenty Years of Significant Activities, Grants, and Awards

2005 – FOEC collaborated with the Euclid Creek Watershed Council, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and John Carroll University to begin regular volunteer water quality monitoring of key sites in the creek.

2005 – FOEC received an *Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund* grant for organizational brochures and roadway signage, raising awareness about the Euclid Creek watershed.

2008-19 – FOEC board members have played a role in the acquisition of Euclid Creek Watershed conservation properties (Dusty Goldenrod, Bishop-Hawthorne, and Redstone Run) over the years. They have been fiscal agents for grants, initiated and assisted with negotiations, raised and administered donations. The conservation easements for these properties are managed by Cuyahoga Soil and Water, and the lands are owned by West Creek Conservancy.

2010 – FOEC received the **Ohio Lake Erie Commission *Lake Erie Award* for “Outstanding Organization.”**

2011 – FOEC received a \$35,000 grant from the *Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District* (NEORS) to support administrative costs and assist Cuyahoga SWCD with major projects and staff. This yearly grant, in differing amounts, has continued through 2020. The grant is now administered in partnership with Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District.

2012 – FOEC assisted with plantings and educational tours of the \$1.4 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative restoration and redesign of the Wildwood Park estuary, a project supervised by Cuyahoga SWCD.

2016 – FOEC received a \$2,500 grant from *Dominion Energy* for a land management plan for the Dusty Goldenrod Preserve. Cuyahoga SWCD staff managed the grant. FOEC served on the project committee.

2017 – FOEC received a \$2,400 grant from Dominion Energy for planting native trees at a local church in Euclid along Euclid Creek. Cuyahoga SWCD staff managed the grant. FOEC volunteers assisted with tree planting and educational activities at the church.

2018 – FOEC used a grant from *Cuyahoga Arts and Culture* (CAC) to bring Dr. Sherri Mason to Cleveland to present “The Perils of Plastic.” Dr. Mason is the Chair of Geology & Environmental Sciences University of NYU @ Fredonia.

2019 – FOEC presented an Environmental Art Show, hand-painted rain barrel auction, and Environmental Speaker Series (3) at the Beachwood Community Center with a grant from CAC.

2019 – FOEC received a \$3,000 grant from *Dominion Energy* to manage invasive plants, plant native species, and install experimental deer exclosures at the Dusty Goldenrod Preserve. Cuyahoga SWCD staff managed the grant. FOEC members assisted with preserve restoration and educational activities.

2020 – FOEC held virtual programs and limited audience educational watershed tours in spite of the Covid pandemic. In addition, 1,720 envelopes with environmental information were mailed throughout the watershed to homes living along the creek with a grant from NEORS.

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