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Stream Saver – Andrea Beard

PCS is lucky to have many long time volunteers. As part of our Stream Savers profile we will occasionally highlight those volunteers who really go above and beyond to protect water quality. Deserving of the title “Stream Saver”, Andrea Beard is one such volunteer.

Andrea is one of the Engineers for the City of Oregon, shouldering responsibility for many aspects of the storm water management program in Oregon. But she doesn't sit behind a desk to do her job (no more than she needs to anyway). She's been actively involved with Clean Your Streams Day for 8 years, starting out as one of the planners and volunteers, and then moving up to Site Coordinator. Today, she is responsible for overseeing all the eastern sites, hosting the kickoff and safety trainings and, with the help of her team, managing the myriad tiny details. And you can tell she loves it. With the goal of spreading a regional message, she has actively grown a volunteer storm drain stenciling program in Oregon, posting our “Dump No Waste, Drains to Waterway” message throughout the area and delivering educational materials to Oregon homeowners. Now, visitors and residents in Oregon have learned to identify the rivers and streams they drive by (or over!) every day, thanks to signs Andrea has installed.

Andrea is a “Stream Saver” because she cares, not only professionally, but personally. And it is evident. She doesn't improve water quality by staying in her office all day; she actively educates and engages kids, community members, and I'm sure the frequent construction site operator, too!

Thank you, Andrea, for going above and beyond! We need more “Stream Savers” like you.

Calling All Kids – Got Cabin Fever? Come Learn and Earn a Patch.

Join Partners for Clean Streams for our 10th Annual Youth Patch Day! Learn about local fresh water systems and fulfill requirements for various environmental-related merit badges or patches, including the Partnering for Clean Streams Patch. Also, receive training for Storm Drain Stenciling and be part of two new activities. Youth Patch Day will be held on Sunday, March 4th, 2012 from 12:30-4:30pm for children in 2nd grade through high school. The cost is \$5.00.

The event will be held at the University of Toledo Student Union, Ingman Room, #2520. Parking is free. Remember, though, space is limited and registration is due by February 24th! Reserve your spot quickly! Call Partners for Clean Streams at 419-874-0727 or visit our website at www.PartnersforCleanStreams.org, download the registration form and send it in soon.

Get Ready, Set, Stencil... on April 21st!

This year's International Global Youth Service Day is on Saturday, April 21st, and planning is in high gear for our Storm Drain Stenciling project—yet another way for youth

to serve their community. We are excited to have eight jurisdictions already confirmed to join us in Storm Drain Stenciling. During this project, small groups of youth (through college-age) go into local communities and stencil the phrase “Drains are for Rain, Flows to Waterway” near storm drains. This reminds everyone that the drains lead straight to local waterways without being filtered.

The morning of Saturday April 21st is dedicated to spreading this message, followed by a lunch appreciation picnic held at the Toledo Zoo, sponsored by United Way, our region’s Global Youth Service Day organizer. If you would like to join us for Storm Drain Stenciling, please contact us and stay tuned for registration details.

Federal Permits – Finally!

Our stream and habitat restoration project at Camp Miakonda recently passed a significant milestone! The US Army Corp of Engineers awarded the federal and state permits necessary to begin revitalizing the Ottawa River along Camp Miakonda. The project, adjacent to the Boy Scout camp in Sylvania, Ohio, includes the adjoining floodplain on the Boy Scout property, along with two wetlands, two small streams, and a large lake. Of course, there’s a bit more paperwork to get out of the way in the form of local permits and contracts, but watch for construction to begin in September.

Now that the design plans are approved by the agencies, and all the ins and outs of the permit details are known, PCS will be soliciting bids for a variety of specialized habitat work in April. Watch for announcements on our website, through the mail, and in the local newspaper. Please email Kyle@PartnersForCleanStreams.org to be added to the solicitation list.

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If you are on Facebook, and have yet to [Like](#) our page, please do so. Additional tips and information, as well as news, videos and photos are posted weekly, if not more often. You can like the page by clicking the button below - it’s just that easy.

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Water Saving Tip

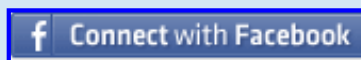
Don’t forget, ice is water too. The next time you treat yourself to take-out from a restaurant don’t throw the ice from your drink down the drain or in the trash. Dump it on a plant. Good for the philodendron. Even better for the environment. If you like this tip, pass it on! For more water-saving tips, visit the [Partners for Clean Streams publications page](#).

Turn Coffee into Water

Forget turning water into wine. For just \$5—the cost of one cup of your favorite gourmet drive-thru coffee, you can help improve the quality of water in our community. We’ll even track the total you donate over the course of the year. [Donate now!](#)



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