



# Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

*Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 60 Years*

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July 13, 2010

Ms. Elayna Grody  
City of Columbus Watershed Management  
7600 Sunbury Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43082

Dear Ms. Grody,

As the Director of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District and a member of the Central Ohio Rain Garden Initiative, I understand and value the impact green infrastructure can have on a community. Retrofitting Columbus land around the reservoirs will reduce storm water runoff impacts to our water quality, drinking water, and recreational opportunities.

Demonstration and education of green conservation practices is equally important to informing and engaging the public, businesses and local governments on the benefits of successful green infrastructure and storm water retrofitting.

Franklin Soil and Water recognizes the direction and leadership the City of Columbus Watershed Management office has taken to offset the negative effects of increased amounts of storm water entering our waterways. Franklin Soil and Water will provide up to \$1,000 in conservation funds to help with the costs of signage, work with the City of Columbus Watershed Management staff by providing assistance in language for interpretive signs, and promote the results of the reservoir storm water retrofit projects on our website.

Columbus Watershed Management's plan to educate residents on the benefits of green infrastructure through educational signage correlates with Franklin Soil and Water's mission "to promote responsible land use decisions for the conservation, protection, and improvement of soil and water resources by providing information assistance through effective partnering, technical guidance, and education".

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fish  
Director