

**PORTAGE COUNTY STORM WATER DISTRICT  
SCHOOL CREDIT APPLICATION**

<b>COMPLETED BY APPLICANT</b>	<b>APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>	SCHOOL DISTRICT	DATE
		CONTACT NAME	PHONE
		MAILING ADDRESS	
		EMAIL ADDRESS:	
		SCHOOL BUILDING NAME(S) & LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBERS (IF KNOWN)
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<i>APPLICANT: FORWARD TO SWCD AT 6970 STATE ROUTE 88, RAVENNA, OHIO 44266</i>			

<b>COMPLETED BY SWCD</b>	<b>REVIEW DETERMINATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> STORM WATER EDUCATION PLAN SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION <input type="checkbox"/> CONSULTED WITH SWCD TO DEVELOP EDUCATION PLAN		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	<input type="checkbox"/> 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> 75%
		NOTES:		
		TOTAL CREDIT EARNED:		
		REVIEWED BY:	DATE	
<i>SWCD: FORWARD APPLICATION TO DISTRICT FOR PROCESSING</i>				

<b>COMPLETED BY DISTRICT</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b>	APPROVED BY:	DATE:
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## Education Credit System Summary

The purpose of the Portage Storm Water District education credit system is to encourage and support the implementation of water quality education programs that foster civic responsibility and environmental stewardship resulting in improved local water quality.

### **School Credit Eligibility Requirements**

25% - Staff training program

Science & confined classroom staff – participation in environmental education curriculum workshop presented by Portage SWCD (choice of Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, or Project WET)

Appropriate non-classroom staff – participation in pollution prevention workshop presented by Portage SWCD

50% - Implementation of environmental education curriculum per approved school plan (choice of Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, or Project WET);  
**and** staff training program

75% - Installation of a water quality best management practice (BMP) with education component, **or** installation and use of school land lab;  
**and** staff training program;

**and** implementation of selected environmental education curriculum

### **School Credit Application Procedure**

1. Complete the *School Credit Application Form*. Forms may be obtained from the Portage Storm Water District website at [www.portageco.com/stormwater.htm](http://www.portageco.com/stormwater.htm)
2. Create a Storm Water Education Plan that outlines how your school district will meet the requirements for the desired education credit level(s). Education Plan must cover the time period from June 30 in year of submittal through June 30, 2013. Education Plan must include the name and contact information for the individual responsible for writing and updating the plan.  
*\*recommend consultation with Portage Soil & Water Conservation District prior to development of education plan*
3. Submit the completed *School Credit Application Form* and your Storm Water Education Plan to the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District (6970 State Route 88, Ravenna OH 44266) no later than May 1.
4. Portage Soil & Water Conservation District shall review the Education Plan and either approve the plan or recommend changes. The approved plan shall be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator for credit verification. Upon verification, the Storm Water Coordinator shall revise the user fee for the parcel(s) on the official user fee roster. Credits approved by the Storm Water

Coordinator prior to June 30 of each year shall be applied to the user fee charges to be billed in the following January and shall be valid for the remaining duration of the current Ohio Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Phase II Permit.

5. School district must report annual progress using the reporting instrument provided by the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District.

#### **School - Storm Water Education Plan Development Considerations**

1. School district shall choose one of the following environmental education curriculum guides: Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, or Project WET. All three of these programs are correlated to the Ohio Academic Content Standards.
2. Curriculum guides and applicable training materials will be provided free of charge for annual staff training programs conducted by the Portage Soil & Water Conservation District.
3. The installation and use of a water quality BMP **or** a school land lab is required to qualify for the maximum education credit level. School districts may apply for a Storm Water Education Grant to assist with the project cost.  
*\*recommend consultation with Portage Soil & Water Conservation District*  
*\*Storm Water Education Grant program availability is dependent on funding approval by the Storm Water Coordinator and the Portage County Board of Commissioners*