

Lower Alum Creek Watershed Action Plan



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Dear Readers,

The Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries (FACT) formed in 1998 with a mission to preserve and protect Alum Creek as a community resource. As we began work on this document, our discussions with many residents helped us learn something we hadn't fully realized about ourselves: people are drawn towards water's ability to enchant.

FACT is in turn sharing a vision of the great potential that this resource holds. We ask you to join us in opening your senses to the beauty of Alum Creek as it exists now, and opening your imagination to its potential as we come together to face challenges. The action plan presents steps that we can all take to preserve and restore the health of our river.

Thank you to the dozens of people who made the creation of this document possible, and to those yet to come! To learn more or get involved, please contact FACT with the information provided below.

Sincerely,

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ACRONYMS

BMP	Best Management Practice
CFS	Cubic Feet per Second
CRPD	Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
CWA	Clean Water Act
DERR	Division of Emergency and Remedial Response (Ohio EPA)
DHD	Delaware Health District
DNR	Department of Natural Resources
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
DOSD	Division of Sewerage and Drainage (Columbus Public Utilities Department)
DSW	Division of Surface Water (Ohio EPA)
DSWCD	Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FCBH	Franklin County Board of Health
FACT	Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries
FSWCD	Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
HSTS	Home Sewage Treatment System
HUC	Hydrologic Unit Code
IBI	Index of Biotic Integrity
ICI	Invertebrate Community Index
LCD	Local Health Department
MIwb	Modified Index of Well Being
MGD	Million Gallons per Day
MORPC	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System
NPS	Nonpoint Source (pollution)
ODH	Ohio Department of Health
QHEI	Qualitative Habitat Evaluation Index
RM	River Mile
SWAP	Source Water Assessment & Protection
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TSD	Technical Support Document
WPRD	Westerville Parks and Recreation Department
WWH	Warmwater Habitat