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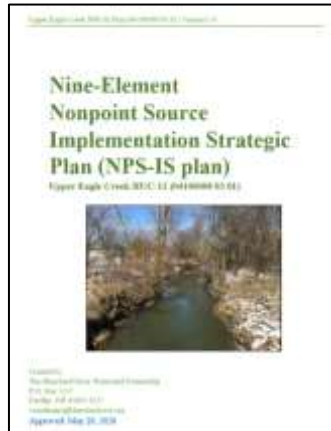
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The Village of Bluffton,

Not all superheroes wear capes, but you certainly should! Now more than ever, we are so grateful for the support that you have shown the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership (BRWP) this year. At a time when everything feels uncertain, we find encouragement knowing that you have supported our efforts to ensure high water quality for citizens in the Blanchard River's six county watershed. Even though much of the world is on pause, our mission never stops. So that is why we wanted to share with you some of the current projects that the BRWP is spearheading because of your support.



-The BRWP, in partnership with the Nature Conservancy and the Hancock County Commissioners, installed a restored floodplain in Findlay on Township Road 89. Over 2,000 trees were planted!

- Received approval for three Non-Point Source Implementation Strategic Plans from the Ohio EPA for the Howard Run, Upper Eagle Creek, and Pike Run watersheds.

- Partnered with the River Network, the Ball Corporation, and watershed groups in Phoenix, AZ and Ft. Atkinson, WI to hold a watershed-wide litter clean-up challenge. Over 10,000 pieces of litter were picked up!

- Began collaborative planning with the West Central Ohio Land Conservancy to host a second Watershed Tour to be held in the Bluffton/Allen County area.



- Currently collaborating with the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University, to use the Nutrient Tracking Tool (NTT) in the Lower Riley Creek watershed to determine the Best Management Practices that best increase farmers' profit margin, while reducing sediment and nutrient losses.


- Worked with a group of University of Findlay freshman to remove over 1,000 pounds of litter from the mouth of Lye Creek in Findlay.

- Conducted water quality and macroinvertebrate sampling at 16 sites throughout the Blanchard River Watershed.

The passion and care of people like you keep us going, and we hope to make you proud of our work. We feel like we can do anything because YOU have been our inspiration to push onward!

Sincerely,

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