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**Ohio EPA Awards \$5,000 Environmental Education
Mini Grant to Defiance County Organization**

The Upper Maumee Watershed Partnership received a \$5,000 environmental education mini grant from Ohio EPA to help educate residents of Defiance and Paulding counties about watersheds and water quality. Ten projects throughout the state were funded for \$42,813.

The grant will provide an EnviroScape tabletop watershed model and portable exhibit to educate people about sedimentation and other threats to local water quality. The city of Defiance and Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District are collaborating on the project.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund gives out approximately \$1 million each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. General grants are given for projects lasting up to 30 months and costing up to \$50,000.

Mini grants are available for projects lasting up to 12 months and costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Proposals for classroom projects, conference speakers and other activities that are eligible under the general grant program are eligible under the mini-grant program, but the application process is streamlined. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education reserves up to \$50,000 each grant round to fund projects submitted under this program. Just like the general grant program, there are two mini-grant rounds each year, with the next application deadline on Jan. 15, 2012. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on Jan. 8, 2012.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873. Staff is available to assist potential grant applicants who contact the office before the submission deadline. Information also is available [online](#).

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