

## **FLOW in Action 2011**

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### *Clinton Como Park Floodplain Restoration*

Allied Pump Rentals donated \$3000 to help with floodplain restoration and preservation projects in Clinton-Como Park in Clintonville. The donation to FLOW and Columbus Recreation and Parks will help park volunteers continue their work to remove invasive plant species and replant the riparian area with native trees and shrubs. Clinton Como Park is part of the Olentangy riparian corridor and is an active floodplain.

### *Earth Day 2011 and Urban Arboretum*

The FLOW Science Committee has also received an award from the Jeffrey Fund at the Columbus Foundation for Civic Pride and Beautification. The monies will be used for tools and trees for FLOW's Earth Day 2011 events and to support Phase 1 of an urban arboretum in Clintonville with the United Crestview Area Neighbors (UCAN). The urban arboretum will consist of planting 560 native trees between Glen Echo and Wahalla ravines. UCAN also received an award for Phase 2 of the urban arboretum area.

### *Golf Course Initiative*

FLOW has partnered with the Heart of Ohio RC&D to invite golf courses in the Lower Olentangy to participate in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. The Sanctuary Program is an education and certification program that helps golf courses conserve water, improve habitat and decrease the use of chemicals. The Ohio Env. Education Fund Mini-Grant was awarded to the Heart of Ohio and will help pay the Sanctuary Program fee for selected golf courses.

### *Wildcat Run Restoration*

FLOW and Liberty Township have teamed-up and received over \$100,000 through the Storm Water Improvement Fund (SWIF). The funds will restore the ecological services of Wildcat Run within Liberty Township Park.

### *"Soaking It In" Project Continues*

Finally, the remaining funds from the Honda of America Foundation will be used to install a demonstration rain garden. Location to be determined.

### *Resuming Monthly Meetings*

FLOW has resumed monthly education meetings. If you are looking to become involved or to learn more about river protection, please attend the meeting. Typically it is on the third Tuesday of every month. Please check the FLOW website Calendar and FACEBOOK for more information.