



Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries

Preserving, Protecting, and Enjoying Alum Creek Together since 1998

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Dear Friend:

Friends of Alum Creek & Tributaries (FACT) needs your membership support to continue our efforts making a positive difference in the community. As a volunteer-based organization, each dollar we receive is highly leveraged with donated time and other resources to make our projects that much more effective. Contributions by individuals, families and businesses provide this critical foundation.

In 2010, with your help, we did some amazing things!:

- 501 volunteers at 20 FACT service events on at least 12 public sites, spent 1547 person-hours of labor to gather and remove 2250 invasive honeysuckle, 9 bags of invasive garlic mustard, 235 bags of trash (recycling 46) plus 72 tires, 7 shopping carts and 75 other oversize items. We planted a record 3240 trees and shrubs, and installed 100 more feet of trash exclusion fence.
- 228 people learned new backyard conservation and composting practices. 1770 people visited FACT information tables at 10 public events to learn about watershed care. Some 20 meetings with other community groups explored ways to work together to reach common goals. FACT continues to advise local township & community planning efforts on watershed protection.
- A FACT recreational bike ride on the Alum Creek Greenway Trail, and River Sweep canoe float in June enabled new connections, experiences, and appreciation of what's special about Alum Creek.
- FACT continues mutually supportive relationships with Columbus Recreation & Parks Department; Keep Columbus Beautiful; Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District; Otterbein, Capital, Ohio Dominican and Columbus State Universities; Rotary and Cub Scout groups; Battelle Memorial Institute; MORPC; Ohio Environmental Council; Westerville and Bexley cities & schools; local Townships; Little Garden Club; and other private and corporate service groups.

Everyone living in the watershed has something important to share: our actions affect the quality of our rivers and streams as well as the quality of our lives. FACT will continue these valued efforts with your help! Please tell your friends about FACT, help us bring other members into participation and RENEW or JOIN FACT TODAY. Please mail your membership check today along with completed [form](#) or contribute on-line at: <http://www.friendsofalumcreek.org/sitev2/ShoppingCart.html>

Sincerely,

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*The mission of Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries (FACT) is to preserve and protect the quality and beauty of the Alum Creek watershed and promote environmentally responsible recreation, educational opportunities, and citizen participation at many levels. FACT is a local non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer based organization serving as the environmental steward for the lower Alum Creek watershed within Franklin and Delaware counties.
Donations are tax deductible.*