

THE ADVANCED WONDERS OF WATERSHEDS

Tuesday, June 23 - Thursday, June 25, 2026

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Come join us!

Attention Educators! Reward yourself with an enriching summer experience on the shores of Lake Erie by attending our Advanced Wonders of Watersheds workshop. This unique professional development opportunity and immersive 3-day program offers:

- valuable outdoor adventures and field explorations
- new resources and engaging classroom activities
- professional presentations and collaborations
- worthwhile time to rejuvenate and connect with peers
- optional graduate credit hours

Now more than ever our watersheds provide a perfect backdrop to investigate increasingly important soil health, water quality, climate, and land use issues that affect and connect us.



Geauga-Trumbull
Solid Waste Management District

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For 19 years, the Geauga and Portage Soil and Water Conservation Districts have offered the Advanced Wonders of Watersheds (WOW) workshops as valuable, affordable, and rewarding teacher trainings. This summer's workshop will include watershed and ecosystem studies at Old Woman Creek Estuary, with a special focus on empowering students with a sense of place. Deeper connections to our natural world and neighborhoods enhance our well-being, foster belonging, deepen comprehension, and root us together.

Through outdoor investigations, hands-on activities, and field exploration, this workshop will take an in-depth look at our soil, climate, and waterways within the Lake Erie Basin and ways to effectively integrate these topics into the classroom. Participants will receive a wide variety of curriculum resources including classroom-ready composting supplies, lessons, and a compost bin funded by Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District's Go Green Community Grant program.

Each day will take us on new adventures to enhance our skills and sense of wonder. One or two optional graduate credit hours are available through Ashland University. Open to educators of all grades and disciplines - enrollment is limited and the deadline to register is June 1st!

Training Treasures

Participants will receive a "boatload" of curriculum guides, resources, and experiences including:

- canoeing and estuary explorations
- soil health and erosion investigations
- composting facility & farm tours
- freshwater fish surveys and marine debris beach sweep
- night sky viewing & astronomy
- forests, wetlands & climate connections
- illuminating the secret lives of plankton

Registration

The **\$295 registration fee** covers the cost of all guidebooks, materials, food & lodging on the shores of Lake Erie at Old Woman Creek, a National Estuarine Research Reserve in Huron and one of Ohio's best remaining estuaries. *Graduate credit must be paid before the first day of the workshop & will be granted upon completion of all requirements (1 credit - \$210 / 2 credits - \$400).* To register, first complete your registration request by visiting <https://forms.gle/km4reNVag2BEFzXR6>. Once submitted, you will be contacted within 3 business days with registration confirmation & payment method options.

TUESDAY JUNE 23 ~ 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Recycling Nutrients in the Rust Belt
Escape to Old Woman Creek Estuary

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24 ~ 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM

Soils, Climate and Water Research in the Reserve - More Activities & Adventures

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 ~ 8 AM - 5 PM

Lake Erie Basin Investigations &
Final Rejuvenations



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