

# WRRSP

## Orchard Hills Restoration

Chester Twp., OH

### Project Details

**Status:** Complete  
**Watershed:** Chagrin River  
**Implementer:** Geauga Park District

**Funding Year:** 2009  
**Award Amount:** \$1,725,000  
**Tier:** 2

### Summary:

The Orchard Hills project consisted of the acquisition of a 142-acre parcel which will serve to preserve in perpetuity 920 linear feet of Caves Creek, a coldwater tributary to the State Scenic Chagrin River, 8,360 linear feet of Class 3 primary headwater habitat (PHWH) streams, 2-acres of Category 3 wetland habitat, as well as restore degraded portions of tributaries that flow into Caves Creek. A 16-foot-high dam was removed and a culverted section of stream daylighted, resulting in the restoration of 1,125 of the stream channel. The 2-acres of mixed swamp wetland is characterized by seasonally inundated stands of American elm, ashes, yellow birch, and maples.



Photo Source: Geauga Park District