



A Project for the Community
**GLACIER'S EDGE STREAM AND
WETLAND RESTORATION**
SMITH DITCH RESTORATION, PHASE 2

The City of Fairlawn received \$177,000 of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding through an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Assistance Grant to restore natural stream attributes to a portion of Smith Ditch and create a 2-acre wetland adjoining the Oxbow Wetland at Fairlawn Community Park.

**Improve
Water
Quality**

Healthy streams and wetlands remove sediment, nutrients and pollutants that act to smother fish and bugs in our streams. Healthy streams with good water quality reduces water treatment needs for drinking water.



**Alleviate
Flooding**

Smith Ditch, a channelized waterway, drains 400-acres of Fairlawn and Copley. It is tributary to the Tuscarawas River and the Muskingum River - which drains 20% of Ohio. This project will help reduce flooding by retaining water where it falls and holding it in a restored floodplain wetland until the storm has past.



**Enhance
Quality
of Life**

Residents already love visiting Fairlawn Park for the soccer fields, Oxbow Wetland and community gardens. This restoration will provide another layer to the park experience with wildlife viewing - ducks, waterfowl and amphibians that will now have a home.

