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Babette Oestreicher Appointed Coordinator for Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners

TWINSBURG, Ohio, October 26, 2011 – [Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners](#) (TCWP), a non-profit organization working to restore and protect the Cuyahoga River's largest tributary, announces the appointment of [Babette Oestreicher](#) as the organization's coordinator. In this role, Oestreicher will act as the liaison between the 24 pertinent communities through which Tinker's Creek runs, working with them to protect the watershed through education, policy advocacy and the forging of partnerships with other organizations. She will also conduct educational outreach to schools and through public forums, while meeting with elected officials and community leaders and working with local businesses and organizations to build a robust support network.

"Babette's passion for watershed protection complements our current BOD's commitment to restoring the Tinker's Creek Watershed to healthy levels," said Justin Czekaj, PE, chairman of the TCWP board of directors. "Her professional experience in engaging stakeholders, combined with her environmental expertise, will assist in the implementation of the ODNR-endorsed watershed action plan. We also fully expect our member communities will value the opportunity to work with her."

Prior to her appointment at TCWP, Oestreicher worked for the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District's [Euclid Creek Watershed](#) program, as well as for the [Earth Day Coalition's](#) Clean Transportation Program in Cleveland. She also formerly held a graduate assistant position with the [Center for Sustainable Business Practices](#) in the Monte Ahuja College of Business at Cleveland State University, and was the general manager of [Nature's Corner Greenhouses](#) in Cincinnati.

A graduate of Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs with a M.A. in environmental studies and Miami of Ohio University with a B.A. in zoology and environmental science, Oestreicher also participated in Boston University's tropical rainforest studies program in Australia. She presently volunteers as the beach clean-up

manager for *Drink Local, Drink Tap™*, an organization promoting the use and protection of valuable local freshwater resources, and resides in Cleveland.

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About Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP)

Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners (TCWP), a non-profit 501-C3 organization, works to protect and restore water quality and habitats of the Tinker's Creek Watershed through community partnership. As the largest tributary of Northeast Ohio's Cuyahoga River, Tinker's Creek drains sections of 24 different political jurisdictions, and spans Portage, Geauga, Summit, and Cuyahoga counties. With a drainage area of 96.4 square miles and a total length of approximately 30 miles, the water quality of Tinker's Creek currently impacts the Northeast Ohio townships of Aurora, Beachwood, Bedford, Bedford Heights, Glenwillow, Hudson, Northfield, Oakwood, Streetsboro, Valley View, Walton Hills and Solon.

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