

## What is FACT?

The mission of Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT) is to preserve and protect the quality and beauty of Alum Creek watershed and promote environmentally responsible recreation, educational opportunities, and citizen participation at many levels.

FACT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community organization formed in 1998 to preserve and protect the lower Alum Creek watershed - below the State reservoir - in Delaware and Franklin County, Ohio. FACT works to prevent the filling in of wetlands and streams, conducts cleanups to remove trash, plants native trees and shrubs to improve habitat and provides opportunities for the public to enjoy and learn about Alum Creek. Members and volunteers provide the energy needed so that Alum Creek can be enjoyed for future generations.

## What is a watershed?

Water travels from the highest point to the lowest point in the landscape. When it rains, water soaks into the soil and eventually drains into Alum Creek. Thus, a watershed is the total area of land which drains to a particular body of water, in this case Alum Creek.

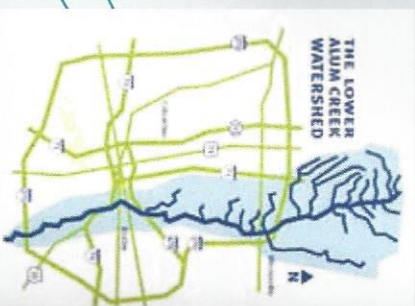


## History

The Alum Creek watershed has been inhabited for 2000 years, beginning with the Adena peoples, and much later the Wyandot peoples. In 1790 the first white settlers arrived.

## Community

The communities of Westerville, Bexley and Columbus are connected by the Alum Creek Greenway Trail which follows along the river corridor of Alum Creek. People who travel the trail are able to experience the creek's beauty firsthand.



## Ecology

Alum Creek is home to many native species of fish, mussels, amphibians, mammals and birds. The local community can help protect this important, living ecosystem through environmentally friendly practices.

## Watershed Action Plan

For several years culminating in 2005, FACT worked with public and community stakeholders to develop a Watershed Action Plan that outlined the steps needed to improve, protect, and restore Alum Creek. FACT removed two lowhead dams from Columbus during 2009!



## What can I do?

- Pick up litter!**
- Prevent** trash, soil/sediment, oil, toxic chemicals from entering storm water drains.
- Minimize** use of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides at home.
- Install** a rain barrel or rain garden, and plant native species trees, shrubs and perennials.
- Don't Mow**—let it grow!
- Compost.**
- Support** FACT efforts for a sustainable watershed community!
- Join, Donate, Volunteer!**



## What can I do with FACT?

- Service**  
Get out in the community- volunteer for cleanups, tree plantings, invasive species removal.
- Education Events**  
Engage the public through presentations and exhibits for schools, cities, civic groups.
- Fundraising and Membership Development**  
Develop fundraising, donors, and grants.
- Watershed Watch**  
Monitor construction sites and encourage environmentally friendly development.
- Recreation**  
Organize recreation events and promote access to Alum Creek via canoes and trails.
- Advocate**  
Lobby and help promote FACT's mission.

For more information or to join us for FACT's next event, please visit our website at: [www.friendsofalumcreek.org](http://www.friendsofalumcreek.org)

# Join FACT today

for a better Alum Creek

tomorrow...

## Membership Categories

- Student/Senior Citizen \$15
- Individual \$25-100
- Family \$35-100
- Supporting Personal Member \$100-500
- Organization/Business/City \$100-500
- Supporting Org./Business/City \$500 plus
- Lifetime Personal Member \$500 plus

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\*Your membership is tax deductible.  
FACT is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Membership is for one year (eff. from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30).



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