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City of Springdale to Receive \$362,920 Grant To Help Restore Mill Creek Watershed's Beaver Run Riparian Corridor

Ohio EPA has awarded the city of Springdale \$362,920 to help with the second phase of the Beaver Run riparian corridor restoration. The city will provide a \$90,790 local match.

To help keep silt out of Beaver Run and manage the riparian corridor near the city, Springdale will:

- stabilize and restore 230 linear feet of streambank;
- plant trees, shrubs and/or live stakes on one-quarter acre of riparian area;
- plant grass on one-quarter acre of riparian area;
- conduct public outreach including a website link, signage, fact sheet, public meeting, news releases, displays and protect signage and display; and
- raise public awareness by providing a tour, field day and stream cleanup.

Over time, soil from unvegetated land and decaying plant material can cause silt to form in and damage stream ecosystems.

Nonpoint source pollution is the leading cause of water quality impairment in Ohio. It is caused by rain or snowmelt moving over and through the ground, picking up natural and human-made pollutants and depositing them in lakes, rivers, wetlands and other waterways. Other forms of nonpoint source pollution include modifications to natural stream flow, habitat alteration and nutrients. Polluted runoff can have harmful effects on drinking water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife. In 1987, the federal Clean Water Act created a national grant program to control nonpoint source pollution.

In 1987, Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act created a national program to control nonpoint source pollution. Ohio EPA administers the program for U.S. EPA and distributes millions of federal dollars to projects proposed by local governments and community organizations such as watershed groups. To be eligible, grant recipients must contribute at least a 20 percent match consisting of cash or in-kind contributions or services. Grants of up to \$350,000 are awarded for three-year periods. More information on Section 319 grants is available online.

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