



# Conservation Easements

## Benefits of Permanent Conservation Easements and Stream Corridor Protection in Franklin County

- ◆ Preserve or establish native, vegetated corridors along local streams that filter pollutants from surface runoff, reduce stream bank erosion, and provide a healthy stream ecosystem
- ◆ Preserve critical floodplain areas that maintain the stream's capacity to retain high water flows, dissipate erosive energy, and remove excess sediments and pollutants from streams
- ◆ Improve the water quality of Franklin County's extensive stream network
- ◆ Provide and protect valuable wildlife corridors and associated passive recreational activities
- ◆ Provide increased awareness and education to local governments and landowners through media articles, field days, workshops, and fact sheets
- ◆ *More than 35,000 trees planted since 1999 and over 700 acres in partnership*

## Our Goal

To foster conservation partnerships that strategically implement permanent stream corridor protection throughout Franklin county in a manner that is educational and effective for improving water quality and wildlife habitat



## Advantages of a Soil and Water Conservation District Easement Program

Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District is a collaborative, non-biased public service organization dedicated to working with communities, organizations, and landowners to provide educational and technical support on natural resource management issues in Franklin County. We are truly multi-jurisdictional with a sound ecosystem management approach and have the legal authority required to effectively administer permanent stream protection. We develop and implement outreach, education, and stewardship activities that increase awareness and improve the ecological condition of our conservation easements and have unique access to state and federal technical resources.