



## Summit Soil & Water Conservation District

2525 State Road , Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223

phone: 330.929.2871 fax: 330.929.2872

email: [staff@summitswcd.org](mailto:staff@summitswcd.org) web: [summitswcd.org](http://summitswcd.org)

### Summit SWCD to Sponsor Photography Contest in 2010

Now that another school year has begun in Summit County, I would like to remind teachers and students that the deadline for photo contest entries is coming up soon and we would welcome your participation in our contest, which is described below.

The Summit Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual "Water Quality" Photography Contest and will be accepting entries now through Oct. 1, 2010. Since clean water is so vital to each of us, the theme for 2010 will once again be "**Clean Water for Life**" with an **emphasis** on the important role that **headwater streams** play in keeping our lakes and rivers environmentally healthy. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency defines a headwater stream as a stream that drains less than 20 square miles. A stream with a watershed of less than one square mile (640 acres) is a primary headwater stream. Small streams flowing through yards, shopping centers, farms and forests combine to form the rivers that shape our landscape. These "tiny" streams are often overlooked, but the overall water quality of the "big" river that they flow into, is totally dependent on the water quality of these small waterways.

Examples of healthy headwater streams are those with vegetated buffers or borders, containing trees, shrubs and other native vegetation. These buffers help to trap sediments, filter pollutants, and provide valuable habitat for a variety of plants and animals. More information on stream buffers or riparian areas is available on the Summit SWCD website, in the publication, "Life at the Water's Edge."

The photo contest is free and open to persons of all ages, living in or owning land within, Summit County. Individuals may submit up to three photos for consideration. Entries should focus on examples of good water quality

including native vegetation and native wildlife featuring Summit County's small streams, riparian buffers, wetlands, and rivers. Photos may be digital images or 35mm and must be 5"X7", or 8"X10" in size. The photos may be matted but please do not send frames. If you have any questions concerning the subject matter for the photos, or about the contest rules, please call our office at the phone number listed below.

The deadline for all entries will be October 1, 2010. Winning photo(s) will receive a cash prize and may be displayed on a billboard in Summit County, to further our public water quality improvement and education efforts.

Photos should be submitted to Summit Soil and Water Conservation District. Entry forms and a complete copy of the rules are available on the Summit SWCD Web Page at [www.summitswcd.org](http://www.summitswcd.org). You may also call 330-929-2871, Ext. 16, fax 330-929-2872, e-mail [sbarbic@summitswcd.org](mailto:sbarbic@summitswcd.org), or visit 2525 State Road, at the Department of Environmental Services Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44223.

# # # # #