



A Project for the Community

SMITH DITCH RESTORATION

The City of Fairlawn was the recipient of a \$150,000 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Surface Water Improvement Fund Grant to restore an oxbow floodplain wetland and perform stream bank restoration within the City's Fairlawn's Fairlawn Park at 3033 Ridgewood Road.

Improve Water Quality

Healthy streams and wetlands filter sediment, nutrients and pollutants from our waterways. Excessive sediment and nutrients can smother fish and bugs in our streams, increase flooding by filling in pools and create erosion. Good stream 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 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.

